

The Weekly Messenger – October 21, 2018
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Galatians 2:16-20 Luke 8:26-39

Sixth Sunday of Luke – Jesus Casts out Demons: Jesus arrived in a town and was met by a man who acted very strangely. He had demons. He was not in his right mind. He didn't wear clothes, and lived in the caves. When he saw Jesus, the unclean spirits made him say, "What have I to do with you, Jesus?" Jesus asked, "What is your name?" The man answered "Legion." Jesus commanded the legion, or army, of unclean spirits to leave the man and to enter the herd of pigs that were nearby. They did so, and then the herd rushed down a steep hill into the lake and all were drowned. The man was now healed. But the people of the area were afraid of Jesus, and asked that he leave. He got in the boat and left them. The man that was healed wanted to go with Jesus, but Jesus told him to return to his home, and to tell people what God had done for him.

<http://ww1.antiochian.org/christianeducation/letusattendarchives>

Halloween Party: Sunday, October 28, 2018. The party begins during coffee hour and will continue until about 2:00 pm. Monetary donations will be accepted. Hot dogs, baked macaroni and cheese along with other fun treats will be served. Games will be played and many fun activities will be available for kids of all ages. Paula Bendo and Michele Lorimer are coordinating the party. They will be happy to answer any and all questions in reference to this event or email secretary@stjohnsphila.org

Nameday Celebration: Sunday, November 11th 2018, our parish will celebrate our 87th 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"; Larker, Byrek, Spinach Pie, etc. or another non- meat dish. We are also requesting "Albanian desserts"; baklava, finlike, kaddafi. We hope all of our parishioners are able to attend church and join us on this special day!

Annual Christmas Outing – Formerly the Ladies Society Christmas Outing:

MARK YOUR CALENDAR - *Saturday, December 9th, 11:00 am*, we will see

A Christmas Carol at the Walnut Street Theater. Aft the play we will go to lunch. There are 40 tickets available for the play. You must pay for the tickets prior to November 25th. No tickets will be held and cannot be paid for at the door.

For more info contact salavachis@yahoo.com

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

Semi Annual Meeting: Congratulations to our 2019 Parish Council: Bill Bortner, Donna Dimitri, Sergio Georgi, Janice Leyden, Michele Lorimer, Fiori Papa, Nilda Salavachi. We will have a meeting at the end of November dedicated to discussing the finances of the church. Copies of the 2018 Income and Expense Statement and the 2019 Proposed budget are available on the bookcase in the church hall or by emailing treasurer@stjohnsphila.org

Commemorations for the Departed: Carolyn, Martha Murianka, 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: 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.

If you have a name to add to the Commemorations for the departed or the living please email info@stjohnsphila.org

Upcoming Events:

THURSDAY, Oct 25th 10:00 Halloween Party set up – Church Hall

Oct 28th Halloween Party during coffee hour

Nov 4th 6-month memorial Michael Theokary

Nov 11th Parish Nameday Celebration

Nov 6th Parish Council Meeting

Nov 15th Nativity Fast Begins

Nov 18th 1-year memorial Michael Cosmo

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

Oct 21st Jim & Paula Bendo

Oct 28th Sunday School – Halloween Party

Nov 4th John & Debbie Monahan

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

Nov 18th Cosmo-Dimitri Family in memory of Michael

Nov 25th Sunday School

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.

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