

The Weekly Messenger – October 1, 2017

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Epistle: II Corinthians 6:16-18; 7:1 Gospel: Luke 6:31-36

Fr. Brooks will be giving a children's sermon each Sunday after the Gospel reading

(before the adult sermon). He will have the children come to the front pews, sit down and talk with them (and asks them questions). Last Sunday was a big success as we had many children who participated. It is a way to bring the children more into our worship of God. Please bring your children to church early enough so that they can participate.

The Charity and Benevolence Committee The Charity and Benevolence Committee is collecting funds to help out a family or a small business in Port Aransas, Texas, which took the brunt of Hurricane Harvey. Donations for Hurricane Harvey victims can be mailed to the church or dropped off at the candle stand. Please write Hurricane Harvey in the memo area of the check.

Also, our committee, after investigating, has decided to help out an organization called Sunday Breakfast Mission. It is a transitional housing facility very near our church. They need toiletries, clothing, and people to help serve lunch or dinner occasionally (a two hour commitment that we will set up). Contact Sandi Fiss or Father Brooks if you are able to help.

Expanding Access to Albanian Heritage through Bible Codices: Tuesday, Oct. 3rd.

This brief presentation will highlight ways **Interconfessional Bible Society of Albania**, together with the Directorate of the Central Archives Albania and the Holy Archbishopric of Tirana, is engaged in ongoing efforts to bring approximately 100 Byzantine and Post-Byzantine manuscripts from obscurity to the enrichment of the public beginning with about the publication of the Illuminated Gospel of Korça. Contact Elena Shomos elena.shomos@gmail.com or calling/texting [267-809-0151](tel:267-809-0151)

Halloween Party: Sunday, October 29, 2017. The party begins during coffee hour and will continue until about 3:00 pm. Adult tickets are \$5.00, children are free. Hot dogs, baked macaroni and cheese along with other fun treats will be served. Games will be played and many fun activities will be available for kids of all ages. Paula Bendo and Michele Lorimer are coordinating the party again this year. They will be happy to answer any and all questions in reference to this event or email secretary@stjohnsphila.org

Semi-Annual Parish Meeting, Sunday, October 22, 2017 we will elect members of Parish Council for the 2018 term. The 2017 budget will be presented. Updates on the status of our parish and plans for the future. If you would like to serve on Parish Council please contact Father Brooks

Commemorations for the Departed: 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: Phyllis Couris-Thomas, 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.

Coffee Hour Sponsors: ALL COFFEE HOUR DATES HAVE BEEN FILLED
Our sincere thanks to all who have or are going to sponsor a coffee hour this year.

October 1st Marjana Kokalari

October 8th Kashari/ Salavaci/Prifti families in memory Jorgjia 2 years

October 15th Jim & Paula Bendo

October 22nd Aleksander Pallko

October 29th Halloween Party Committee

November 5th Ervin Elbasani & Yilka Lena

November 12th Nameday Celebration – Parishioners bring their specialties for luncheon

Upcoming Events:

October 8th Memorial Jorgjia Kashari

October 22nd Semi-annual parish meeting during coffee hour

October 29th Annual Halloween Party after the Divine Liturgy

November 12th Parish Nameday Celebration

November 19th Albanian Thanksgiving – Sunday school students presentation

November 28th Albanian Flag Day

Saturday, December 9th Christmas Outing

October Namedays Për shumë vjet! Gëzuar! 3rd St. Dionysius, 6th Thomas the Apostle, 13th Martyr Antigonas, 18th St. Luke the Evangelist, 19th St. Cleopatra, 26th St. Demetrius

Monthly giving for October Paper Towels. Thank you to those who donated copy paper last month!