

**The Weekly Messenger –June 29, 2014**

**St. John Chrysostom Albanian Orthodox Church**

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*Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Corinthians 11:21-33; 12:1-9*      *Gospel: Matthew 16:13-19*

**The Icon of the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul** The Orthodox Church has a beautiful presentation of the importance and prominence of the Apostles Peter and Paul with the icon that shows both Apostles standing together holding an image of the Church. Both Apostles, being chosen by our Lord, were instrumental in the establishment and growth of the early Church through their boldness, spiritual strength, and wisdom. Thus they are recognized as "pillars" of the Church, having offered all even unto death for the sake of the Gospel of Christ. In the icon, the Apostle Paul, the great missionary of the early Church, is holding a Gospel book, while the Apostle Peter offers a blessing with his right hand. At the top of the icon is a semicircle, representing the divine realm. Rays extend in the semicircle representing the blessings and presence of God upon His two chosen heralds of the True Faith.

[http://www.goarch.org/special/listen\\_learn\\_share/holyapostles](http://www.goarch.org/special/listen_learn_share/holyapostles)

**Commemorations for the Living:** Archbishop Nikon, Proto Deacon Michael Sochka, Newly illuminated Anna, Zoe, Janice Leyden, George Touros, Katherine Halkedis, Rosemary Notskas, Kim Burdumy, Larry Kosta, Leslie Sochka, Andigoni Steffa, John and Mary Croke, Paula Kosta, Candace Peppenelli, 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 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!

June 29<sup>th</sup> Petraq & Imelda Xoxe

July 6<sup>th</sup> Sara Dimitri

July 13 Gusho Family

July 20 Fiori & Ilirjan Papa & family

July 27<sup>th</sup> Robert & Majhida & Family

August 3<sup>rd</sup> Rose Adams & Family (in memory of Charlie)

August 10<sup>th</sup> Kosta Family (in memory of Maria)

August 17<sup>th</sup> Rubis Family (in memory of Marguerita)

August 25<sup>th</sup> Bitri Family (in memory of Eva)

**Ss. Peter & Paul Nameday, Sunday, June 29, 2014:** St. John Chrysostom will be open and Father Brooks will celebrate the Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am at St. John's. Our parishioners are welcome to attend Ss. Peter & Paul on June 29<sup>th</sup> as they celebrate their Nameday and join their parishioners for a luncheon after the Divine Liturgy.

Per shumë vjët! Gezuar! to Father Stephen, our relatives and friends at Ss. Peter & Paul Albanian Orthodox church as they celebrate their 94 anniversary!

**IOCC Presentation:** Louis A. Zagami, Development Officer for the International Orthodox Christian Charities, (IOCC), will make a presentation to our parishioners on Sunday, July 6, 2014. Mr. Zagami will lead a discussion on IOCC's worldwide humanitarian programs and answer questions about how your support is saving and improving vulnerable lives around the world. Our parish makes a donation to the IOCC each year.

**Gregory E. Costa Golf Classic:** Sunday, September 21, 2014. Please update your calendars and plan to attend this fun event. For additional information contact Donna Dimitri, Michele Anderson, Linda Biando.

**Upcoming Events:**

June 29<sup>th</sup> Ss. Peter & Paul Nameday Celebration

July 6<sup>th</sup> Louis A. Zagami, Development Officer, International Orthodox Christian

July 8<sup>th</sup> Parish Council Meeting 7:00 pm

August Date to be announced- Fantasy Football Draft

August 3<sup>rd</sup> 3 year memorial - Qiriako (Charlie) Adams

August 10<sup>th</sup> 20 year memorial - Maria Kosta

August 17<sup>th</sup> 1 year memorial - Marguerita Rubis

August 25<sup>th</sup> 8 year memorial for Eva Bitri, William's grandmother

Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> Gregory E. Costa Golf Classic and Dinner

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

Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> Albanian Flag Day Dance

**Parishioner News:** George Touros has moved to Westgate Hills Rehabilitation and Nursing Center, 2050 Old West Chester Pike, Havertown, PA 19083, 610-449-8600

**Clothing Drive for the Homeless:** Please donate clothing and blankets you no longer use. Bring the items to the church and Linda Notskas will take them to those in need.

**Monthly Giving June:** Paper Towels Thank you!