

## The Weekly Messenger – June 5, 2016

### St. John Chrysostom Albanian Orthodox Church

237 North 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103

Father Brooks Ledford Office: 215-563-0979

Website: <http://www.stjohnsphila.org>

Email address: [info@stjohnsphila.org](mailto:info@stjohnsphila.org)

*Epistle Acts of the Apostles 16:16-34 Gospel: John 9:1-38*

**CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!  
KRISHTI U NGJALL! VERTET U NGJALL!**

**The sixth Sunday of Holy Pascha** is observed by the Orthodox Church as the Sunday of the Blind Man. The day commemorates the miracle of Christ healing the man who was blind since birth. The biblical story of this event is found in the Gospel of Saint John 9:1-41. - See more at:

[http://lent.goarch.org/sunday\\_of\\_the\\_blindman/learn/#sthash.w3EFmTVG.dpuf](http://lent.goarch.org/sunday_of_the_blindman/learn/#sthash.w3EFmTVG.dpuf)

**The Feast of the Ascension of our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ** is celebrated each year on the fortieth day after the Great and Holy Feast of Pascha (Easter). Since the date of Pascha changes each year, the date of the Feast of the Ascension changes. The Feast is always celebrated on a Thursday.

The Feast itself commemorates when, on the fortieth day after His Resurrection, Jesus led His disciples to the Mount of Olives, and after blessing them and asking them to wait for the fulfillment of the promise of the Holy Spirit, He ascended into heaven.

**Charity & Benevolence:** the committee continues to collect shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrushes, hand sanitizers - travel or sample size – and white socks for men, women and children. A collection box is located in the side vestibule...please support this worthwhile endeavor.

**Commemorations for the Departed:** Brent, Bettye & Tranette Ledford, 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:** Archbishop Nikon, Pope Francis, Linda Kosta, Julia Thack, Virginia Daka, Semele Halkedis, Katherine Halkedis, Donna Hlavacek, Haretina (Papa) Milo, Susan, Philip Kosta, Margarita, Peter Melnik, Clive & Dhimitri Miller, Rosemary Notskas, Kim Burdumy, Andigoni Steffa, Dhimiter Ndrecka, Pandeli, Jorgaq, Lefteri, and all of the men and women serving in Armed Forces.

**Congratulations Michelle Dardaris** on your graduation from Williamstown High School and will attend Lebanon Valley College pursuing a Doctor of Physical Therapy degree. Michelle's proud parents are Mike and Carolyn Dardaris. Many Years!

**Readers Schedule:** June 5<sup>th</sup> Chris, June 12<sup>th</sup> Reader Mark, June 19<sup>th</sup> Michelle D. June 26<sup>th</sup> NO liturgy at St. John's

#### **Upcoming Events:**

June 5<sup>th</sup> Baptism of Mirna el Khatib – During the Divine Liturgy

Dean Dickos will be Mirna's Sponsor and Sunday school graduation

Tuesday, June 7<sup>th</sup> Parish Council Meeting 7:00 pm

**Wednesday, June 8<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm Vespers Liturgy Feast of the Ascension (pot luck dinner after – you don't have to bring anything we always have plenty!)**

June 12<sup>th</sup> Senior Class Luncheon following coffee hour

June 19<sup>th</sup> Pentecost & Father's Day

Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup> Great Vespers SS Peter & Paul Church 6:00 pm

June 26<sup>th</sup> No Divine Liturgy at St. John's - We will celebrate the Divine Liturgy with Ss. Peter & Paul Church. It is the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of their first Liturgy.

Archbishop Nikon will be visiting their parish.

4:00pm Marriage of Davit Jishkariani & Mirna El Khatib

(Dean Dickos will be their Sponsor)

October 2<sup>nd</sup> Gregory E. Costa Golf Classic SAVE THE DATE!!!

**Coffee Hour Sponsors:** Thank you to those who have signed up!

June 5<sup>th</sup> Mike & Carolyn Dardaris

June 12<sup>th</sup> Jim & Paula Bendo

June 19<sup>th</sup> Roxane & Jim Ghicondey

**June 26<sup>th</sup> No Divine Liturgy at St. John's**

July 3<sup>rd</sup> Grabocka Family – Peter's Nameday

July 10<sup>th</sup> No Sponsor

*Please take a look at the coffee hour list and sign up for an open date!*

**Parishioner News:** Haretina Milo, sister of Diana Kondili, thanks everyone for keeping her in their prayers over these past months.

Congratulations to Elvira and Erion Gusho who are expecting their second child - a boy - in August. Many Years!

**Per Shume Vjet, Gezuar!** To our parishioners who celebrate their Namedays in June: June 1 Martyr Justin the Philosopher, June 27 St. Joanna Myrrhbearer, June 29 Ss Peter & Paul, June 30 All Saints

**June Giving:** Paper towels - we always seem to need paper towels!!!