

The Weekly Messenger – August 28, 2016

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Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 4:9-16 Gospel: Matthew 17:14-23

Gregory E Costa Golf Outing: We are asking for donations of items to make gift baskets or a donation of a gift basket for our Albanian Auction. If you have something to donate please bring it to church by September 18th. We will also gratefully accept any donated gift baskets. The 9th Gregory E Costa golf outing is set for Sunday, October 2, 2016. Golf and dinner \$125.00. Dinner tickets \$40.00 for adults and \$20.00 for children. We will have a 50/50 and our annual Albanian Auction.

Contact info@stjohnsphila.org to reserve a ticket.

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

Commemorations for the Living: Father Brooks, Tom Zoidis, John Kolea, Jr., William Spiro, Ann Gjoka, Virginia Daka, Semele Halkedis, Katherine Halkedis, Haretina (Papa) Milo, Philip Kosta, Margarita, Peter Melnik, Clive & Dhimitri Miller, Kim Burdumy, Andigoni Steffa, Dhimiter Ndrecka, Pandeli, Jorgaq, Lefteri, and all of the men and women serving in Armed Forces.

Sunday School News: *First day of class, September 18, 2016.* Attention all parents, grandparents, Godparents, aunts and uncles. Since most of our Sunday school students do not drive we are counting on **YOU** to bring them to church each Sunday morning. Help them to learn about their Orthodox faith by participating in our Sunday school program, which is from little toddlers through high school seniors! They cannot get here without **YOU!**

Our Sunday school program is expanding and we are in need of 3 volunteers to help teach and help out in the classrooms. This is a wonderful opportunity for our parishioners to become involved and to positively impact on the future of our parish. Contact Steve Coraluzzi, sundayschooldirector@stjohnsphila.org or Father Brooks fr.brooks@stjohnsphila.org with any questions about our program or to volunteer or see either of them in person at church.

Parishioner News: A heartfelt THANK YOU to Sergio Xhoxhi, for installing a camera surveillance system to our church. The camera will allow us to monitor who enters and exits the church and provide security when only one or two people are at the church. Sergio and Colleen donated all of the materials for this project. Sergio's cousin Vasil Xhoxhi assisted with the installation. We are so very blessed to have such talented and giving parishioners!

We are happy to announce the birth of Max William Pappas. Max was born on Aug 14, 2016. He weighed 6lb 13oz and was 21" long. Max is the son of Laura & Tim Pappas and the little brother of Miles. He is the grandson (and 4th grandchild) of Donna & Tim Pappas. Congratulations to all and may God grant you many years!

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

Coffee Hour Sponsors: We have sponsors for ALL Sundays!!

Our sincere thanks to all who have or are going to sponsor a coffee hour this year.

August 28th Dorothy Tomassini & Jim Spiro

September 4th Qendro Family

September 11th Sunday School

September 18th Lakuriqi Family

September 25th Lescas Family

Upcoming Events

Sunday, August 28th Church Picnic 12:00 pm – 7:00 pm

MONDAY August 29th Outreach Committee Meeting 7:00 pm

TUESDAY Sept 6th Parish Council Meeting 7:00 pm

SATURDAY Sept 10th YAL 5:00 – 6:30 pm at the church

TUESDAY - Sept 13th – Vespertal Liturgy - Feast of the Elevation of the Cross

Liturgy @ 7:00 pm

Sept 18th First day of Sunday School

Sept 20th – 22nd OCA Metropolitan Council Meeting – Syosset NY

Sept 22nd - 24th Thurs – Saturday - Archdiocesan Assembly Southbridge MA

October 2nd Gregory E. Costa Golf Classic & Dinner

October 5th – November 9th Every Wednesday evening Father Brooks will discuss the History of Orthodoxy in his Education Class

October 16th Semi-Annual Parish Meeting – Parish Council Election

October 23rd Wedding of Laureta Laquriqi & Jack Kittle

Nov 20th Parish Nameday Celebration & Luncheon / Archbishop Nikon will visit

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