

The Weekly Messenger – November 15, 2015

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Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 2:14-22 Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

If you would like to have someone remembered in prayer or are in need of a Priest please contact Father Brooks Ledford. He may be reached at 210-461-1956, or you may email him at fr.brooks@stjohnsphila.org

The OCA Review a monthly newsletter published by the Orthodox Church in America will be available at the candle stand and also available via a link on our website. Please take a look and find out what is happening in the OCA.

Annual Ladies Christmas Outing: Plans are under way to continue a longstanding tradition - Ladies at St. John Chrysostom Annual Christmas get together. This year we are planning to have lunch at a location to be determined and then attend the Philly Pops Christmas Spectacular at the Kimmel Center. The date is Saturday, December 5th, 2015. Please contact Nilda Salavichi or email info@stjohnsphila.org if you are interested in joining us.

Nick Naum Scholarship Fund: As many know, +Nick Naum was a long time parishioner at St. John's. He died in March 2013 and in his will he left instructions for his home to be sold and the proceeds donated to St. John Chrysostom Albanian Orthodox Church. The money (\$119,894.77) was received in July 2015. We need 2 more volunteers (we have 3 volunteers already) to serve on the Nick Naum Scholarship Committee. Please contact chairperson@stjohnsphila.org if you are willing to help.

The newly organized Charity and Benevolence Committee/Ministry is conducting a drive to collect toothbrushes, hand sanitizers, travel size, sample size, and hotel toiletries for the homeless in our area. A small donation can spread a lot of love and gratitude! Our goal is collect them, place them in shoeboxes, and deliver them locally. A collection box is located in the side vestibule...please support this worthwhile endeavor.

Readers: Nov 15th Chris Manosis, Nov 22nd Reader Mark, Nov 29th Michele D., Dec 6th Adam C., Dec 13th Chris M. Dec 20th Reader Mark, Dec 27th Michele D

Monthly giving for November Single Ply Toilet Paper

Commemorations for the Living: Archbishop Nikon, Pope Francis, Newborn Emilija V Dedkova, Barbara Blum, Betty Ledford, Haretina (Papa) Milo, Irene Anne Gedremenc, Susan, Philip Kosta, Margarita, Tranette Ledford, Peter Melnik, Peter Mallios, Elaine Quirias, George Robos, Clive & Dhimitri Miller, Rosemary Notskas, Kim Burdumy, Andigoni Steffa, Mary Croke, Leslie Shocka, Dhimiter Ndrecka, Pandeli, Jorgaq, Lefteri, and all of the men and women serving in Armed Forces.

Commemorations for the Departed: Victims of terrorism in Paris, Winfield, Katherine Kane, Arthur Cotto, Jorgjia Kashari, Sophie Miller, Father Deacon Stephen Stefani and those servicemen and women who have fallen asleep in the Lord in the service of their Country.

Nameday Celebration: Sunday, November 15th 2015, our parish will celebrate our Nameday. As is our custom we will have a luncheon following the Divine Liturgy. We are asking our parishioners to make their specialty an "Albanian Pie"; Lakror, Byrek, Spinach Pie, etc. or a meat dish, Qofte, etc. and "Albanian desserts"; baklava, finike, kadaif.

We hope all of our parishioners are able to attend church and join us as we celebrate our 84th Anniversary celebration with Archbishop Nikon.

Upcoming Events:

November 15th Parish Nameday Celebration & Luncheon

November 15th Beginning of the Nativity Fast

Tuesday, Nov 17th Parish Council Meeting (Incoming & Outgoing Councils) 7:00 pm

Saturday, November 21st Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple – Liturgy 10:00 am

November 22nd 40 day Memorial Jorgjia Kashari

November 29th 1 year Memorial Katherine Kane

Wed., Dec 2, 2015 Stewardship Meeting 7:00 pm

Coffee Hour Sponsors: All coffee hours have been filled for the remainder of 2015! Thank you, Thank you, and Thank you!!!

Nov 15th Parish Nameday Luncheon

Nov 22nd Kashari, Prifti, Salavaci families in memory of Jorgjia

Nov 29th Kane Family in memory of Katherine

Dec 6th Salavaci Family in honor of Niko's nameday

Dec 13th Chuck Burdumy

Fall Education Classes: Concluded Wednesday, Nov 11th. Thank you to those who attended.