

The Weekly Messenger – August 16, 2015
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Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 9:2-12 Gospel: Matthew 18:23-35

Message from Father Brooks: This week-end we celebrate the Feast of the Dormition of Mary on Saturday, and the regular Divine Liturgy on Sunday. The Dormition of Mary is important in the Orthodox Church and is one of our major feast days. Although we celebrate her "falling asleep", we also celebrate her life as the Mother of Jesus. Unlike Jesus, who was both human and divine, Mary was only human, and as such, she is our prime example of the Christian path. With the liturgy on Saturday, we end our fast with great joy. Peace to all.

Reader Schedule: August 16th Reader Mark, August 23rd Chris Manosis, August 30th Michele Dardaris, Sept 6th Adam Coraluzzi, Sept 13th Reader Mark, Sept 20th Chris M.

Commemorations for the Living: Archbishop Nikon, Deacon Michael Sochka, Philip Kosta, Joy, Jorgjia Kashari, Margarita, Tranette Ledford, Peter Melnik, Peter Mallios, Elaine Quirias, George Robos, Sophie, Clive & Dhimitri Miller, Rosemary Notskas, Kim Burdumy, Leslie Sochka, Andigoni Steffa, Mary Croke, Dhimiter Ndrecka, Pandeli, Jorgaq, Lefteri, and all of the men and women serving in Armed Forces.

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

Pope Francis' Visit to Philadelphia: Saturday, September 26th and Sunday September 27th. Due to the road closures and the related traffic issues the Pope's visit will create, Father Brooks and Parish Council have decided the Divine Liturgy will NOT be celebrated at St. John Chrysostom Albanian Orthodox Church on Sunday, September 27th. We encourage our parishioners to attend the Divine Liturgy at another church.

Monthly giving for August: Sunday school snacks, juice boxes, small bottles of water.

Parishioner News: *If you have news about a parishioner you would like to share please email info@stjohnsphila.org*

Parish Fundraiser: Tickets are available for *The Gregory E. Costa Golf Classic*, which will be held Sunday, September 13, 2015 at Paxon Hollow Country Club. Cocktail hour (cash bar) begins at 5:00 pm, buffet dinner at 6:00 pm. Tickets for golf and dinner are \$125.00; dinner only - \$40.00 for adults and \$20.00 for children. For more information or if you plan to attend please contact info@stjohnsphila.org

Sunday School News: The first day of Sunday school (September 13th) is fast approaching. Director Steve Coraluzzi is once again leading our program. Father Brooks and Steve are looking for volunteers to help teach our children. We need your help. Teaching experience is not required nor are we looking for you to be in church EVERY Sunday (although that would be nice!). If you can commit two Sundays a month we would love to have you join our teaching team. Please contact Director Steve sundayschooldirector@stjohnsphila.org or Father Brooks fr.brooks@stjohnsphila.org

Upcoming Events:

Wednesday, August 19th - Charity & Benevolence meeting 7:00 pm

Saturday, August 29th, Sunday School teachers meeting 9:00 am - 11:30 am

Tuesday September 8th Parish Council Meeting 7:00 pm

Wednesday, September 9th - Outreach Committee meeting 7:30 pm

September 13th - Elevation of the Cross / First day of Sunday School

AND *Gregory E. Costa Golf Classic & Dinner*

Wednesday, September 16th - Stewardship meeting, 7:00 pm

September 20th - Memorial Nancy Gregory - 6 month following the Divine Liturgy

September 24 – 26th Archdiocesan Assembly – Worcester, MA.

September 27th NO LITURGY AT ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

October 4th Memorial Mary Costa Dimitri 3 years

November 15th Parish Nameday Celebration – Archbishop Nikon will celebrate Liturgy

Coffee Hour Sponsors: HELP!! The following dates are Open, meaning we do not have sponsors for coffee hour: **August 30th, Sept. 6th, Oct 18th, Nov 1st, Dec 20th**

Please join with a friend or family member to sponsor coffee hour one of the open dates!

August 16th Rubis Family in memory of Margarita (2 years)

August 23rd Nilda & Spartak

August 30th

September 6th

September 13th Sunday school Hot Dog Sale

September 20th Sergio & Vasil Georgi