The Weekly Messenger – September 3, 2017
St. John Chrysostom Albanian Orthodox Church

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Epistle: I Corinthians 16:13-24 Gospel: Matthew 21:33-42

Gregory E Costa Golf Outing: We are asking for donations of items to make gift baskets or a donation of a gift basket for our Albanian Auction. If you have something to donate please bring it to church by September 18th. We will also gratefully accept any donated gift baskets. The 10th Gregory E Costa golf outing is set for Sunday, October 1, 2017. Golf and dinner $125.00. Dinner tickets $40.00 for adults and $20.00 for children. We will have a 50/50 and our annual Albanian Auction. Contact info@stjohnsphila.org

Commemorations for the Departed: Tom Zoidis, Ted Lescas, 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: The people living on the Texas coast and in Houston, Newlywed Florina Bacuta & Drew Garcia, Newlywed Marsel & Jonida Karemani, Newly Illuminated Elena Shomos, Zach Smith, Margarita, 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.

NEXT WEEK: 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 General Linda Kosta or Donna Dimitri

Sunday school News: Sunday Sept. 10th, Father Brooks will have a "*Blessing of the Backpacks"* following the Divine Liturgy. Please bring your children and have them bring their backpacks. It is a great way to begin the school year! The children will also register for Sunday school. Classes begin the following Sunday, Sept. 17. Also on Sept 17th the children will participate in the procession for the Elevation of the Cross.
If you would like to help – in any way- with our Sunday school program please contact Father Brooks or Director Steve Coraluzzi mailto:sundayschooldirector@stjohnsphila.org

Happy Anniversary: Father Brooks began his ministry at St. John Chrysostom on September 1, 2013. We are very thankful Father Brooks and Jamie came back to our parish and we look forward to many future anniversaries.

Coffee Hour Sponsors: ONLY 4 OPEN DATES LEFT TO SPONSOR COFFEE HOUR
Oct 1st, Dec 3rd 17th, 31st
Please join with a friend or family member to sponsor coffee hour one of the open dates!

September 3rd Marinela Prifti
September 10th Quinn/Zoidis Families in memory of Tom
September 17th Sunday School
September 24th Andon & Miranda Lakuriqi
October 1st OPEN DATE
October 8th Kashari/ Salavaci/Prifti families in memory Jorgjia 2 years

Upcoming Events:
Thursday, Sept 7th Parish Council Meeting 7:00 pm
Saturday Sept 9th Church Clean-up day
Sept 10th Tom Zoidis 40 day memorial
Blessing of the Backpacks and Sunday School registration
Tuesday Sept 12th Stewardship Meeting 7:30 pm
Thursday Sept 14th Charity & Benevolence Meeting 7:00 pm
Saturday Sept 16th Sunday school teacher's workshop 9-11 am
Sept 17th Elevation of the Cross and 1st Day of Sunday school
Friday Sept 22nd Archdiocesan Assembly hosted by our Parish /Dinner in church hall
Saturday Sept 23rd Thanksgiving service and brunch in church hall
Tuesday Sept 26th Outreach Committee Meeting 7:00 pm
Oct 1st Gregory E Costa Golf Classic and dinner – Paxon Hollow Country Club
October 8th Memorial Jorgjia Kashari

September Namedays Për shumë vjet!

September 5th	Saint Zachariah	September 14th	Elevation of the Cross
September 5th	Saint Elizabeth	September 17th	Saint Stavros
September 9th	Saint Anna	September 17th	Martyr Sophia

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

September Giving: A ream of white copy paper