

**The Weekly Messenger –August 18, 2013**

**St. John Chrysostom Albanian Orthodox Church**

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*Epistle - 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 Gospel - Matthew 14:14-22*

**Commemorations for the Living:** Metropolitan Tikhon, Archbishop Nikon, Father Stephen Siniari, Father Ken James Stavrevsky, Candace Peppenelli, Ann Gjoka, Roxane Ghicondey, Mac, Kristin Snow, Madeline Couris-Guarinello, Dhimiter Ndrecka, Francesca Giansante, Pandeli Spiro, Rosemary Notskas, Peter Mallios, Katherine Zoidis, Marcena Moore, Flossie Vissar, Pandeli, Jorgaq, Lefteri, and all the servicemen especially, Matthew Sherwood (Army-Afghanistan) and Steven Cosmo (Marines-Romania).

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

**Pastoral Coverage:**

August 18<sup>th</sup> Father Brooks

August 25, Father Brooks, Father Joseph Toroney, Father Mark Koczak, Father Gregory Dudash, Deacon Andrew Rubis, Deacon Gregory Vrato, Richard O’Leary (formerly Father Gregory O’Leary) will also worship with us.

**Coffee Hour Sponsors:** Thank you very much!

August 18<sup>th</sup> Marinela Prifti, Liljana Petuqi August and Eda Kosova

August 25<sup>th</sup> Thank you luncheon –  
parishioners at St. John

Sept 1<sup>st</sup> Margaret & George Touros

Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> Marinela Prifti

Sept 15<sup>th</sup> Ann Gjoka & Linda Notskas

Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> Kashari Family (15 year Memorial)

Sept 29<sup>th</sup> Peter & Nancy Ghicondey

**Parishioner News:** Congratulations to Kristina & Klarent Ngjelo on the baptism of their son Kevin. Kevin was baptized by Father Gregory Dudash, yesterday, August 17<sup>th</sup> at St. John Chrysostom. His Godparents are Elena and Eduard Papa, very proud grandparents are Viljan & Eleni Gore. May God grant them many years!

*Thank you Father Brooks for serving today. Father Brooks will begin his full time ministry at St. John’s on Sunday, September 1, 2013.*

**Important Dates:**

August 25<sup>th</sup> Thank you luncheon

September 1<sup>st</sup> Father Brooks begins his ministry at St. John Chrysostom

September 15<sup>th</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> day of Sunday School

Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup> SS Peter & Paul Clam Bake

September 22<sup>nd</sup> Gregory E. Costa Golf Classic

September 26, 27, 28 Archdiocesan Assembly St. Nicholas Church - New York

October 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday 9:00 am – Fall Cleanup, we have the cleaning supplies and we need your helping hands to make our church sparkle! Altar server workshop

October 15<sup>th</sup> Father Brooks will lead Adult Education Classes

Nov 10 & 11 Bishop Nikon will celebrate our Nameday with us

**Sunday School:** We are happy to announce the start of the St. John Chrysostom Albanian Orthodox Church 2013 – 2014 school program. We will be starting our Sunday school year on September 15. In addition to registering students we are in need of teachers and classroom helpers. If you are able to help please contact Steven Coraluzzi at [sundayschooldirector@stjohnsphila.org](mailto:sundayschooldirector@stjohnsphila.org) or [610-459-0311](tel:610-459-0311).

**Things to know while in church:** *Leaving Before Dismissal* Leaving church before the Dismissal deprives us of a blessing. Worship has a beginning (“Blessed is the Kingdom..”) and an end (“Let us depart in peace...”). To leave immediately after Communion is to treat church like a fast food restaurant where we come and go as we please. We live in a fast paced world where we seem to be hurrying from place to place. But in God’s presence, we need to make every attempt to fight this pressure and move on to the next thing on the day’s agenda. We deprive ourselves of blessings by not being still and participating in God’s holiness. Eat and run at the fast food restaurant of your choice – but stay in church and thank God for his precious gifts!

**Parish Fundraiser:** Tickets are available for *The Gregory E. Costa Golf Classic*, which will be held Sunday, September 22, 2013 at Paxon Hollow Country Club. Cocktail hour begins at 4:45 pm, buffet dinner at 5:45 pm. Tickets for golf and dinner are \$125.00; dinner only \$35.00 for adults and \$20.00 for children. For more information or if you plan to attend please contact [info@stjohnsphila.org](mailto:info@stjohnsphila.org)

**Albanian Archdiocesan Assembly:** Father Brooks, Linda Kosta, Michele Anderson, Linda Biando and Donna Dimitri will be traveling to St. Nicholas Church in NY for the annual archdiocesan assembly, September 26, 27 & 28. If you have any information you would like passed on or any concerns please see one of the above delegates.

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