

The Weekly Messenger – June 18, 2017

**St. John Chrysostom Albanian Orthodox Church**

237 North 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103

Father Brooks Ledford Office: 215-563-0979

Website: <http://www.stjohnsphila.org>

Email address: [info@stjohnsphila.org](mailto:info@stjohnsphila.org)

*Epistle: Romans 2:10-16      Gospel: Matthew 4:18-23*

**2nd Sunday of Matthew, The Gospel of Matthew 4:18-23:** At that time, as Jesus walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left their boat and their father, and followed him. And he went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.

[http://www.goarch.org/chapel/lectionary\\_view?type=gospel&code=64&event=1068](http://www.goarch.org/chapel/lectionary_view?type=gospel&code=64&event=1068)

**Commemorations for the Departed:** Fathers, grandfathers, godfathers, Hugh (1 yr), Bettye, Brent, Tranette Ledford, Elida Xhoxhi, Jim Bachelor, 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:** Fathers, grandfathers, godfathers, Ted Lescas, Diane Lescas, Michael Cosmo, Richard Moon, Paul Dimitri, Elizabeth Jones, Tom Zoidis, 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.

**Outdoor Liturgy and Church Picnic:** Mark you calendars, Sunday, August 20, 2017 at Neshaminy State Park. We will meet at 10:00 and celebrate the Divine Liturgy. Following the Liturgy we will gather for a picnic. Food, music, dancing, games, a day of fun! The last Liturgy/Picnic was July 21, 2002. Our church picnic was very successful last year and we hope more parishioners are able to join us this August 20<sup>th</sup>!

**June Giving:** Paper towels

**Happy Father Day** to our fathers, grandfathers, godfathers and other men who have been father figures in our lives.

**Father's Day** is a celebration honoring fathers and celebrating fatherhood, paternal bonds, and the influence of fathers in society. In Catholic Europe, it has been celebrated on March 19 (**St. Joseph's Day**) since the **Middle Ages**. This celebration was brought by the Spanish and Portuguese to Latin America, where March 19 is often still used for it, though many countries in Europe and the Americas have adopted the U.S. date, which is the third Sunday of June. It is celebrated on various days in many parts of the world, most commonly in the months of March or May. It complements similar celebrations honoring family members, such as **Mother's Day**, **Siblings Day** and **Grandparents Day**.

The nation's first Father's Day was celebrated on June 19, 1910, in the state of Washington. However, it was not until 1972–58 years after President Woodrow Wilson made Mother's Day official—that the day honoring fathers became a nationwide holiday in the United States. [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Father%27s\\_Day](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Father%27s_Day)

**Coffee Hour Sponsors:** *We have many open dates in July, August and September and October.* Please take a look at the sign-up sheet and pick a date!!!

June 18<sup>th</sup> Blerina & Darien Kokalari

June 25<sup>th</sup> Greta Dilo

July 2<sup>nd</sup> Grabocka family – Nameday

July 9<sup>th</sup> Cosmo-Dimitri Family in Memory of George Touros

July 16<sup>th</sup> OPEN DATE NO SPONSOR

**Upcoming Events:**

June 18<sup>th</sup> Father's Day

June 25<sup>th</sup> NEXT Sunday - pool party after coffee hour @ Kathie Costa's House

**Friday** June 30<sup>th</sup> Wedding of Evisa Frashari and Greg Boyle 1:00 pm

July 9<sup>th</sup> 3 yr Memorial – George Touros

**Tuesday** July 11<sup>th</sup> Parish Council Meeting 7:00 pm

**Saturday**, July 15<sup>th</sup> Buddy Walk 11 am – 3 pm (See Melnik Family)

August 20<sup>th</sup> Liturgy in the park and church picnic - Neshaminy State Park

**Saturday** Sept 9<sup>th</sup> Church Clean-up day

**Friday** Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> Archdiocesan Assembly hosted by our Parish

**Saturday** Sept 23<sup>rd</sup> Thanksgiving service and brunch in church hall

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

**Church Clean-up** scheduled for Saturday Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 am. We didn't have a clean-up last year; please come out and give a few hours of your time to make our church sparkle!