

The Weekly Messenger –September 7, 2014
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Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the Galatians 611-18 Gospel: John 3:13-17

Message from Father Brooks: This Sunday's reading contains one of the most cherished and well-known verses in the New Testament: "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son..." By "the world", the writer of the Gospel of John means us. We are what He created, and despite any faults or weaknesses we may have, He loves us unconditionally. Our task is simply to pass on that love to others. Peace to all.

Commemorations for the Living: Archbishop Nikon, Father Stephen Siniari, Proto Deacon Michael Sochka, Reader David Biando, Landon Gabriel Klemp, Newly Illuminated Victor & Elliot Shyti, Elizabeth Melnik, Betty Subashi, 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: Eleanor Mallios Zoidis, Luke Wilk, 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!
September 7th Family of Eleanor Mallios Zoidis
September 14th Sunday School – Hot Dog Sale
September 21st Jennifer Hunter (in memory of Susan Pekarski)
September 28th Margarita & Vangjel Haxhistasa
October 5th Greta & Aaron Moy
Open dates: Dec. 14th, 21st, Dec 28th

We have only three (3) dates with no sponsor. Please sign up so the rest of the year will be covered. Our sincere thanks to our parishioners who have sponsored coffee hour throughout the year.

Parishioner News: William Bortner is happy to share the news of the birth of his nephew, Landon Gabriel Klemp, born September 3, 2014, 7 lbs, 11 ozs, 21" long. Congratulations and many years to the entire Bortner Family.

Sunday School will be resuming on September 14th. We have been working to improve how our children understand and learn about their Orthodox faith and feel that with Fr Brooks leadership and involvement our curriculum will be successful. We look forward to seeing everyone soon. September 14th is the Elevation of the Cross. We will have a procession with all of the children. There will also be a hot dog sale during coffee hour.

Happy Anniversary: Father Brooks began his ministry at St. John Chrysostom on September 1, 2013. We are very thankful Father Brooks found his way back to our parish and look forward to many future anniversaries to celebrate his return!

Reader Schedule: September 7th David Biando, 14th Mark Klus, 21st Michelle Dardaris, 28th Adam Coraluzzi, October 5th Edward Kokalari, 12th David Biando, 19th Mark Klus, 26th Michelle Dardaris

Gregory E. Costa Golf Classic: In 3 weeks, Sunday, September 21, 2014, we hope you will join us for the 25th golf outing benefiting St. John Chrysostom Albanian Orthodox Church. Golfers tee off at 12:00 pm. Cocktail hour begins at 4:45 pm with dinner served at 5:45pm. As in past years we will have our Albanian Auction. We are gratefully accepting any and all donations for the baskets or if you are able to donate a complete basket. Questions contact Donna Dimitri, Linda or Dave Biando, Michele Anderson, Linda Kosta or Dorothy Tomassini.

Semi Annual Parish Meeting: October 12th, following the Divine Liturgy. The agenda will be e mailed. Elections for parish council will be held as well as the presentation of the 2015 budget. If you would like to serve on Parish Council please email info@stjohnsphila.org

Upcoming Events:

Sept 7th Memorial for Eleanor Mallios Zoidis
Sept 9th (Tuesday) Parish Council Meeting 7:00 pm
Sept 10th (Wednesday) Young Adults Committee Meeting 7:00 pm
Sept 13th (Saturday) Teacher workshop 9am – 12pm, appreciation luncheon will follow
Sept 16th (Tuesday) Outreach Committee Meeting 7:00 pm
Sept. 21st Memorial Susanne Pekarski 10 years
Gregory E. Costa Golf Classic & Dinner Contact Donna Dimitri-Linda Biando
Sept 23rd Charity & Benevolence Committee Meeting 7:00 pm
Sept 26 & 27 Albanian Archdiocese Assembly Ss Peter & Paul Albanian Orthodox Church
Oct. 12th, Semi Annual Parish meeting following the Divine Liturgy
Oct. 15th (Wed.) Education series begins 6:30 pm
Nov. 29th Albanian Flag Day Dance 7pm – 11pm Contact Nilda Brahollari or Fiori Papa

Monthly giving for September: Ream of white paper