

**The Weekly Messenger – November 12, 2017**  
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*Epistle: II Corinthians 9:6-11 Gospel: Luke 10:25-37*

**Hurricane Relief:** we are continuing to collect for hurricane relief victims. Your help is needed. To make a donation please make your check out to St. John's Church and indicate "hurricane relief" in the memo line. Thank you for your support.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:treasurer@stjohnsphila.org)

**Parishioner News:** Congratulations Nicholas Centofante, the son of Theresa & Nick Centofante, grandson of Marge & Steve Nowmos. Nicholas won first place in a musical festival, playing a piece by Handel on the piano and has been invited to play at a Music Gala at The Academy of Music Ballroom on November 11, 2017.

**Stewardship/Financial update:** We have received 102 pledges totaling \$55,185.00 of that we have received \$45,312.00. We are \$5,000.00 short of our goal. So please, if you haven't made a pledge for 2017, please do! 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](mailto: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:** Betty Subashi, 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 12th** Nameday Celebration Parishioners bring their specialities for luncheon.

**November 19th** The Grabocka Family - 40 day memorial Sotir shared with the family of Phyllis Couris Thomas – 40 day memorial

**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 10<sup>th</sup>** The Salavaci Family in honor of Niko's Nameday

**Upcoming Events:**

**November 15th** the Nativity Fast begins

**November 19th** 40 day memorial Sotir Grabocka, 40 day memorial Phyllis Couris Thomas

**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 10<sup>th</sup>** Sunday school Christmas Pageant following the Divine Liturgy

**December 24<sup>th</sup>** Vespers Divine Liturgy 4:00 pm (there will be no Liturgy Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup>)

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

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