

The Weekly Messenger – November 19, 2017
St. John Chrysostom Albanian Orthodox Church

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Epistle: Ephesians 2:14-22 Gospel: Luke 12:16-21

Nameday Celebration: Thank you to all those who joined us last Sunday as we celebrated our Parish Nameday. It was a great time had by all with plenty of delicious food and great company. A special thank you to all those who helped upstairs in the church hall before, during and after the celebration. Sergio Georgi captured some beautiful pictures of the day and you can view them on our website.

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.

OCA Activities: Today is Steward Sunday. The Orthodox Church in America relies on the stewardship of its faithful to support ministries in communities across America and around the world. Please visit our website at <http://stjohnsphila.org/> and view this information on our home page under the OCA section.

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.

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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 and those servicemen and women who have fallen asleep in the Lord in the service of their Country.

Commemorations for the Living: Betty Subashi, Pandora Bendo, Craig Risley, 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 19th The family of Phyllis Couris Thomas - 40 day memorial shared with 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

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

December 17th Father Brooks and Jamie

Upcoming Events:

November 19th 40 day memorial Phyllis Couris Thomas, 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

December 10th Sunday school Christmas Pageant following the Divine Liturgy

December 24th Christmas Eve Vesperal Liturgy 4:00 pm (there will be no Liturgy Sunday, December 25th)

Monthly Giving for November: Single Ply Toilet Paper

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

