

**The Weekly Messenger –January 6, 2013**  
**St. John Chrysostom Albanian Orthodox Church**  
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**Gospel - Matthew 3:13-17**

**Epistle – Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7**

*If you would like to have someone remembered in prayer or are in need of a priest please contact Donna Dimitri, Parish Council Chair, [donnadimitri@gmail.com](mailto:donnadimitri@gmail.com) or 609-685-1651.*

**Commemorations for the Living:** Metropolitan Tikhon, Archbishop Nikon, Father Stephen Siniari, Anna Laska, Vjollca Ruci, Mary Legidakes, Francesca Giansante, Pandeli Spiro, Clive Miller, Rosemary Notskas, Peter Mallios, Diane Rubis, Katherine Zoidis, Marcena Moore, Nick Naum, Flossie Vissar, Kathleen, Pandeli, Jorgaq, Lefteri, Clement, Alice and all the servicemen especially, Dylan Colclough, Ryan, Alex, David, and Matthew.

**Commemorations for the Departed:** Sally Zoidis (Tom Zoidis sister-in-law), Nick Dimitri, Peter Kosta, Father Deacon Stephen Stefani and those servicemen who have fallen asleep in the Lord in the service of their Country.

**Pastoral Coverage:** Today (1/6) Father Gregory Rubis

January 13, 2013 Father Gregory DuDash

January 20<sup>th</sup> Father Joe Toroney                      January 27<sup>th</sup> Father Joe Toroney

Father Joe Toroney will serve at St. John Chrysostom February and March 2013

**Coffee Hour Sponsors: Today (1/6) Sunday school Hot Dog Sale**

Jan 13, 2013 Ann Gjoka & Linda Notskas

Jan 20<sup>th</sup>

Jan 27<sup>th</sup> Kosta Family in memory of Peter

Feb 3 Sara Dimitri in memory of Nick

**Holy Theophany (Epiphany)** Sunday January 6, 2013. We are blessed to have Father Gregory Rubis and his brother, Father Deacon Andrew Rubis; (sons of John and Virginia Rubis) celebrate the Divine Liturgy today. Holy Water will be available in plastic bottles.

**Icon Auction** Today January 6<sup>th</sup> Icons 1 – 40 will be auctioned in the church hall during coffee hour. Please come out and support this very important fund raiser for our parish. If you are unable to attend the Icon Auction we encourage you to make a donation in the name of your Patron Saint.

**A very Big THANK YOU** to Paulette Steffa for donating \$835.00, part of the proceeds from her jewelry sale to our parish. Paulette split the proceeds between our Parish and SS Peter& Paul. God Bless you Paulette for your generosity!

**Christmas decorations** will be taken down Tuesday, January 8, 2013 at 10:00 am. Please come to the church and lend a hand!

**Sunday school** is back in session. Please bring your children to church. If you have any questions contact Steve Coraluzzi 610-459-0311, 856-562-9672, or e-mail [smc@dsmk.net](mailto:smc@dsmk.net)

**Parish Council Meeting** Monday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2013 @ 7:00 pm in the Church office. All parishioners encouraged to attend.

**Upcoming Events:**

January 7<sup>th</sup> Parish Council Meeting

January 8<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am take down Christmas decorations at church

January 13<sup>th</sup> Icon Auction part 2

January 27<sup>th</sup> 40 Day Memorial Peter Kosta

February 3<sup>rd</sup> 40 Day Memorial Nick Dimitri

Thank you to our parishioners and friends who have made Christmas donations. We received \$6,170.00 through December 30, 2012.

**Per Shume Vjet Gezuar! January Namedays** 1<sup>st</sup> St. Basil, 7<sup>th</sup> St John the Baptist, 11<sup>th</sup> St Theodosius, 14<sup>th</sup> St Nina, 17<sup>th</sup> St Anthony, 18<sup>th</sup> St Athanasius, 20<sup>th</sup> St Euthymius, 23<sup>rd</sup> St Dionysius of Korca, 25<sup>th</sup> St Gregory, Jan 30<sup>th</sup> Hierarchs (Basil, Gregory John Chrysostom)

**January Giving:** Paper towels

**Financial Info:** End of year tallies (as of December 30, 2012): Unfortunately we did not meet our budget goals for pledges or Icon donations. We received 124 pledges, \$52,465.00 pledged; \$49,466.00 received which is 94% of the amount pledged. (Our budget was for \$55,000.00 in pledges). Icon donations, \$8,405.00 promised, \$7765.00 received, which is 92%. (Our budget was for \$8,000.00 in Icon donations). We did however receive \$6,170.00 in Christmas donations! Our budget was for \$4,000.00. Thank you to everyone who has made a donation to our parish.

**Website:** Don't forget to take a peek at our website [www.stjohnsphila.org](http://www.stjohnsphila.org). Peter Ghicondey, our webmaster, has added many new items. We encourage your input.

Thank you Father Gregory Rubis for celebrating the Divine Liturgy with us today!