

**The Weekly Messenger – November 4, 2018**  
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*Epistle: Ephesians 2:4-10    Gospel: Luke 16:19-31*

**The Fifth Sunday of Luke:** There was a rich man who had lots of food and fancy clothes. A poor man, named Lazarus, used to sit outside the gate of his yard. He wished he could be given just the scraps of food that fell from the rich man's table at dinner. It seemed as if the rich man had everything. One day Lazarus died. He was carried to heaven and had a place next to blessed Abraham. One day the rich man died. He was not in heaven, but rather, miserable in Hades. He looked over and saw Lazarus. He called to Abraham, "Have mercy on me and send Lazarus to bring me water." Abraham said to the rich man, "Remember how you had everything in your life, and Lazarus was poor? You did nothing to help him. He cannot cross over to us, nor can you cross over here." The rich man said, "Please send him to tell my brothers how they should live!" Abraham said, "They have learned that God wants us to care for the poor. They choose not to see."

**Commemorations for the Departed:** Michael Theokary (6 months), 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](mailto:info@stjohnsphila.org)*

**Commemorations for the Living:** 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.

**St. John's Annual 50/50 Fundraiser:** 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.

**Nameday Celebration:** NEXT Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup> 2018, our parish will celebrate our 87<sup>th</sup> 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. We are also requesting "Albanian desserts"; baklava, finiqe, kadaif. We hope you and your family are able to attend church and join us on this special day!

**Sunday School Thanksgiving Program:** following the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**Per Shume Vjet! Gezuar!** To our parishioners and friends who celebrate their Nameday in November: 8<sup>th</sup> Archangels Michael, Raphael, 11<sup>th</sup> Martyr Victor, 13<sup>th</sup> St. John Chrysostom, 14<sup>th</sup> Apostle Philip, 25<sup>th</sup> Great Martyr Catherine, 30<sup>th</sup> Apostle Andrew

**Annual Christmas Outing – Formerly the Ladies Society Christmas Outing:** MARK YOUR CALENDAR - *Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup>*, 11:00 am, we will see *A Christmas Carol* at the Walnut Street Theater - after the play lunch! There are 40 tickets available for the play. Unlimited for lunch. You must pay for the tickets prior to November 25<sup>th</sup>. No tickets will be held and tickets cannot be paid for at the door. For more info contact [salavacis@yahoo.com](mailto:salavacis@yahoo.com)

**Upcoming Events:**

Nov 4<sup>th</sup> 6-month memorial Michael Theokary

Nov 6<sup>th</sup> Parish Council Meeting

Nov 11<sup>th</sup> Parish Nameday Celebration

Nov 15<sup>th</sup> Nativity Fast Begins

Nov 18<sup>th</sup> 1-year memorial Michael Cosmo and Sunday School Thanksgiving Program

Nov 28<sup>th</sup> Albanian Flag Day

Dec 8<sup>th</sup> Christmas Outing and Luncheon

Dec 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> John & Debbie Monahan

Nov 11<sup>th</sup> Parish Nameday celebration – our parishioners sponsor coffee hour

Nov 18<sup>th</sup> Cosmo-Dimitri Family in memory of Michael

Nov 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday School

Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> Leyden Family

Dec 9<sup>th</sup> Salavaci Family in honor of Niko's Nameday

**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.

**Monthly giving for November Single Ply Toilet Paper**

Thank you for the paper towels donated in October