

The Weekly Messenger – October 15, 2017
St. John Chrysostom Albanian Orthodox Church

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Epistle: Titus 3:8-15 Gospel: Luke 8:5-15

Fr. Brooks will be giving a children's sermon every Sunday after the Gospel reading (before the adult sermon). He will have the children come to the front pews, sit and talk with them and ask them questions. Please bring your children to church early enough so that they can participate.

Halloween Party: Sunday, October 29th. The party begins during coffee hour and will continue until about 3:00 pm. Adult tickets are \$5.00, children are free. Hot dogs, baked mac-n-cheese, along with other fun treats will be served. Games will be played and many fun activities will be available for all ages. Paula Bendo and Michele Lorimer are coordinating the party again this year. Send any and all questions in reference to this event to secretary@stjohnsphila.org

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

Semi Annual Parish Meeting, Sunday, October 22, 2017. If you would like to receive a copy of the proposed 2018 budget prior to the meeting please email treasurer@stjohnsphila.org The proposed 2018 budget will be also posted in the side vestibule. Parish Council elections, update on status of church and current projects will be discussed.

Financial Update: Through September 30, 2017 we have received 100 pledges totaling \$54,385.00. We budgeted \$60,000.00 in pledges. If you haven't submitted your 2017 pledge, please do so as soon as possible. Our total income year to date is \$103,448.93.

Expenses are \$103,718.57. Please contact Nilda Salavachi with any questions treasurer@stjohnsphila.org

Commemorations for the Departed: Tom Zoidis, Ted Lescas, Jorgjia Kashari, Katherine Bisaga, 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: Phyllis Couris Thomas, Larry Jance, Sara, Michael Cosmo, Wayne Merkle, Elizabeth Jones, John Kolea Jr, William 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 15th Jim & Paula Bendo

October 22nd Aleksander Pallko

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

November 5th Ervin Elbasani & Ulla Lena

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

November 19th Michael & Janice Leyden

***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 22nd Semi-annual parish meeting during coffee hour

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 19th Albanian Thanksgiving Sunday School students presentation

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!