

**The Weekly Messenger – August 28, 2016**

**St. John Chrysostom Albanian Orthodox Church**

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*Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 4:9-16 Gospel: Matthew 17:14-23*

**Gregory E Costa Golf Outing:** We are asking for donations of items to make gift baskets or a donation of a gift basket for our Albanian Auction. If you have something to donate please bring it to church by September 18<sup>th</sup>. We will also gratefully accept any donated gift baskets. The 9<sup>th</sup> Gregory E Costa golf outing is set for Sunday, October 2, 2016. Golf and dinner \$125.00. Dinner tickets \$40.00 for adults and \$20.00 for children. We will have a 50/50 and our annual Albanian Auction.

Contact [info@stjohnsphila.org](mailto:info@stjohnsphila.org) to reserve a ticket.

**Commemorations for the Departed:** Jorgjia Kashari, 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:** Father Brooks, Tom Zoidis, John Kolea, Jr., William Spiro, Ann Gjoka, Virginia Daka, Semele Halkedis, Katherine Halkedis, Haretina (Papa) Milo, Philip Kosta, Margarita, Peter Melnik, Clive & Dhimitri Miller, Kim Burdumy, Andigoni Steffa, Dhimiter Ndrecka, Pandeli, Jorgaq, Lefteri, and all of the men and women serving in Armed Forces.

**Sunday School News:** *First day of class, September 18, 2016.* Attention all parents, grandparents, Godparents, aunts and uncles. Since most of our Sunday school students do not drive we are counting on **YOU** to bring them to church each Sunday morning. Help them to learn about their Orthodox faith by participating in our Sunday school program, which is from little toddlers through high school seniors! They cannot get here without **YOU!**

Our Sunday school program is expanding and we are in need of 3 volunteers to help teach and help out in the classrooms. This is a wonderful opportunity for our parishioners to become involved and to positively impact on the future of our parish. Contact Steve Coraluzzi, [sundayschooldirector@stjohnsphila.org](mailto:sundayschooldirector@stjohnsphila.org) or Father Brooks [fr.brooks@stjohnsphila.org](mailto:fr.brooks@stjohnsphila.org) with any questions about our program or to volunteer or see either of them in person at church.

**Parishioner News:** A heartfelt THANK YOU to Sergio Xhoxhi, for installing a camera surveillance system to our church. The camera will allow us to monitor who enters and exits the church and provide security when only one or two people are at the church. Sergio and Colleen donated all of the materials for this project. Sergio's cousin Vasil Xhoxhi assisted with the installation. We are so very blessed to have such talented and giving parishioners!

We are happy to announce the birth of Max William Pappas. Max was born on Aug 14, 2016. He weighed 6lb 13oz and was 21" long. Max is the son of Laura & Tim Pappas and the little brother of Miles. He is the grandson (and 4<sup>th</sup> grandchild) of Donna & Tim Pappas. Congratulations to all and may God grant you many years!

*If you have news about a parishioner you would like to share please email [info@stjohnsphila.org](mailto:info@stjohnsphila.org)*

**Coffee Hour Sponsors:** We have sponsors for ALL Sundays!!

Our sincere thanks to all who have or are going to sponsor a coffee hour this year.

August 28<sup>th</sup> Dorothy Tomassini & Jim Spiro

September 4<sup>th</sup> Qendro Family

September 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday School

September 18<sup>th</sup> Lakuriqi Family

September 25<sup>th</sup> Lescas Family

#### **Upcoming Events**

**Sunday,** August 28<sup>th</sup> Church Picnic 12:00 pm – 7:00 pm

**MONDAY** August 29<sup>th</sup> Outreach Committee Meeting 7:00 pm

**TUESDAY** Sept 6<sup>th</sup> Parish Council Meeting 7:00 pm

**SATURDAY** Sept 10<sup>th</sup> YAL 5:00 – 6:30 pm at the church

**TUESDAY** - Sept 13<sup>th</sup> – Vespertal Liturgy - Feast of the Elevation of the Cross

Liturgy @ 7:00 pm

Sept 18<sup>th</sup> First day of Sunday School

Sept 20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> OCA Metropolitan Council Meeting – Syosset NY

Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> Thurs – Saturday - Archdiocesan Assembly Southbridge MA

October 2<sup>nd</sup> Gregory E. Costa Golf Classic & Dinner

October 5<sup>th</sup> – November 9<sup>th</sup> Every Wednesday evening Father Brooks will discuss the History of Orthodoxy in his Education Class

October 16<sup>th</sup> Semi-Annual Parish Meeting – Parish Council Election

October 23<sup>rd</sup> Wedding of Laureta Laquriqi & Jack Kittle

Nov 20<sup>th</sup> Parish Nameday Celebration & Luncheon / Archbishop Nikon will visit

**Monthly giving for August:** Sunday school snacks, juice boxes, small bottles of water.