

The Weekly Messenger – November 26, 2017
St. John Chrysostom Albanian Orthodox Church

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Epistle: Ephesians 4:1-7 Gospel: Luke 18:18-27

Memory Eternal: Michael J. Cosmo passed away peacefully on Sunday, November 19, 2017 at home surrounded by his loving family. Michael is survived by his wife, Donna Dimitri; five children: Deanna, Alexander (Laura), Traci, Kristin (Stephan), and Steven (Michaela); and two grandchildren, Ryan and Megan. A forty-day memorial and repast will be held at St. John Chrysostom Albanian Orthodox Church on Friday, December 29, 2017 at 6:00 pm. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Michael's memory to St. John's. An expanded obituary will be posted here: <https://goo.gl/7XiciY>
May Michael's Memory be Eternal!

Hurricane Relief: Charity and Benevolence Committee are continuing to collect funds for the hurricane relief victims. Donations can be mailed to the church or dropped off at the candle stand. Please write "Hurricane Harvey" in the memo area of the check.

Annual Ladies Christmas Outing: Saturday, December 9, 2017. We will have an early dinner 3:00 pm at Bellini Grill located on 220 South 16th Street, Philadelphia. Then off to see the Nutcracker 7:00 pm at the Academy of Music located on 240 South Broad Street, Philadelphia. You may choose from the following options: Both dinner and show \$77/person, show only \$37/person, dinner only \$40/person. We have 40 tickets left. If interested please let Nilda Salavachi know treasurer@stjohnsphila.org

Stewardship: Please submit your 2017 membership pledge for St. John. You can visit our website and click on "Donations" to learn more. Thank you so much to those who have pledged and donated to St. John Chrysostom Albanian Orthodox Albanian Church.

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 voicemail please

leave a message and Father Brooks will call you back.

Commemorations for the Departed: Michael Cosmo, Tina Rhoades, Katherine Kane (3 years), Sotir Grabocka, Phyllis Couris Thomas, 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: Linda Dudash, Betty Subashi, Pandora Bendo, Craig Risley, Larry Jance, Sara, 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: Our sincere thanks to all who have or are going to sponsor a coffee hour this year.

November 26th The Kane Family in memory of Katherine will be shared with Laura Hall in honor of her Chrismation

December 3rd The Dimitri Family in memory of Spiro and Mary

December 10th The Salavaci Family in honor of Niko's Nameday

December 17th Father Brooks and Jamie

December 31st Bill Bortner

Upcoming Events:

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

November 28th Albanian Flag Day

December 2nd Decorating church for Christmas at 10:00 am, please participate if you are available

December 9th Christmas Outing

December 10th Sunday school Christmas Pageant following the Divine Liturgy

December 24th Christmas Eve Vesperal Liturgy 4:00 pm

Monthly Giving for November: Single Ply Toilet Paper

Please return your Icons so we can prepare for our annual auction

