

The Weekly Messenger – November 6, 2016

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*Epistle: St. Paul's Second Letter to the Galatians 1:11-19 Gospel: Luke 8:41-56*

**A Success of Epic Proportion!** Rave reviews for our annual Halloween party! Sincere thanks to Paula Bendo, Michele Lorimer and Melissa Zavatsky for organizing the party and activities. Laughter and smiles filled the room as the 50 plus kids paraded around the church hall to show off their costumes. Super Heroes and Princesses were everywhere!



We also sang Many Years and Happy birthday to Father Brooks. It was a fun filled day! Photos have been posted on our website <http://www.stjohnsphila.org>

**Commemorations for the Departed:** 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:** 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.

**Parishioner News:** Kristo George Diamanti was baptized on Saturday, November 5, 2016. Kris is the son of Fiori & Theodor Diamanti. He is the grandson of George & Nikoleta Prifti and the little brother of Elina, Aleska and Anna. Kristo was sponsored by his aunt, Eris Jordan. Many years to the entire Diamanti – Prifti families!

**New Vigil Lamps:** We recently replaced the vigil lamps that hang in front of the Iconostas and in front of the Icons on the side walls. The lamps were purchased with a donation made in Memory of Rose Mary & Louis Notskas by Stephanie & Victor Sarkissian – Rose Mary and Louis' daughter and son-in-law. Another portion of their donation will be used for new radiator covers in the church. The radiator covers will be made by Michael Grabovari. Thank you very much Stephanie & Victor for your generous donation.



**Upcoming Events:**

Nov 6<sup>th</sup> Semi-Annual Parish Meeting – Parish Council Election

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15<sup>th</sup> Nativity Fast Begins Parish Council Meeting 7:00 pm**

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

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

**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 6<sup>th</sup> Kosta-Highland Family, Olivia's Birthday

November 13<sup>th</sup> Janice & Mike Leyden

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> Salavachi Family in honor of Niko's Nameday

December 11<sup>th</sup> Biando Family

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

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

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