

The Weekly Messenger – March 12, 2017
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Epistle: Hebrews 1:10-14; 2:1-3 *Gospel: Mark 2:1-12*

On the Second Sunday of Lent the Orthodox Church commemorates our Holy Father Gregory Palamas, Archbishop of Thessalonica, the Wonderworker. The feast day of Saint Gregory Palamas is November 14, however, he is commemorated on this Sunday as the condemnation of his enemies and the vindication of his teachings by the Church in the 14th century was acclaimed as a second triumph of Orthodoxy.

Parishioner News: Our own Altar Server, Kevin Fiss, will be performing in the Kennett High School production of *The Drowsy Chaperone*, a parody of American musical comedies of the 1920s. Performances are Thursday, March 16 at 7:30 pm, Friday, March 17 at 7:30 pm, Saturday, March 18 at 2:00 pm and 7:30 pm

Tickets can be purchased online <https://www.kcsd.org/news/2017/02/27/kennett-high-school-presents-drowsy-chaperone/> or at the door to the show.

Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts: *Wednesday Evenings March 15, 22, 29*, April 5th Pre-Sanctified Liturgy @ 7:00 pm. Followed by potluck dinner and discussion.

Commemorations for the Living: Olivia Lorimer, Paul Dimitri, Thomas Anderson, Elizabeth Jones, Tom Zoidis, John Kolea, Jr., William Spiro, Ann Gjoka, Virginia Daka, Katherine Halkedis, Haretina (Papa) Milo, Margarita, Peter Melnik, Kim Burdumy, Dhimiter Ndrecka, Pandeli, Jorgaq, Lefteri, and all of the men and women serving in the Armed Forces.

Commemorations for the Departed: Shyqyrie Brahollari (2 yrs), Ernie Douris (2 yrs) Andigoni Steffa, Jorgjia Kashari, Father Deacon Stephen Stefani and those servicemen and women who have fallen asleep in the Lord in the service of their Country.

Welcome to our visitors. Father Brooks, the members of our Parish Council and our church community thank you for celebrating the Divine Liturgy with us. We invite you to join us for coffee hour and fellowship in the church hall following the Divine Liturgy

March giving: single ply toilet tissue

Our Sincere Thanks to: Nilda Salavachi, Spartak Brahollari, Sergio, Colleen, Jason & Jonathan Xhoxhi, Lluiza & Niko Salavaci, Michael, Arianna & Adam Grabovari, Aleks Pallko, Jola Salavaci, Gjergji Gjogu, Leonard & Entela Beqiraj, for making the Annual International Women's Day Celebration a great success. We had 121 people attend the event. They danced all evening to the music provide by DJ Sergio! After all was said and done over \$2,000.00 was raised for our parish. Thank you to all who attended and those who helped out.



Coffee Hour Sponsors: Please take a look at the sign-up sheet and pick a date!!!

March 12th Parish council

March 19th Sunday school

March 26th Sergio & Colleen Xhoxhi

April 2nd Mallios Family – 1 year memorial Peter

April 9th Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast sponsored by the Adams Family

April 16th PASCHA – no coffee hour

Upcoming Events:

March 19th Veneration of the Cross and Semi-annual Parish Meeting during coffee hour

March 23rd Charity & Benevolence Meeting @ 7:00 pm

Saturday, March 25th Annunciation Divine Liturgy 10:00 am /YAL meeting @ 7:00 pm

Saturday April 8th Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 am followed by Lazarus Saturday Retreat

April 9th Entry of Our Lord into Jerusalem- Blessing of the Palms– Rose Adams and her

family sponsor the Pancake Breakfast in Memory of Charlie

Tuesday, April 11th Holy Tuesday - Bridegroom Matins 7:00 pm

Wednesday, April 12th Holy Wednesday - Holy Unction 7:00 pm

Thursday, April 13th Holy Thursday - 12 Gospels 7:00 pm

Friday, April 14th, Holy Friday – 10 am Decorate the Epitaph ion,

5 pm Vespers (Taking Down From Cross), 7:00 pm Funeral

Saturday, April 15th Saturday - Liturgy 9:00 am, Matins/Nocturne/Liturgy beginning 11 pm

Sunday, April 16th Paschal Agape Vespers - 1:00 pm - no coffee hour after Vespers

Semi Annual Parish Meeting: March 19, 2017 during coffee hour. Parish business to be discussed: Religious Education, Church Finances, Social Activities, selection of delegates for Archdiocesan Assembly Sept. 21 - 23, 2017. This year the Assembly will hosted by our parish!