

The Weekly Messenger – September 18, 2016

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*Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 2:16-20 Gospel: Mark 8:34-38; 9:1*

**Sunday After the Exaltation of the Holy Cross** Having learned the joyful proclamation of the Resurrection from the Angel, and having cast off the ancestral condemnation, the women disciples of the Lord spake to the Apostles exultantly: Death is despoiled and Christ God is risen, granting great mercy to the world.

[http://www.goarch.org/chapel/saints\\_view?contentid=1162&PCode=SAHC&D=S&date=9/18/2016](http://www.goarch.org/chapel/saints_view?contentid=1162&PCode=SAHC&D=S&date=9/18/2016)

**Commemorations for the Departed:** 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:** Newborn Ergesa, George & Ermelinda Kosova, Chris Dhimitri, Joanne Risley, Seven DiStefano, 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.

**DATE CHANGE: Semi- Annual Parish Meeting, Sunday, November 6, 2016** We will elect members of Parish Council for the 2017 term – we currently have 2 open positions. The 2017 budget will be presented. Updates on the status of our parish and plans for the future. If you would like to serve on Parish Council please contact Father Brooks.

**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.

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

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

October 2<sup>nd</sup> Mihal Frashari

October 9<sup>th</sup> Kashari Family in memory of Jorgjia

October 16<sup>th</sup> Nilda Salavaci & Spartak Brahillari

October 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday school

October 30<sup>th</sup> Chanoine-Tarazi Family

Xavier & Emile's Birthdays

**Message from Father Brooks:** The education of our children in the Orthodox Church is a top priority. Sunday school has begun, and I would - on behalf of all parishioners at St. John's - like to thank Steve Coraluzzi and all those who volunteered to be teachers for our program in order to help raise them in the Orthodox Faith. We, as adults, are also called to learn more about Orthodoxy so we can aid the teachers in this process. Also, many thanks to Florina Bacuta for her invaluable help putting our Newsletter together. Many blessings, and peace to all.

**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)

**Fall Education Classes:** Father Brooks will begin his education classes **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!

**Upcoming Events**

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

**TUESDAY** October 4<sup>th</sup> Parish Council Meeting 7:00 pm

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

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

**Monthly giving for September:** Ream of white paper