

The Weekly Messenger – May 6, 2018
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Epistle: Acts 11:19-30 *Gospel: John 4:5-42*

CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!
KRISHTI U NGJALL! VERTET U NGJALL!

The fifth Sunday of Holy Pascha is observed by the Orthodox Church as the Sunday of the Samaritan Woman. The day commemorates the encounter of Christ with the Samaritan woman at Jacob's well. The biblical story of this event and the dialog between Christ and the woman is found in the Gospel of Saint John 4:5-42.

<https://www.goarch.org/samaritan-woman>

Parishioner News: Congratulations to Florina & Drew Garcia on the purchase of a new home in Phila. Many years!

We are sad to inform you of the repose of Thoma Prifti, brother of George & Nikoleta Prifta. Thoma lived in Albanian. Please keep the Prifti family in your prayers. Memory Eternal!

Commemorations for the Departed: Thoma Prifti, Jennie Sapnas, Jorgjia Kashari (2 yrs.), Father Deacon Stephen Stefani and those servicemen and women who have fallen asleep in the Lord in the service of their Country.

Commemorations for the Living: Joseph Urquhart, Father Dimitrie Vincent, Betty Subashi, Brenda Cantwell, Dolly Seiler, Sara, Craig Risley, Wayne Merkle, Elizabeth Jones, Ann Gjoka, Virginia Daka, Haretina (Papa) Milo, Margarita, Peter Melnik, Dhimiter Ndrecka, Pandeli, Jorgaq, Lefteri, and all of the men and women serving in the Armed Forces.

Nick Naum Scholarship Applications are being accepted. The applications must be submitted by **June 1, 2018**. Information is available on our website <https://stjohnsphila.org/scholarship.html> or by emailing nnscholarship@stjohnsphila.org or see a member of the Nick Naum Scholarship committee in church: Fr. Brooks, Diane Coraluzzi, Carolyn Dardaris, Sandi Fiss, Stephanie Kosta, Nicole Ferrara, Reem Tarazi, Donna Dimitri

May Monthly Giving: 8-ounce plastic cups for cold drinks at coffee hour

A Fabulous Time was had by the 30 plus people who attended the Paint Event. Our sincere thanks to Fiori Papa and Michele Lorimer for organizing this event. All those who attended were able to take home their work of art. Father Brooks stopped by the Philadelphia Art Museum and offered his painting for display. (Not sure where/if the painting is being displayed!). Photos of the event [https://stjohnsphila.org/public/ss/gallery.php?ssid=442&s=0#\(mb-grid_442|popup\)=/images/2018/paint-event/IMG_1838.JPG](https://stjohnsphila.org/public/ss/gallery.php?ssid=442&s=0#(mb-grid_442|popup)=/images/2018/paint-event/IMG_1838.JPG);

Upcoming Events:

May 13th 1-year memorial Elida Xhoxhi

Tuesday, May 15th Parish Council Meeting 7:00 pm

Wednesday May 16th 7:00 pm Feast of the Ascension - Vesperal Liturgy

Saturday May 19th Buddy Walk with the Melnik Family

May 27th Pentecost

May 28th Memorial Day – Father Brooks will bless the graves at Fernwood and other Cemeteries upon request

June 17th Sunday school graduation and pool party at Kathie Costa's house

Coffee Hour Sponsors: Please check the sign-up sheet in the vestibule and pick a date or visit our website and signup online: <https://teamup.com/ksqta3sqv6k1qvr2o7>

Many thanks to those who have sponsored coffee hour.

May 6th Marjana Kokalari

May 13th Elena & Eduard Papa Teresa's 1st Birthday & Dhimitraq Xhoxhi & Family in memory of Elida

May 20th Elena Shomos & Zach Smith

May 27th NO SPONSOR

June 3rd Sunday School

Please send information about the graduates in your family, College, High School, 8th Grade. We would like to acknowledge and congratulate our graduates. Please send an email to info@stjohnsphila.org Include the name of the graduate and the school from which they graduated. For 8th grade let us know what high school they will be attending next year, HS grads if they are attending college, the name of the college, or what they will be pursuing. College graduates, their degree and plans for the future. We would also like the proud parents and grandparents' names. Thank-you!

Per Shume Vjet, Gezuar! To our parishioners who celebrate Namedays in May: 5th Great Martyr Irene, 9th Martyr Christopher, May 12th St. Thomas the Apostle, May 21st Ss Constantine & Helen, May 30th Isacius of Dalmatus.

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.