

The Weekly Messenger – November 11, 2018

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Epistle: II Corinthians 4:6-15 Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

Jesus teaches us to care for others: A man was traveling when he was met by robbers. The robbers beat him up and took everything he had. The man was left hurt and by the side of the road. Two other men each passed by the man, but did not do anything to help him. Finally, a third man, who was a Samaritan came by. He felt badly for the man and stopped to help. He poured oil and wine into his wounds. He put bandages on the man, and took him to an inn. He gave the innkeeper money and told him to care for the man. Jesus explained that the Samaritan is the one who did what God wants us to do. We call this story, “The Good Samaritan.”

Commemorations for the Departed: The victims in Thousand Oaks California, all of our Military Veterans, Marie Daka, Father Deacon Stephen Stefani and those servicemen and women who have fallen asleep in the Lord in the service of their Country. *If you have a name to add to the Commemorations for the departed or the living please email info@stjohnsphila.org*

Commemorations for the Living: The survivors in Thousand Oaks California, Military Veterans, Rose Adams, Evangeline Prifti, Lisa Kelley, Donna Hlavcek, Father Dimitrie Vincent, Dolly Seiler, Sara, 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 Thanksgiving Program: NEXT SUNDAY following the Divine Liturgy. 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 and we will recognize your family.

Monthly giving for November Single Ply Toilet Paper

Thank you for the paper towels donated in October

St. John’s Annual 50/50 Fundraiser and Gift Baskets: Don’t miss your chance to participate in our annual 50/50 fundraiser! The sign-up sheet will be passed around during coffee hour. Tickets are \$20 each. The drawing will be during our Nameday Luncheon. We also be raffling 9 gift baskets. They are on display on the table when you walk into the church hall. Tickets are 2 for \$5.00 and 5 for \$10.00.

Annual Christmas Outing – Formerly the Ladies Society Christmas Outing:

MARK YOUR CALENDAR - *Saturday, December 8th*, 11:00 am, we will see *A Christmas Carol* at the Walnut Street Theater - after the play lunch at Barra Rosa 925 Walnut Street. There are 40 tickets available for the play. Unlimited for lunch. The cost for the play and show is \$70.00, lunch only \$40.00. You must pay for the tickets prior to November 25th. No tickets will be held and tickets cannot be paid for at the door. For more info contact salavacis@yahoo.com

Upcoming Events:

Nov 11th Parish Nameday Celebration

Nov 13th Parish Council Meeting 7:00pm (rescheduled from last Tuesday)

Nov 15th Nativity Fast Begins

Nov 18th 1-year memorial Michael Cosmo and Sunday School Thanksgiving Program

Nov 28th Albanian Flag Day

Dec 8th Christmas Outing and Luncheon

Dec 23rd Sunday School Christmas Pageant following the Divine Liturgy

Coffee Hour Sponsors: *ALL OF OUR COFFEE HOURS HAVE A SPONSOR- THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH TO OUR GENEROUS FAMILIES!!!*

Nov 11th Parish Nameday celebration – our parishioners sponsor coffee hour

Nov 18th Cosmo-Dimitri Family in memory of Michael

Nov 25th Sunday School

Dec 2nd Leyden Family

Dec 9th Salavaci Family in honor of Niko’s Nameday

Happy Veterans Day: November 11th, the official United States holiday that honors people who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces. Thank you for your service to our parishioners and friends who are veterans.

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.