

The Weekly Messenger – October 29, 2017
St. John Chrysostom Albanian Orthodox Church

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Epistle: Galatians 2:16-20 Gospel: Luke 8:41-56

Parish Council and all of the Parishioners at St. John's wish Father Brooks a very Happy 60th Birthday, today, October 29th - Many Years!

Semi-Annual Parish Meeting: Thank you to those who attended the meeting last Sunday. Building projects, committee updates were presented and the 2018 budget was adopted. Congratulations to our 2018 Parish Council: William Bortner, Donna Dimitri, Sergio Georgi, Janice Leyden, Michele Lorimer, Fiori Papa, Nilda Salavachi. Thank you for your service to out-going Trustee, Jani Mara. Welcome to Fiori Papa and the returning members of Parish Council. Reminder: all parishioners are welcome and encouraged to attend the monthly council meetings.

Nameday Celebration: Sunday, November 12th 2017, 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"; Lakror, Byrek, Spinach Pie, etc. or a meat dish, Pite, etc. "Albanian desserts"; baklava, Kaddafi.

Sunday School Albanian Thanksgiving following the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, November 19th. 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.

Annual Christmas Outing: Our social coordinator, Nilda Salavachi, has arranged for

another fabulous Christmas outing - *Saturday, December 9th*, a late lunch/early dinner and then off to see the Nutcracker at the Academy of Music. We have only 55 tickets for the Nutcracker so let Nilda know that you would like to attend the show as soon as possible treasurer@stjohnsphila.org

Contacting Father Brooks: You can reach Father Brooks at church, 215-563-0979, at 215-992-9234 or via email, fr.brooks@stjohnsphila.org. If the phone goes to voice mail please leave a message and Father Brooks will call you back.

Commemorations for the Deceased: Chrisanthee Dimitri (10 years), Sotir Grabocka, Phyllis Couris Thomas, Tom Zoidis, Ted Lescas, Jorgjia Kashari, Father Deacon Stephen Stefani, the members of St. John Chrysostom Ladies Society and those servicemen and women who have fallen asleep in the Lord in the service of their Country.

Commemorations for the Living: Larry Jance, Sara, Michael Cosmo, Wayne Merkle, Elizabeth Jones, John Kolea Jr, Pandeli Spiro, Ann Gjoka, Virginia Daka, Katherine Halkedis, Haretina (Papa) Milo, Margarita, Peter Melnik, Kim Burdumy, Dhimiter Ndrecka, Pandeli, Jorgaq, Lefteri, and all of the men and women serving in the Armed Forces.

Coffee Hour Sponsors: ALL COFFEE HOUR DATES HAVE BEEN FILLED

Our sincere thanks to all who have or are going to sponsor a coffee hour this year!

October 29th Halloween Party Committee & John Satir in honor of Bessie Satir's 90th Birthday

November 5th Ervin Elbasani & Yllka Lena

November 12th Nameday Celebration Parishioners bring their specialties for luncheon.

November 19th The family of Phyllis Couris Thomas - 40 day memorial

November 26th The Kane Family in memory of Katherine

December 3rd Dimitri Family in memory of Spiro and Mary

***if you are hosting coffee hour it would be greatly appreciated if you could stay after coffee hour to assist with the clean-up, thank you!**

Upcoming Events:

October 29th Annual Halloween Party after the Divine Liturgy & Celebration of Bessie Satir's 90th Birthday!

November 9th Parish Council Meeting 7:00 pm

November 12th Parish Nameday Celebration

November 15th the Nativity Fast begins

November 19th Albanian Thanksgiving Sunday School students presentation

November 19th 40 day memorial Phyllis Couris Thomas

November 26th 3 year memorial Katherine Kane, Chrismation of Laura Hall

November 28th Albanian Flag Day

Saturday, December 9th Christmas Outing

Monthly Giving for October Paper Towels. Thank you to those who donated copy paper last month!

Welcome to our visitors. Father Brooks, the members of our Parish Council and our church community thank you for celebrating the Divine Liturgy with us. We invite you to join us for coffee hour and fellowship in the church hall following the Divine Liturgy.