

**The Weekly Messenger – June 10, 2018**

**St. John Chrysostom Albanian Orthodox Church**

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*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)

**Interested in learning to speak Albanian???** With new generations of Americans from Albanian-American parents, being born into our parish almost every month it seems preserving our Albanian roots would be a great way to honor our heritage. While we try to do that through our presence in church every Sunday, learning and speaking the Albanian language to these new Americans will be a link between generations. Before we work on setting up an ABC class we want to see how many parishioners are interested on bringing their kids to church once a week for half an hour to learn Albanian. The class will be going on during vespers and while the adults attend church the kids can learn. For more information please contact Fiori Papa.

**Commemorations for the Departed:** Thoma Prifti, Jorgjia Kashari (2 yrs.), 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:** Father Dimitrie Vincent, Dolly Seiler, Sara, Craig Risley, Wayne Merkle, Elizabeth Jones, Ann Gjoka, Virginia Daka, Haretina (Papa) Milo, Margarita, Peter Melnik, Dhimiter Ndrecka, Pandeli, Jorgaq, Lefteri, and all of the men and women serving in the Armed Forces.

**Sunday school graduation:** This Sunday, June 10, 2018 - our high school class graduates: Altar Server, Kevin Fiss and Taylor Zavatsky. Congratulations and Many Years. Thank you to our Sunday school Director Steve Coraluzzi and our teachers: Michele Lorimer, Missy Zavatsky, Merna Mikhail, Zach Smith, Jamie Ledford, Father Brooks. Special thanks to Bill Bortner our "idea guy" and Diane Coraluzzi who is always there to help! Our parish is most appreciative of your dedication to educating our young people.

**Sunday School Pool Party & Barbeque: NEXT** Saturday, June 16<sup>th</sup> 11:00 am – 2:00 pm @ Kathie Costa's house. Contact Steve: [sundayschooldirector@stjohnsphila.org](mailto:sundayschooldirector@stjohnsphila.org)

**Outdoor Liturgy and Church Picnic:** Mark your calendars, Sunday, August 26, 2018 at Neshaminy State Park. We will meet at 12:00 pm and celebrate the Divine Liturgy. Following the Liturgy, we will gather for a picnic. Food, music, dancing, games, a day of fun!

**Coffee Hour Sponsors:** *Please check the sign-up sheet in the vestibule and pick a date or visit our website and signup online: <https://teamup.com/ksqta3sqv6k1qvr2o7>*

**June 10<sup>th</sup>** Diane & Steve Coraluzzi

**June 17<sup>th</sup>** Jim & Roxane Ghicondey

**June 24<sup>th</sup>** Diane Lescas & Family in memory of Ted

**July 1<sup>st</sup>** Spartak Brahollari & Nilda Salavachi

**July 8<sup>th</sup>** Elvira & Erion Gusho

**July 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and August 5<sup>th</sup> NO SPONSOR**

**Upcoming Events:**

**June 10<sup>th</sup>** Final day of Sunday school and graduation

**Tuesday, June 12<sup>th</sup>** Outreach Committee Meeting 7:00 pm

**SATURDAY June 16<sup>th</sup>** Pool party and barbeque at K. Costa's house

**June 24<sup>th</sup>** 1-year Memorial Ted Lescas

**July 10<sup>th</sup>** Parish Council Meeting 7:00 pm

**July 23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>** All American Council & Archdiocesan Assembly St. Louis MO

**Aug 3<sup>rd</sup> – Aug 5<sup>th</sup>** AANO Convention Washington D.C.

**Aug 19<sup>th</sup>** Wedding of Costina Bacuta & Michael Morrison

**Aug 26<sup>th</sup>** Divine Liturgy & Church Picnic Neshaminy State Park 12:00 pm

**Saturday Sept 15<sup>th</sup>** Church clean-up day 10:00 am

**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.

**June Monthly Giving:** A box of tissues. Thank you to those who donated cups in May