

**The Weekly Messenger – September 23, 2018**  
**St. John Chrysostom Albanian Orthodox Church**

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*Epistle: Galatians 4:22-27      Gospel: Luke 5:1-11*

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Luke - Jesus Calls Fishermen:** One day, Jesus was near a lake. A lot of people wanted to hear Him talking. They got so close to Him that it was hard to talk! He saw some fishermen who were done fishing for the day. He asked Simon, one of them, to take him out in his boat. Simon did, so Jesus could talk to all the people. When He stopped talking, Jesus told Simon to go out in the deep. They did. Then Jesus told Simon to go fishing. Simon told Jesus that they had been fishing all night and did not catch any fish. He did not think they would catch any now. But he obeyed Jesus and put his net in the water. Simon pulled the net to get it out of the water. He pulled and pulled and pulled. It could not come up! It was full of fish! Simon called his friends James and John to bring their boat and help. All the men pulled up the net and filled up both boats! The boats were so full that they started to sink. Simon was scared. He knew that Jesus was holy, because Jesus had done the miracle of making the fish come into the net. Simon told Jesus to go away from him because he was not holy.

Jesus told Simon that he should not be scared. He said that Simon should follow Him. He said Simon would help people follow God instead of catching fish. When the boats got back to the shore, the men left all of their stuff. Instead, they followed Jesus.

<http://antiochian.org/christianeducation/letusattend>

**Semi- Annual Parish Meeting, Sunday, October 14, 2018** we will elect members of Parish Council for the 2018 term. The 2018 budget will be presented. Updates on the status of our parish and plans for the future. If you would like to serve on Parish Council please contact Father Brooks.

**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 plays 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](mailto:secretary@stjohnsphila.org)

**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.

**Commemorations for the Deported:** Carolyn, Martha Murianka, Todd Lorimer, Brad Mayo (Bob Flanagan's son-in-law), Jorgjia Kashari, 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:** Newlywed Marinela Prifti & Fred Tsapournas, Newlywed Costina Bacuta & Michael Morrison, Jane, 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](mailto:info@stjohnsphila.org)*



**Charity & Benevolence Committee thanks** all of our parishioners who made donations for our "Take up Your Cross Drive" to help the homeless in our area. It was a very successful day. Many people were given clothing, toiletries sandwiches, cookies and water. Thank you to our adult volunteers and Sunday school students who helped out.

**Altar Server Reminder:** If you would like to serve in the altar please arrive before 10:00 am so you will be vested and ready to go when the Divine Liturgy begins at 10:00.

**Upcoming Events:**

Sept 27<sup>th</sup> Archdiocesan Teleconference – rescheduled from Sept 20<sup>th</sup>

Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> Parish Council meeting 7:00 pm

Oct 14<sup>th</sup> Semi-annual Parish meeting following the Divine Liturgy

Oct 28<sup>th</sup> Halloween Party during coffee hour

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

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

**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>

**Thank you to those who have or are going to sponsor a coffee hour!**

Sept 23<sup>rd</sup> John & Debbie Dionis

Sept 30<sup>th</sup> Lakuriqi Family

Oct 7<sup>th</sup> Kashari Family in memory of Jorgjia (3 years)

Oct 14<sup>th</sup> Grabocka Family in Memory of Sotir (1 year)

Oct 21<sup>st</sup> Jim & Paula Bendo

**September Giving:** A ream of white copy paper