

The Weekly Messenger –November 3, 2013
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Epistle - 2 Corinthians 11:31-33 Gospel – Luke 16:19-31

Archbishop Nikon's Visit November 9th and 10: Next week! We will have a Vesper Service on Saturday, November 9th, at 6:30 pm. A welcome to Philadelphia meal (cheese steaks, soft pretzels and Tastykakes) will be served in the church hall following Vespers. Archbishop Nikon will celebrate the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, Nov 10th, with Father Brooks and Father Stephen Siniari. There will be a luncheon in the church hall following the Divine Liturgy. The luncheon will be free as our parishioners will donate the food. We look forward to seeing all of our parishioners and our sisters and brothers from SS Peter and Paul.

Message from Father Brooks: Our discussion group will meet Wed., Nov 6th @ 6:30pm to talk about the Assembly of Bishops *2013 Statement on Marriage and Sexuality*. Many people come directly from work therefore we will provide dinner and refreshments. If you have questions please contact me: 210-461-1956.

Commemorations for the Living: Metropolitan Tikhon, Archbishop Nikon, Father Stephen Siniari, Father John Scollard and the parishioners at St. John the Baptist Albanian Orthodox Church, Father Ken James Stavrevsky, Proto Deacon Michael Sochka, Newly illuminated Emma Schneider, Lisa (Kosta) Bowser, George Douros, Andigoni Steffa, James Ghicondey, John and Mary Croke, Paula Kosta, Lefteria Dhimitri, Jorgjia Kashari, Candace Pepenelli, Ann Gjoka, Mac, Kristin Snow, Dhimiter Ndrecka, Francesca Giansante, Pandeli Spiro, Rosemary Notskas, Peter Mallios, Marcena Moore, Flossie Vissar, Pandeli, Jorgaq, Lefteri, and all the servicemen especially, Matthew Sherwood (Army-Afghanistan), Calvin Colclough (Marines–Spain)

Commemorations for the Departed: John Theokary, Madeline Couris-Guarinello, Katherine Tsonis Bisaga, Father Deacon Stephen Stefani and those servicemen who have fallen asleep in the Lord in the service of their Country.

If you would like to have someone remembered in prayer or you are in need of a Priest please contact Father Brooks Ledford. He may be reached at 210-461-1956 or you may email him fr.brooks@stjohnsphila.org

November: paper plates and toilet paper

Coffee Hour Sponsors: Thank you very much! Nov 3rd Marsel Kosova
Nov 10th Nameday Luncheon sponsored by the parishioners at St. John Chrysostom!
Nov 17th Janice & Mike Leyden
Nov 24th George & Nikoleta Prifti
Dec 1st Sunday School
Dec 8th The Salavaci Family (Niko's Nameday)

Ladies Club: Looking for donations of new or gently used blankets and winter jackets/coats. These items will be donated to the homeless. Please check your closets, attics and basements; you may have items you haven't used in years! Please bring them to church and we will make sure someone less fortunate gets them.

Parishioner News: Andi Steffa was released from the hospital on Tuesday and is recovering at home. Please remember Andi in your prayers. If you have news to share please email info@stjohnsphila.org

Sunday school: The Sunday school is going to the Aquarium in Camden NJ, on November 17th. Tickets are \$5.00 for children and \$10.00 for adults. If you plan on going to the Aquarium payment is needed by November 10th. Please contact Steve Coraluzzi for additional information. sundayschooldirector@stjohnsphila.org Ticket money may be given to Steve or any Sunday school teacher. Thank you very much to those who supported our hot dog sale (including the Coraluzzi family who donated the hot dogs and condiments). We made \$174.00!

Important Dates:

Nov 6, 13, 20 Father Brooks Education Classes @ 6:30 pm
November 3rd Semi- annual parish meeting and election following the Divine Liturgy
November 9th 6:30 pm Vespers - Archbishop Nikon will be at St. Johns
November 10th Divine Liturgy with Archbishop Nikon followed by Nameday luncheon
November 12th (Tuesday) Parish Council Meeting 7:00 pm
November 24th Sunday school - Albanian Thanksgiving
November 28th Albanian Flag Day
December 1st Father Gregory DuDash will celebrate the Divine Liturgy, Father Brooks will be in Texas November 26 thru December 2, 2013 for Thanksgiving.

Per Shume Vjet! Gezuar! To our parishioners and friends who celebrate their Nameday in November: 8th Archangels Michael, Raphael, etc., 11th Martyr Victor, 13th St. John Chrysostom, 14th Apostle Philip, 25th Great Martyr Catherine, 30th Apostle Andrew

Thank you to Paula & Pandora Bendo and Diane Lescas and everyone else involved for making the Halloween Party the best ever! There were over 50 children in attendance!