

The Weekly Messenger – October 9, 2016
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Epistle: St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 6:1-10 Gospel: Luke 7:11-16

Fall Education Classes: A disappointing turnout on Wednesday, October 5th. We had 11 people. You missed a good class and discussion! Thank you to those who attended. We will meet this **Wednesday, Oct 12**, Oct 19, Oct 26, Nov. 2th and Nov 9th. 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!

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

Commemorations for the Departed: Jorgjia Kashari, Gerda Eglitis (Gabriela Dedkova's grandmother), Francesca Giasante (Marci Moore's daughter), Dhimitri Miller (grandson of Lefteria Dhimitri) 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: Jim & Paula Bendo, Elizabeth Jones, 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.

Semi-Annual Parish Meeting: Sunday, November 6, 2016. If you would like to receive a copy of the proposed 2017 budget prior to the meeting please email treasurer@stjohnsphila.org The proposed 2017 budget will be also posted in the side vestibule.

Per Shume Vjet! Gezuar! To Father Brooks – he celebrated his Nameday on Thursday, October 6th.

Annual Christmas Outing – Formerly the Ladies Society Christmas Outing: MARK YOUR CALENDAR - Saturday, December 10th, 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

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

October 9th Kashari Family in memory of Jorgjia
October 23rd Sunday school
October 30th Chanoine-Tarazi Family Xavier & Emile's Birthdays
November 6th Kosta-Highland Family, Olivia's Birthday
November 13th Janice & Mike Leyden
November 20th Parish Nameday – parishioners bring their Lenten specialty
November 27th Bendo Family in memory of Gregory

Upcoming Events

October 9th 1 Year Memorial Jorgjia Kashari
WEDNESDAY October 12th Fall education class 6:30pm
October 23rd Wedding of Laureta Lakuriqi & Jack Kittle and the 50th Wedding Anniversary for Diane & Ted Lescas.
Congratulations and Many Years to both happy couples!!
October 30th Halloween Party During Coffee Hour
SATURDAY Nov 5th Baptism of Kristo George Diamanti, son of Fiori & Theordhor
Nov 6th Semi-Annual Parish Meeting – Parish Council Election
Nov 20th Parish Nameday Celebration & Luncheon / Archbishop Nikon will visit
Nov 27th 3 Year Memorial for Gregory Bendo
SATURDAY December 10th Christmas outing, Lunch & the Philly Pops

Photos November 20th: Family photos will be taken for our new parish directory. If you would like your photo taken please contact chairperson@stjohnsphila.org so that we can make a schedule.

Financial Update: Through September 30, 2016 we have received 102 pledges totaling \$53,006.00. We budgeted \$60,000.00 in pledges. If you haven't submitted your 2016 pledge, please do so as soon as possible. Our total income year to date is \$100,812.52. Expenses are \$131,359.22. The expenses include \$17,776.00 for our floor project. We did receive \$25,000.00 last year from St. John the Baptist Church which was designated to pay for this project. That being said our expenses year to date are \$12,770.70 over our income.

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