

**The Weekly Messenger –August 24, 2014**  
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*Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 9:2-12    Gospel: Matthew 18:23-35*

**Message from Father Brooks:** It is not Forgiveness Sunday, and yet again - as so many times throughout the year - we are reminded that forgiveness is an essential part of our lives as Christians. It does not always come easy. The first step is always prayer, whether or not we "feel" it. We ask God to guard and to guide our hearts, and we humble ourselves to Him first. It is always primary. May we all ask God to help us forgive, no matter what the situation. Peace to all.

**Commemorations for the Living:** Archbishop Nikon, Father Stephen Siniari, Proto Deacon Michael Sochka, Victor & Elliot Shyti, Rafael Shyti, Eranda Shaper, Eleni Ghoulis, Newly Illuminated Emma, Betty Subashi, Philip Kosta, Luke Jablonski, Janice Leyden, Katherine Halkedis, Rosemary Notskas, Kim Burdumy, Larry Kosta, Leslie Sochka, Andigoni Steffa, Mary Croke, Paula Kosta, Candace Pepenelli, Kristin Snow, Dhimiter Ndrecka, Francesca Giansante, Flossie Vissar, Pandeli, Jorgaq, Lefteri, and all of the men and women serving in Armed Forces.

**Commemorations for the Departed:** Father Spero Page, Katherine Zoidis, Eva Bortner, Kurt, Eleanor Mallios Zoidis, Father Deacon Stephen Stefani and those servicemen who have fallen asleep in the Lord in the service of their Country.

**Coffee Hour Sponsors:** Thank you very much!

August 24<sup>th</sup> Bortner/Zoidis Families (in memory of Eva & Katherine)

August 31<sup>st</sup> Davit & Mirna

September 7<sup>th</sup> Family of Eleanor Mallios Zoidis

September 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday School

September 21<sup>st</sup> Jennifer Hunter (in memory of Susan Pekarski)

September 28<sup>th</sup> open date – no sponsor

October 5<sup>th</sup> Greta & Aaron Moy

**Open dates: Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, Dec 28<sup>th</sup>**

Please consider sponsoring coffee hour on one of the above listed dated.

Our sincere thanks to our parishioners who have sponsored coffee hour throughout the year.

**Reader Schedule:** September 7<sup>th</sup> David Biando, 14<sup>th</sup> Mark Klus, 21<sup>st</sup> Michelle Dardaris, 28<sup>th</sup> Adam Coraluzzi, October 5<sup>th</sup> Edward Kokalari, 12<sup>th</sup> David Biando, 19<sup>th</sup> Mark Klus, 26<sup>th</sup> Michelle Dardaris

**Gregory E. Costa Golf Classic:** We hope you will join us for the 25<sup>th</sup> golf outing benefiting St. John Chrysostom Albanian Orthodox Church. The date is Sunday, September 21, 2014. Golfers tee off at 12:00 pm. Cocktail hour begins at 4:45 pm with dinner served at 5:45pm. As in past years we will have our Albanian Auction. We are gratefully accepting any and all donations for the baskets or if you are able to donate a complete basket. Questions contact Donna Dimitri, Linda or Dave Biando, Michele Anderson, Linda Kosta or Dorothy Tomassini.

#### **Upcoming Events:**

August 24<sup>th</sup> 8 year memorial for Eva Bortner, William's grandmother

1 year memorial for Katherine Zoidis

40 day Memorial for Father Spero Page

Sept 7<sup>th</sup> Memorial for Eleanor Mallios Zoidis

Sept 9<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday) Parish Council Meeting 7:00 pm

Sept 10<sup>th</sup> (Wednesday) Young Adults Committee Meeting 7:00 pm

Sept 13<sup>th</sup> (Saturday) Teacher workshop 9am – 12pm, appreciation luncheon will follow

Sept 16<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday) Outreach Committee Meeting 7:00 pm

Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> Gregory E. Costa Golf Classic & Dinner Contact Donna Dimitri-Linda Biando

Memorial Susanne Pekarski 10 years

Sept 23<sup>rd</sup> Charity & Benevolence Committee Meeting 7:00 pm

Sept 26 & 27 Albanian Archdiocese Assembly Ss Peter & Paul Albanian Orthodox Church

Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>, Semi Annual Parish meeting following the Divine Liturgy

Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> Albanian Flag Day Dance 7pm – 11pm Contact Nilda Braholari or Fiori Papa

#### **Parishioner News:**

Saturday, 27 September we will be baptizing Aden Zebib, son of Sonja and Neil.

**Congratulations** to Marge & Steve Nowmos as they recently celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding Anniversary. Gezuar!

**Congratulations:** to Rafael & Eranda Shyti whose sons, Victor and Elliot, were baptized on Saturday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>. Their Godmother is Eleni Gkoulis. May God Bless their entire family. Gezuar!

**Monthly giving for August:** Sunday school snacks, juice boxes, small bottles of water.