

The Weekly Messenger – October 23, 2016
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Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 1:11-19 Gospel: Luke 8:26-39

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 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.

Commemorations for the Departed: Gerda Eglitis (Gabriela Dedkova's grandmother), Francesca Giasante (Marci Moore's daughter), 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: Laureta Lakuriqi, John Kittle, 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.

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 Tickets of the Philly Pops are \$35.00 each. Lunch location and cost to be determined.

Photos November 20th: Family photos will be taken for our new parish directory. If you would like your photo taken please contact chairperson@stjohnsphila.org so that we can make a schedule.

Parishioner News: Happy Birthday and best wishes to Niko Salavachi who celebrated his 60th Birthday on October 20th. Gëzuar ditëlindjen!

Monthly giving for October: Paper Towels. Thank you to those who have made donations.

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

October 23rd Sunday school
October 30th Chanoine-Tarazi Family Xavier & Emile's Birthdays
November 6th Kosta-Highland Family, Olivia's Birthday
November 13th Janice & Mike Leyden
November 20th Parish Nameday – parishioners bring their Lenten specialty
November 27th Bendo Family in memory of Gregory
December 4th Salavachi Family in honor of Niko's Nameday
December 11th Biando Family
December 18th Chris Manosis – Chris' Nameday is December 25th

Upcoming Events:

October 23rd @ 2:00 pm, Wedding of Laureta Lakuriqi & John Kittle - ManyYears!
WEDNESDAY October 26th Fall education class 6:30pm
October 30th Halloween Party During Coffee Hour
SATURDAY Nov 5th Baptism of Kristo George Diamanti, son of Fiori & Theordhor
Nov 6th Semi-Annual Parish Meeting – Parish Council Election
Nov 20th Parish Nameday Celebration & Luncheon / Archbishop Nikon will visit
Nov 27th 3 Year Memorial for Gregory Bendo & Sunday school Albanian Thanksgiving
SATURDAY December 10th Christmas outing, Lunch & the Philly Pops

Nameday Celebration: Sunday, November 20th 2016, our parish will celebrate our Nameday. As is our custom we will have a luncheon following the Divine Liturgy. We are asking our parishioners to make their specialty an "Albanian Pie"; Larker, Byre, Spinach Pie, etc. or a meat dish, Quite, etc. and "Albanian desserts"; baklava, finlike, Kaddafi.

Christopher Manosis and Zachary Dardaris will be consecrated as Readers by Archbishop Nikon. We hope all of our parishioners are able to attend church and join us as we celebrate our 85th Anniversary celebration with Archbishop Nikon.

Sunday School Albanian Thanksgiving following the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, November 27th. 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, and Ireland. If you or your ancestors came from another country please send your information to 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.