

**The Weekly Messenger – October 30, 2016**  
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*Epistle: St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 11:31-33; 12:1-9*  
*Gospel: Luke 16:19-31*

**Semi-Annual Parish Meeting: NEXT 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.

**Commemorations for the Departed:** Chrisanthee Dimitri (9 years), 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, Laureta Lakuriqi, John Kittel, 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! Tickets of the Philly Pops are \$35.00 each. Lunch is \$27.00 and will be at *Positano Coast by Aldo Lamberti*, 212 Walnut St a short walk to the Kimmel Center. Total cost \$62.00. Plan to attend. For more info contact [trustee.nilda@stjohnsphila.org](mailto:trustee.nilda@stjohnsphila.org)

**Parishioner News:** Congratulations to Stephanie Kosta who recently accepted a position with Comcast as Vice President of Government Affairs – Freedom Region. Way to go Stephanie!

Congratulations and Many Years to Laureta Lakuriqi & John Kittel who were married last Sunday. Laureta is the daughter of Miranda & Andon Lakuriqi.

Happy Birthday and best wishes to Father Brooks who celebrated his Birthday on October 29<sup>th</sup>. Gëzuar ditëlindjen!

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

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

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>

**Upcoming Events:**

**WEDNESDAY** Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> Week 5 of the Fall education class 6:30pm

**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

**NOVEMBER 15<sup>th</sup> Nativity Fast Begins**

**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

**Nameday Celebration:** Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup> 2016, our parish will celebrate our Nameday. Christopher Manosis and Zachary Dardaris will be consecrated as Readers by Archbishop Nikon. 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, Byrek, Spinach Pie, etc. or another non- meat dish. We are also requesting "Albanian desserts"; baklava, finlike, kaddafi.

We hope all of our parishioners are able to attend church and join us as we celebrate our 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration with Archbishop Nikon.

**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, and Ireland. 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.

**Monthly giving for October:** Paper Towels.