

The Weekly Messenger – August 13, 2017
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Epistle: I Corinthians 4:9-16

Gospel: Matthew 17:14-23

10th Sunday of Matthew: Christ teaches us that our faith, however small it may be, is very much alive, very active and powerful! He compares the growth of our faith to the raising of a tiny mustard seed. If we keep it alive and nurture it, we can move mountains with it. <https://www.sermoncentral.com/sermons/10th-sunday-after-pentecost>

Tuesday, August 15 The Feast of the Dormition of Our Most Holy Lady, the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary is celebrated on August 15 each year. The Feast commemorates the repose (dormition and in the Greek kimisis) or "falling-asleep" of the Mother of Jesus Christ, our Lord. The Feast also commemorates the translation or assumption into heaven of the body of the Theotokos. <https://www.goarch.org/-/feast-of-the-dormition>
We will celebrate the Dormition on **Monday, August 14th, 2017 @ 7:00 pm.**

Commemorations for the Departed: Ted Lescas, Tom Zoidis, Margarita Rubis, Alan, 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: Newlywed Marsel & Jonida Karemani, Newly Illuminated Elena Shomos, Zach Smith, Carl, Zoey, Anna, Larry Jance, Sara, Michael Cosmo, Wayne Merkle, Richard Moon, 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.

Archdiocesan Assembly - The business meeting for the Albanian Archdiocese will be on Friday, September 22, 2017, beginning at 9:00 am, at our church - St. John Chrysostom. All parishioners are welcome to attend and see what occurs within our diocese. If you are not able to attend the meeting please join us as we host a dinner in our church hall. Cocktail hour begins at 6:00 pm with dinner at 7:00. You will incur no cost for the dinner. We want all of our parishioners to join us and meet your sisters and brothers from the other Albanian Parishes. Deadline to reserve a place at the dinner Sept. 10th. We need to know how much food to order. Contact any member of parish council or email info@stjohnsphila.org

NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 20th -Outdoor Liturgy and Church Picnic:
Neshaminy State Park. We will meet at 10:00 and celebrate the Divine Liturgy. Following the Liturgy we will gather for a picnic. There is a swimming pool, music, dancing, and games - a day of fun! Neshaminy State Park is located at 3401 State Road, Bensalem PA 19020. The entrance to the park is approximately 5 minutes from the Street Road Exit on route I-95. We will be in Pavilion 2. Questions can be directed to Father Brooks, any Parish Council member or email info@stjohnsphila.org

In 4 short weeks: Parish Clean-up Day Saturday, September 9, 2017 @ 9:00am we will meet at the church, use some elbow grease and make our church sparkle! If you are able to attend please email info@stjohnsphila.org or advise a member of parish council. Questions contact Linda Kosta or Donna Dimitri

Coffee Hour Sponsors: *We have open dates in September, October & December*

Please join with a friend or family member to sponsor coffee hour one of the open dates!

August 13th Lescas Family 40 day memorial Ted

August 20th CHURCH PICNIC @ Neshaminy State Park

August 27th Reem Tarazi & Pierre Chanoine & Family

Sept 3rd, 24th, Oct 1st, 22nd, Dec 3rd 17th, 31st open dates no sponsors

Upcoming Events:

August 13th 40 day Memorial Ted Lescas

Monday August 14th 7:00pm Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos

Saturday August 19th Wedding Florina Bacuta & Drew Garcia

August 20th Liturgy in the park and church picnic - Neshaminy State Park

Aug 28th – Sept 6th Father Brooks on Vacation

Sept 3rd Father Emmanuel will celebrate the Divine Liturgy at St. John Chrysostom

Tuesday Sept 5th Parish Council Meeting 7:00 pm

Saturday Sept 9th Church Clean-up day

September 10th Tom Zoidis 40 day memorial

Friday Sept 22nd Archdiocesan Assembly hosted by our Parish /Dinner in church hall

Saturday Sept 23rd Thanksgiving service and brunch in church hall

Oct 1st Gregory E Costa Golf Classic and dinner – Paxon Hollow Country Club

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 voice mail please leave a message and Father Brooks will call you back.

August Giving: snacks, juice boxes for the Sunday school