

**The Weekly Messenger – October 2, 2016**  
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*Epistle: St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 4:6-15 Gospel: Luke 6:31-36*

**Fall Education Classes:** Begin this **Wednesday, Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> 2016 @ 6:30 pm**. The classes will meet Oct 12, Oct 19, Oct 26, Nov. 2<sup>th</sup> and Nov 9<sup>th</sup>. You do not have to attend every session. The topics will cover the history of Orthodoxy. We will have a potluck meal prior to the beginning of class. You do not have to bring any food there is always plenty. It will be very helpful to have a large class. Come and learn more about your religion!

**Commemorations for the Departed:** Gerda Eglitis (Gabriela Dedkova's grandmother), Francesca Giasante (Marci Moore's daughter), Dhimitri Miller (grandson of Lefteria Dhimitri) 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 John Skollard, Michael Zoto, Chris Dhimitri, Tom Zoidis, John Kolea, Jr., William Spiro, Ann Gjoka, Virginia Daka, Semele Halkedis, Katherine Halkedis, Haretina (Papa) Milo, Philip Kosta, Margarita, Peter Melnik, Clive Miller, Kim Burdumy, Andigoni Steffa, Dhimiter Ndrecka, Pandeli, Jorgaq, Lefteri, and all of the men and women serving in Armed Forces.

**The Bendo Family is extending an invitation to their church family** to join them in celebrating Jim & Paula's 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on Sunday October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016. A reception will be held in the church hall following the Divine Liturgy. Jim & Paula are currently away on a cruise and have no idea that this celebration will take place. Soooo, if you speak to them prior to October 16<sup>th</sup> please do not mention this event. Please do not bring a gift as your presence is the best gift you can give the happy couple!  
Jim & Paula were married on October 9, 1966.

**Halloween Party: Sunday, October 30, 2016.** The party begins during coffee hour and will continue until about 3:00 pm. Adult tickets are \$5.00, children are free. Hot dogs and refreshments will be served. Paula Bendo and Michele Lorimer are co-coordinating the party this year. They will be happy to answer any and all questions in reference to this event or email [secretary@stjohnsphila.org](mailto:secretary@stjohnsphila.org)

**Semi-Annual Parish Meeting:** Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup> during coffee hour. In addition to parish business, Dave Biando will be at the church to take photos of your family for our new parish directory. Please email [chairperson@stjohnsphila.org](mailto:chairperson@stjohnsphila.org) if you will be present to have your photo taken. We are trying to prepare a schedule. A copy of the photos will be emailed to you. This is an excellent opportunity to have a family photo taken, possibly for Christmas!

**Annual Christmas Outing – Formerly the Ladies Society Christmas Outing:** RESERVE THE DATE - *Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>*, lunch and an afternoon with the Philly Pops at the Kimmel Center. We did this last year and everyone had a fabulous time! Plan to attend. For more info contact [trustee.nilda@stjohnsphila.org](mailto:trustee.nilda@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.

October 2<sup>nd</sup> Mihal Frashari  
October 9<sup>th</sup> Kashari Family in memory of Jorgjia  
October 16<sup>th</sup> Bendo Family (Celebration of Jim & Paula's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)  
October 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday school  
October 30<sup>th</sup> Chanoine-Tarazi Family Xavier & Emile's Birthdays  
November 6<sup>th</sup> Kosta-Highland Family, Olivia's Birthday

#### **Upcoming Events**

**TUESDAY** October 4<sup>th</sup> Parish Council Meeting 7:00 pm  
**Wednesday** 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 9<sup>th</sup> 1 Year Memorial Jorgjia Kashari  
October 16<sup>th</sup> Jim & Paul Bendo 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary Celebration  
October 23<sup>rd</sup> Wedding of Laureta Lakuriqi & Jack Kittle and the 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary for Diane & Ted Lescas.  
Congratulations and Many Years to both happy couples!!  
October 30<sup>th</sup> Halloween Party During Coffee Hour  
**SATURDAY** Nov 5<sup>th</sup> Baptism of Kristo George Diamanti, son of Fiori & Theordhor  
Nov 6<sup>th</sup> Semi-Annual Parish Meeting – Parish Council Election  
Nov 20<sup>th</sup> Parish Nameday Celebration & Luncheon / Archbishop Nikon will visit

**October Namedays Për shumë vjet! Gëzuar!** 3<sup>rd</sup> St. Dionysius, 6<sup>th</sup> Thomas the Apostle, 13<sup>th</sup> Martyr Antigonas, 18<sup>th</sup> St. Luke the Evangelist, 19<sup>th</sup> St. Cleopatra, 26<sup>th</sup> St. Demetrius

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