

**The Weekly Messenger – October 16, 2016**

**St. John Chrysostom Albanian Orthodox Church**

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*Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to Titus 3:8-15 Gospel: Luke 8:5-15*

**On the Sunday that falls on or immediately after the eleventh of this month**, we chant the Service to the 350 holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council, which gathered in Nicaea in 787 under the holy Patriarch Tarasius and during the reign of the Empress Irene and her son, Constantine Porphyrogenitus, to refute the Iconoclast heresy, which had received imperial support beginning with the Edict issued in 726 by Emperor Leo the Isaurian. Many of the holy Fathers who condemned Iconoclasm at this holy Council later died as Confessors and Martyrs for the holy Icons during the second assault of Iconoclasm in the ninth century, especially during the reigns of Leo the Armenian and Theophilus.

[http://www.goarch.org/chapel/saints\\_view?contentid=883&type=saints&date=10/16/2016&D=S](http://www.goarch.org/chapel/saints_view?contentid=883&type=saints&date=10/16/2016&D=S)

**Commemorations for the Departed:** Bisaga Family: Katherine (3 years), Ronald Sr. (6 mo), Ronald Jr. (4years), Mary Costa Dimitri, Gerda Eglitis (Gabriela Dedkova's grandmother), Francesca Giasante (Marci Moore's daughter), Dhimitri Miller (grandson of Lefteria Dhimitri) 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:** Jim & Paula Bendo, Diane Bisaga Zanghi, 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.

**Semi-Annual Parish Meeting:** Sunday, November 6, 2016. If you would like to receive a copy of the proposed 2017 budget prior to the meeting please email [treasurer@stjohnsphila.org](mailto:treasurer@stjohnsphila.org) The proposed 2017 budget will be also posted in the side vestibule. Parish Council elections, update on status of church and current projects will be discussed.

**Week 3 of the Fall Education Series** Wednesday, October 19, 2016. The History of Orthodoxy begins @ 6:30 pm. We have a light dinner; class begins at 7:00 pm.

**Annual Christmas Outing – Formerly the Ladies Society Christmas Outing:** MARK YOUR CALENDAR - *Saturday, December 10th*, lunch and an afternoon with the Philly Pops at the Kimmel Center. We did this last year and everyone had a fabulous time! Plan to attend. For more info contact [trustee.nilda@stjohnsphila.org](mailto:trustee.nilda@stjohnsphila.org) Tickets of the Philly Pops are \$35.00 each. Lunch location and cost to be determined.

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

October 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday school

October 30<sup>th</sup> Chanoine-Tarazi Family Xavier & Emile's Birthdays

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

**Upcoming Events:**

**WEDNESDAY** October 19<sup>th</sup> Fall education class 6:30pm

October 23<sup>rd</sup> Wedding of Laureta Lakuriqi & Jack Kittle and the 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary for Diane & Ted Lescas.

Congratulations and Many Years to both happy couples!!

October 30<sup>th</sup> Halloween Party During Coffee Hour

**SATURDAY** Nov 5<sup>th</sup> Baptism of Kristo George Diamanti, son of Fiori & Theordhor

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

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

Nov 27<sup>th</sup> 3 Year Memorial for Gregory Bendo

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

**Photos November 20<sup>th</sup>:** Family photos will be taken for our new parish directory. If you would like your photo taken please contact [chairperson@stjohnsphila.org](mailto:chairperson@stjohnsphila.org) so that we can make a schedule.

**Sunday School is underway** - Have you brought your kids?

**Monthly giving for October** Paper Towels.