

The Weekly Messenger – November 5, 2017
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Epistle: Galatians 6:11-18 Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

“Fall Back” Don’t forget to set your clocks back one hour this Saturday evening.

Nameday Celebration: Sunday, November 12th, our parish will celebrate its Nameday. The first liturgy at St. John’s was celebrated in 1931, this is our **85th Anniversary!** 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. “Albanian desserts”; baklava, kadaif. Please bring your item to church by 10:00 am on Nov. 12th. See Janice Leyden or Linda Biando for more information.

St. John’s Annual 50/50 Fundraiser: Don’t miss your chance to participate in our annual 50/50 fundraiser! Please see Linda Biando during coffee hour for your chance to sign up and help the church at the same time. Tickets are \$20 each.

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, 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 voicemail please leave a message and Father Brooks will call you back.

Commemorations for the Departed: 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: Our sincere thanks to all who have or are going to sponsor a coffee hour this year.

November 5th Ervin Elbasani & Yllka Lena

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

November 19th The Grabocka Family - 40 day memorial Sotir

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

Upcoming Events:

November 9th Parish Council Meeting 7:00 pm

November 12th Parish Nameday Celebration

November 15th the Nativity Fast begins

November 19th 40 day memorial Sotir Grabocka

November 19th Albanian Thanksgiving Sunday School students presentation

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

November 28th Albanian Flag Day

December 9th Christmas Outing

Monthly Giving for November: Single Ply Toilet Paper. Thank you to those who donated paper towels 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.