

The Weekly Messenger – September 25, 2016

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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 50th Wedding Anniversary on Sunday October 16th, 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 16th 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. 5th 2016 @ 6:30 pm.** The classes will meet Oct 12, Oct 19, Oct 26, Nov. 2th and Nov 9th. 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

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 25th Lescas Family

October 2nd Mihal Frashari

October 9th Kashari Family in memory of Jorgjia

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

October 23rd Sunday school

October 30th Chanoine-Tarazi Family Xavier & Emile's Birthdays

Upcoming Events

October 2nd Gregory E. Costa Golf Classic & Dinner

TUESDAY October 4th Parish Council Meeting 7:00 pm

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

October 9th 1 Year Memorial Jorgjia Kashari

October 16th Jim & Paul Bendo 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration

October 23rd Wedding of Laureta Lakuriqi & Jack Kittle

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

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