

The Weekly Messenger – October 14, 2018
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The Seventh Ecumenical Held in Nicea, Asia Minor in 787. Under Empress Irene. 367 Bishops were present. **The Iconoclast Controversy** It centered around the use of icons in the Church and the controversy between the iconoclasts and iconophiles. The Iconoclasts were suspicious of religious art; they demanded that the Church rid itself of such art and that it be destroyed or broken (as the term "iconoclast" implies).

The iconophiles believed that icons served to preserve the doctrinal teachings of the Church; they considered icons to be man's dynamic way of expressing the divine through art and beauty. The Iconoclast controversy was a form of Monophysitism: distrust and downgrading of the human side.

The Council's Proclamation "We define that the holy icons, whether in color, mosaic, or some other material, should be exhibited in the holy churches of God, on the sacred vessels and liturgical vestments, on the walls, furnishings, and in houses and along the roads, namely the icons of our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ, that of our Lady the Theotokos, those of the venerable angels and those of all saintly people. Whenever these representations are contemplated, they will cause those who look at them to commemorate and love their prototype. We define also that they should be kissed and that they are an object of veneration and honor (*timitiki proskynisis*), but not of real worship (*latreia*), which is reserved for Him Who is the subject of our faith and is proper for the divine nature, ... which is in effect transmitted to the prototype; he who venerates the icon, venerated in it the reality for which it stands."

Parishioner Update: Rose Adams, a long-time parishioner at St John for over 60 years is in need of a home aide. 1) The ideal recruit should live within a half hour driving distance from in Phoenixville or King of Prussia. 2) Have a driver's license 3) available to help with cooking, cleaning, shopping, etc. for at least 20 hours per week. Pay will be \$25 per hour. If you know of anybody please contact Nicholas Adams at 484-868-3722 Or nadams@jacksoncross.com

Contacting Father Brooks: You can reach Father Brooks at church, 215-563-0979, at, 215-992-9234 or via email, fr.brooks@stjohnsphila.org. If the phone goes to voice mail please leave a message and Father Brooks will call you back.

Monthly giving for October Paper Towels. Thank you to those who donated copy paper last month!

Commemorations for the Deported: Sotir Grabocka (1 yr), the victims in Florida, Carolyn, Martha Murianka, 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: The victims in Florida, Newlywed Marinela Prifti & Fred Tsapournas, Donna Hlavcek, Father Dimitrie Vincent, Dolly Seiler, Sara, 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.

If you have a name to add to the Commemorations for the departed or the living please email info@stjohnsphila.org

Halloween Party: Sunday, October 28, 2018. The party begins during coffee hour and will continue until about 2:00 pm. Monetary donations will be accepted. Hot dogs, baked macaroni and cheese along with other fun treats will be served. Games will be played and many fun activities will be available for kids of all ages. Paula Bendo and Michele Lorimer are coordinating the party. They will be happy to answer any and all questions in reference to this event or email secretary@stjohnsphila.org

Upcoming Events:

Oct 14th 1-year memorial Sotir Grabocka

Semi-annual Parish meeting following the Divine Liturgy

Oct 28th Halloween Party during coffee hour

Nov 4th 6-month memorial Michael Theokary

Nov 11th Parish Nameday Celebration

Nov 6th Parish Council Meeting

Nov 15th Nativity Fast Begins

Nov 18th 1-year memorial Michael Cosmo

Coffee Hour Sponsors: ALL OF OUR COFFEE HOURS HAVE A SPONSOR- THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH TO OUR GENEROUS FAMILIES!!!

Oct 14th Grabocka Family in Memory of Sotir (1 year)

Oct 21st Jim & Paula Bendo

Oct 28th Sunday School – Halloween Party

Nov 4th John & Debbie Monahan

Nov 11th Parish Nameday celebration – our parishioners sponsor coffee hour

Nov 18th Cosmo-Dimitri Family

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.