



Saint John Chrysostom

ALBANIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Dear Parishioners:

After a two year search your Parish Council is very pleased to announce Father Giorgi Tskitishvili has received a blessing from Metropolitan Tikhon, Locum Tenens of the Albanian Archdiocese to serve as our full-time pastor.

Father Giorgi will begin his ministry at St. John Chrysostom Albanian Orthodox Church on Sunday, August 1, 2021. Father Giorgi was ordained to the Priesthood in October 2014 in Georgia. He served at the Apostolic Autocephalous Orthodox Church of Georgia, Shemokmedi Eparchy and The Holy Theothokos of Iveroni Cathedral. In addition to serving at the Cathedral, Father Giorgi conducted missionary work to establish a community and build a church in the village of Machkhvareti, Georgia.

In August 2018 Father Giorgi and his family came to the United States in order for him to pursue his studies at St. Vladimir's Seminary in Yonkers, NY. In June 2021 he completed his studies and graduated with a Master of Theology.

Father Giorgi and his wife, Nino welcomed their third child, Alexandra, on July 1, 2021. Alexandra joins big sister Anastasia (9) and big brother Ioane (8). They are all excited to move to the Philadelphia area. We are blessed that a parishioner has made their house available for Father Giorgi to rent. They will be moving from St. Vladimir's Seminary to Ridley Park, PA the week of August 15th.

Over the course of the next few Sundays Father Giorgi will commute to St. Johns to celebrate the Divine Liturgy. He is available for pastoral emergencies 914-888-4221. Once they move to Ridley Park Father Giorgi will begin his ministry in earnest!

We welcome Father Giorgi, Nino and their children to our church family and look forward to a very bright future!

A note about Father Dennis – he is thrilled we have a full-time pastor assigned to our parish! Father Dennis is retired and he went above and beyond the call of duty these past two years serving our parish. He guided us through the Covid-19 epidemic, conducting the Divine Liturgy and meeting the needs of our parishioners. We are most grateful to Father Dennis and cannot thank him enough. He has assured us he will be back from time to time to visit.

Our Parish is fully operational, celebrating the Divine Liturgy every Sunday morning at 10:00 am. We encourage you and your family to come to church so we can participate in the Divine Liturgy together. Coffee hour has returned which allows us to continue our fellowship in the church hall!

In Christ,
St. John Chrysostom Parish Council