

The Weekly Messenger – November 20, 2016

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*Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 6:11-18 Gospel: Luke 12:16-21*

**A very warm welcome to Archbishop Nikon, Archbishop of Boston, New England, and the Albanian Archdiocese.** We are so happy you are able to join us as we celebrate our 85<sup>th</sup> Nameday Anniversary. May God Grant You Many Years!

**Help the Homeless and those less fortunate than us:** donate travel size, sample size: shampoo, conditioner, lotion, toothbrushes, and hand sanitizers for the homeless in our area. We are also requesting WHITE SOCKS, all sizes, men's, women's, children's sizes.

A collections box is located in the side vestibule. Contact Sandi Fiss with questions.

**Sunday School Albanian Thanksgiving** following the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup>. The Sunday school students pay homage to those who immigrated to the United States. We currently recognize those who came from Albania, Greece, Lebanon, Holland, Jordan, Georgia, Germany, Italy, Egypt, Ireland, Latvia and Belarus. If you or your ancestors came from another country please send your information to [info@stjohnsphila.org](mailto:info@stjohnsphila.org) and we will recognize your family. This is a wonderful opportunity for our Sunday school students to learn about the history of the parishioners who attend our church.

**Sunday school:** The students and teachers are working on the Christmas Pageant, which will be presented on Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, following the Divine Liturgy. Our Pageant Director, Sandi Fiss, is very excited about this year's presentation. Bring your family, bring your friends, and bring your camera. We have the most precious angles and shepherds in the greater Philadelphia area! Join us!!!

**Candy Sale Fundraising Event:** Our Sunday school students are selling delicious Gertrude Hawke candy. This is the last week to place an order for the candy to ensure delivery by Christmas. Please see Director Steve or any Sunday school teacher.

**Monthly giving for November Single Ply Toilet Paper**

**Commemorations for the Departed:** Katherine Kane (2 years), 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, Michele Coraluzzi, Newly Illuminated Kristo, Eris, Piro, Fiori, Theodor, Elina, Aleska, Anna, Betty Subashi, Thomas Anderson, Elizabeth Jones, Michael Zoto, Chris Dhimitri, Tom Zoidis, John Kolea, Jr., William Spiro, Ann Gjoka, Virginia Daka, Semele Halkedis, Katherine Halkedis, Haretina (Papa) Milo, Philip Kosta, Margarita, Peter Melnik, Clive Miller, Kim Burdumy, Andigoni Steffa, Dhimiter Ndrecka, Pandeli, Jorgaq, Lefteri, and all of the men and women serving in Armed Forces.

**Upcoming Events:**

**SATURDAY** Nov 19<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 pm Vespers with Archbishop Nikon

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

Nov 27<sup>th</sup> 3 Year Memorial for Gregory Bendo & Sunday school Albanian Thanksgiving

**SATURDAY Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>** YAL 5:00 -6:30 pm - Dinner outing following meeting

**December 4<sup>th</sup>** 1 year Memorial for Mary Croke (Linda Biando's Mother)

**SATURDAY** December 10<sup>th</sup> Christmas outing, Lunch & the Philly Pops

Dec 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday school Christmas Pageant following the Divine Liturgy

Santa & Mrs. Claus will visit during coffee hour

**SATURDAY December 24<sup>th</sup>** Christmas Eve Liturgy @ 6:00 pm

**Coffee Hour Sponsors:** Our sincere thanks to all who have or are going to sponsor a coffee hour this year.

November 20<sup>th</sup> Parish Nameday – parishioners bring their Lenten specialty

November 27<sup>th</sup> Bendo Family in memory of Gregory

December 4<sup>th</sup> Biando Family in Memory of Linda's Mother, Mary

December 11<sup>th</sup> Salavachi Family in honor of Niko's Nameday

December 18<sup>th</sup> Chris Manosis – Chris' Nameday is December 25<sup>th</sup>

December 25<sup>th</sup> No Liturgy we will Celebrate the Nativity Liturgy on Dec 24<sup>th</sup>

No refreshments on Dec 24<sup>th</sup>

The 2017 Coffee Hour sign-up sheet will be posted in the side vestibule. Please pick a date!

**Annual Christmas Outing - Saturday, December 10th,** lunch and an afternoon with the Philly Pops at the Kimmel Center. 12:00 Lunch: Gran Caffè L'Aquila 1716 Chestnut St, a short walk to the Kimmel Center for the 3:00 pm Christmas Spectacular. Tickets are \$62.00. Please see Nilda Salavachi this Sunday as this is the last day to reserve a ticket.