

The Weekly Messenger – October 28, 2018
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Galatians 6:11-18 Luke 8:41-56

Seventh Sunday of Luke: One day, of the people, Jairus, came to Jesus and begged him to come to his house. His daughter was dying. She was about 12 years old. Jesus was on the way to the man's house and people were following. One woman touched the clothes that Jesus was wearing. She, too, was sick. When she touched his clothing, she was healed. Jesus stopped and asked, "Who touched me?" He knew that healing power had gone out from him. Finally, the woman came forward and told everyone she had been healed. While Jesus was speaking to the crowd, a man came with a message from Jairus' house-- his daughter had died and there wasn't a reason any more for Jesus to come. Jesus told everyone, "Do not fear, she shall be well." When Jesus came to Jairus' house, he took the hand of the little girl. He said, "Child, arise." At once her spirit came back. Her parents were amazed and happy. He told them to tell no one what happened.
<http://www1.antiochian.org/christianeducation/letusattendarchives>

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"; 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 18th. 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.

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! There are 40 tickets available for the play. Unlimited for lunch. 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 salavachis@yahoo.com

Commemorations for the Deceased: Chrisanthee Dimitri (11 years), 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: 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.

Happy Birthday and Many Years to Father Brooks who will celebrate his birthday, tomorrow, October 29th! Gëzuar ditëlindjen!

Upcoming Events:

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 and Sunday School Thanksgiving Program

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!!!*

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

Financial Update: We are way behind in our goal of \$60,000.00 for pledges. We have received \$32,295.00 of the \$45,872.00 that was pledged. You can make pledge/donation online <https://stjohnsphila.org/pledge.html> or by sending a check.

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 October Paper Towels