

The Weekly Messenger – September 4, 2016

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Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 9:2-12 Gospel: Matthew 18:23-35

If you didn't make it to the picnic last Sunday you missed a great time!

Special thanks to Nilda Salavaci for organizing the picnic which was attended by 50 people. Many thanks to our good friend David Joseph (David lives in North Jersey and attends St. John when he is in the Philadelphia area) for providing the music and taking the photos and videos. Albanian music all the time! This link will take you to the videos

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/OBxHPSzXIJ0CIUVR0M3U2bjFyQW5>

The photos are posted on our website: <http://www.stjohnsphila.org>



Gregory E Costa Golf Outing: We are asking for donations of items to make gift baskets or a donation of a gift basket for our Albanian Auction. If you have something to donate please bring it to church by September 18th. We will also gratefully accept any donated gift baskets. The 9th Gregory E Costa golf outing is set for Sunday, October 2, 2016. Golf and dinner \$125.00. Dinner tickets \$40.00 for adults and \$20.00 for children. We will have a 50/50 and our annual Albanian Auction. Contact info@stjohnsphila.org

Commemorations for the Departed: 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: Father Brooks, Tom Zoidis, John Kolea, Jr., William Spiro, Ann Gjoka, Virginia Daka, Semele Halkedis, Katherine Halkedis, Haretina (Papa) Milo, Philip Kosta, Margarita, Peter Melnik, Clive & Dhimitri Miller, Kim Burdumy, Andigoni Steffa, Dhimiter Ndrecka, Pandeli, Jorgaq, Lefteri, and all of the men and women serving in Armed Forces.

Monthly giving for September: Ream of white paper

Sunday School News: *First day of class, September 18, 2016.* Attention all parents, grandparents, Godparents, aunts and uncles. Since most of our Sunday school students do not drive we are counting on YOU to bring them to church each Sunday morning. Help them to learn about their Orthodox faith by participating in our Sunday school program, which is from little toddlers through high school seniors! Our Sunday school program is expanding and we are in need of 3 volunteers to help teach and help out in the classrooms. This is a wonderful opportunity for our parishioners to become involved and to positively impact on the future of our parish. Contact Steve Coraluzzi, sundayschooldirector@stjohnsphila.org or Father Brooks fr.brooks@stjohnsphila.org with any questions about our program or to volunteer or see either of them in person at church.

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 4th Qendro Family

September 11th Sunday School

September 18th Lakuriqi Family

September 25th Lescas Family

October 2nd Mihal Frashari

October 9th Kashari Family in memory of Jorgjia

October 16th Nilda Salavaci & Spartak Brahollari

October 23rd Sunday School

Upcoming Events

TUESDAY Sept 6th Parish Council Meeting 7:00 pm

SATURDAY Sept 10th YAL 5:00 – 6:30 pm at the church

MONDAY Sept 12th Outreach Committee Meeting 7:00pm

TUESDAY Sept 13th Feast of the Elevation of the Cross Liturgy @ 7:00 pm

Sept 18th First day of Sunday School

Sept 20th – 22nd OCA Metropolitan Council Meeting – Syosset NY

Sept 22nd - 24th Thurs – Saturday - Archdiocesan Assembly Southbridge MA

October 2nd Gregory E. Costa Golf Classic & Dinner

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 Semi-Annual Parish Meeting – Parish Council Election

October 23rd Wedding of Laureta Laquriqi & Jack Kittle

SATURDAY Nov 5th Baptism of Kristo George Diamanti, son of Fiori & Theordhor

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

September Namedays Për shumë vjet!

September 5th Saint Zachariah

September 5th Saint Elizabeth

September 9th Saint Anna

September 14th Elevation of the Cross

September 17th Saint Stavros

September 17th Martyr Sophia