

**The Weekly Messenger – October 22, 2017**  
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*Epistle: Galatians 1:11-19 Gospel: Luke 8:26-39*

**Semi-Annual Parish Meeting:** today, Sunday, October 22, 2017 during coffee hour. Parish Council elections, update on status of church and current projects will be discussed, the 2018 budget will be presented.

**Halloween Party: Sunday, October 29th.** The party begins during coffee hour and will continue until about 3:00 pm. Adult tickets are \$5.00, children are free. Games will be played and many fun activities will be available for all ages. Paula Bendo and Michele Lorimer are coordinating the party again this year. Send any and questions to [secretary@stjohnsphila.org](mailto:secretary@stjohnsphila.org)

**Nameday Celebration:** Sunday, November 12th 2017, our parish will celebrate our Nameday. As is our custom we will have a luncheon following the Divine Liturgy. We are asking our parishioners to make their specialty an "Albanian Pie"; Lakror, Byrek, Spinach Pie, etc. or a meat dish, Pite, etc. "Albanian desserts"; baklava, Kaddafi.

**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, Germany, 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)

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**Commemorations for the Deported:** 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:** 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: 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 22nd** Aleksander Pallko

**October 29th** Halloween Party Committee & John Satir in honor of Bessie Satir's 90th Birthday

**November 5th** Ervin Elbasani & Yllka Lena

**November 12th** Nameday Celebration Parishioners bring their specialities for luncheon.

**November 19th** The family of Phyllis Couris Thomas - 40 day memorial

**November 26th** The Kane Family in memory of Katherine

**\*if you are hosting coffee hour it would be greatly appreciated if you could stay after coffee hour to assist with the clean-up, thank you!**

**Upcoming Events:**

**October 22nd** Semi-annual parish meeting during coffee hour

**October 29th** Annual Halloween Party after the Divine Liturgy & Celebration of Bessie Satir's 90th Birthday!

**November 9th** Parish Council Meeting 7:00 pm

**November 12th** Parish Nameday Celebration

**November 19th** Albanian Thanksgiving Sunday School students presentation

**November 19th** 40 day memorial Phyllis Couris Thomas

**November 26th** 3 year memorial Katherine Kane

**November 28th** Albanian Flag Day

**Saturday, December 9th** Christmas Outing

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

**Welcome to our visitors.** Father Brooks, the members of our Parish Council and our church community thank you for celebrating the Divine Liturgy with us. We invite you to join us for coffee hour and fellowship in the church hall following the Divine Liturgy.