

**The Weekly Messenger – September 25, 2016**

**St. John Chrysostom Albanian Orthodox Church**

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*Epistle: St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 1:21-24: 2:1-4 Gospel: Luke 5:1-11*

**The Bendo Family is extending an invitation to their church family** to join them in celebrating Jim & Paula's 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on Sunday October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016. A reception will be held in the church hall following the Divine Liturgy. Jim & Paula are currently away on a cruise and have no idea that this celebration will take place. Soooo, if you speak to them prior to October 16<sup>th</sup> please do not mention this event. Please do not bring a gift as your presence is the best gift you can give the happy couple! Jim & Paula were married on October 9, 1966.

**Fall Education Classes:** Father Brooks will begin his education classes **Wednesday, Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> 2016 @ 6:30 pm.** The classes will meet Oct 12, Oct 19, Oct 26, Nov. 2<sup>th</sup> and Nov 9<sup>th</sup>. You do not have to attend every session. The topics will cover the history of Orthodoxy. We will have a potluck meal prior to the beginning of class. You do not have to bring any food there is always plenty. It will be very helpful to have a large class. Come and learn more about your religion!

**Halloween Party: Sunday, October 30, 2016.** The party begins during coffee hour and will continue until about 3:00 pm. Adult tickets are \$5.00, children are free. Hot dogs and refreshments will be served. Paula Bendo and Michele Lorimer are co-coordinating the party this year. They will be happy to answer any and all questions in reference to this event or email [secretary@stjohnsphila.org](mailto:secretary@stjohnsphila.org)

**DATE CHANGE: Semi- Annual Parish Meeting, Sunday, November 6, 2016** we will elect members of Parish Council for the 2017 term – we currently have 1 open position. The 2017 budget will be presented. Updates on the status of our parish and plans for the future. If you would like to serve on Parish Council please contact Father Brooks.

**Monthly giving for September:** Ream of white paper. Many thanks to those who have already donated paper, we can always use more!

**Commemorations for the Departed:** Chrisanthee Dimitri, Francesca Giasante (Marci Moore's daughter), Dhimitri Miller (grandson of Lefteria Dhimitri) 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:** 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.

**Coffee Hour Sponsors:** We have sponsors for ALL Sundays!! Our sincere thanks to all who have or are going to sponsor a coffee hour this year.

September 25<sup>th</sup> Lescas Family

October 2<sup>nd</sup> Mihal Frashari

October 9<sup>th</sup> Kashari Family in memory of Jorgjia

October 16<sup>th</sup> Bendo Family (Celebration of Jim & Paula's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

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

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

#### **Upcoming Events**

October 2<sup>nd</sup> Gregory E. Costa Golf Classic & Dinner

**TUESDAY** October 4<sup>th</sup> Parish Council Meeting 7:00 pm

**Wednesday** October 5<sup>th</sup> – November 9<sup>th</sup> Every Wednesday evening Father Brooks will discuss the History of Orthodoxy in his Education Class

October 9<sup>th</sup> 1 Year Memorial Jorgjia Kashari

October 16<sup>th</sup> Jim & Paul Bendo 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary Celebration

October 23<sup>rd</sup> Wedding of Laureta Lakuriqi & Jack Kittle

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

**You may have noticed** work being done on the roof facing the Sheraton Hotel. This will be explained at the parish meeting on November 6, 2016. If you have questions before that time please contact Donna Dimitri [chairperson@stjohnsphila.org](mailto:chairperson@stjohnsphila.org)