

The Weekly Messenger – October 8, 2017
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Epistle: I I Corinthians 9:6-11 Gospel: Luke 7:11-16

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.

The Charity and Benevolence Committee: Charity and Benevolence Committee are collecting funds to help out a family or a small business in Port Aransas, Texas, which took the brunt of Hurricane Harvey. Donations for Hurricane Harvey victims can be mailed to the church or dropped off at the candle stand. Please write Hurricane Harvey in the memo area of the check.

Also, our committee after investigating, has decided to help out an organization called Sunday Breakfast Mission. It is a transitional housing facility very near to our church. They need toiletries, clothing, and people to help serve lunch or dinner occasionally (a two hour commitment that we will set up. Contact Sandi Fiss or Fr. Brooks if you are able to help.

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

Semi Annual Parish Meeting, Sunday, October 22, 2017 will elect members of Parish Council for the 2018 term. 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 as a trustee please contact Father Brooks.

Commemorations for the Departed: Tom Zoidis, Ted Lescas, 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: Phyllis Couric 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 8th Kashari/Salavaci/Prifti families in memory of Jorgjia 2 years

October 15th Jim & Paula Bendo

October 22nd Aleksander Pallor

October 29th Halloween Party Committee & John Satir in honor of Bessie Satir's 9th Birthday

November 5th Ervin Elbasani & Ulla Lena

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

***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 8th Memorial Jorgjia Kashari

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 12th Parish Nameday Celebration

November 19th Albanian Thanksgiving Sunday School students presentation

November 28th Albanian Flag Day

Saturday, December 9th Christmas Outing

October Namedays 6th Thomas of the Apostle, 13th Martyr Antigonas, 18th St. Luke the Evangelist, 19th St. Cleopatra, 26th St. Demetrius

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