

The Weekly Messenger – October 19, 2014
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Epistle: St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 11:31-33; 12:1-9 Gospel: Luke 7:11-16

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

Message from Father Brooks: Jesus of Nazareth was a spiritual revolutionary. As such, he was constantly changing people's perspective. In today's Gospel reading, we see him doing it in a rather drastic way - by raising a man from the dead. He also healed and taught. Those who changed their perspectives on life did so because they were open to the truth. May we also be open to the truth of Jesus Christ. Peace to all.

Commemorations for the Living: Archbishop Nikon, Father Stephen Siniari, Proto Deacon Michael Sochka, Newly Illuminated Marisa Papa, Newly Illuminated Aden Zebib, Elena & Eduard Papa, Ilirjan Papa, Ana Dede, Newborn Gianna Prifti, Sophie, Clive & Michael Miller, Elizabeth Melnik, Philip Kosta, Katherine Halkedis, Rosemary Notskas, Kim Burdumy, Larry Kosta, Leslie Sochka, Andigoni Steffa, Mary Croke, Paula Kosta, Candace Pepenelli, Kristin Snow, Dhimiter Ndrecka, Francesca Giansante, Flossie Vissar, Pandeli, Jorgaq, Lefteri, and all of the men and women serving in Armed Forces.

Commemorations for the Departed: Father Deacon Stephen Stefani and those servicemen who have fallen asleep in the Lord in the service of their Country.

Coffee Hour Sponsors: Thank you very much!

October 19th Sunday school Hot Dog Sale

October 26th Ladies Club

November 2nd Paula & Jim Bendo

November 9th St. John Nameday Luncheon

November 16th Janice & Mike Leyden

November 23rd Marsel Kosova

Only ONE date open: Dec 28th

Thank you to our families who have sponsored coffee hour throughout the year!

Have you been bringing your children to Sunday School??? The school year is well underway - each week something new and exciting is happening. Please bring your children so they can be part of it!

Reader Schedule: October 19th Michelle Dardaris, 26th Michelle Dardaris, November 2nd Edward Kokalari, 9th David Biando, 16th Mark Klus, 23rd Michelle Dardaris, 30th Adam Coraluzzi, December 7th Edward Kokalari, 14th David Biando, 21st Mark Klus, 28th Michelle Dardaris

Fall Education Classes: Father Brooks met with 7 parishioners this past Wednesday for a discussion about what church means to each individual. It was interesting and we also learned a thing or two about the Divine Liturgy. It was great fun to enjoy a delicious pot luck dinner in the company of good friends! The next class meets Wednesday Oct 22nd @ 6:30 pm. We will be finishing up liturgy and moving on to other services and their place in the lives of parishioners. Additional classes will meet Nov. 5th, 12th, 19th. You do not have to attend every session as each will cover a different topic. JOIN US!

Parishioner News: *Congratulations Elena & Eduard Papa* on the baptism of their daughter Marisa. Marisa's Godparents are Ilirjan Papa and Ana Dede. Marisa is the granddaughter of Pandeli & Dodona Papa. May God Bless them and grant them many years!

Saturday, 25 October, baptism Elisabeth Suzana, daughter of Fiori & Ilirjan Papa

Nameday Celebration: Sunday, November 9th 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. Please send an email indicating what you are able to donate for the luncheon to info@stjohnsphila.org. We hope all of our parishioners are able to attend church and join us as we celebrate our 83rd Anniversary!

Semi-annual parish meeting: Sunday, October 12, 2014, following the Divine Liturgy. Congratulations to our newly elected Parish Council: Michele Anderson, Linda Biando, Donna Dimitri, Peter Ghicondey, Elvira Gusho, Michele Lorimer, Nilda Salavaci. The new parish council will be sworn in on November 2nd following the Divine Liturgy.

Upcoming Events:

Oct. 26th Ladies Club Memorial Remembering the Departed Women of our Parish

Nov 4th Parish Council Meeting

Nov. 9th St. John Chrysostom Nameday Celebration

Nov. 29th Albanian Flag Day Dance 7pm – 11pm Contact Nilda Salavachi or Fiori Papa