

**The Weekly Messenger – November 15, 2015**

**St. John Chrysostom Albanian Orthodox Church**

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*Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 2:14-22 Gospel: Luke 10:25-37*

**If you would like to have someone remembered in prayer or are in need of a Priest please contact Father Brooks Ledford. He may be reached at 210-461-1956, or you may email him at [fr.brooks@stjohnsphila.org](mailto:fr.brooks@stjohnsphila.org)**

**The OCA Review** a monthly newsletter published by the Orthodox Church in America will be available at the candle stand and also available via a link on our website. Please take a look and find out what is happening in the OCA.

**Annual Ladies Christmas Outing:** Plans are under way to continue a longstanding tradition - Ladies at St. John Chrysostom Annual Christmas get together. This year we are planning to have lunch at a location to be determined and then attend the Philly Pops Christmas Spectacular at the Kimmel Center. The date is Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Please contact Nilda Salavichi or email [info@stjohnsphila.org](mailto:info@stjohnsphila.org) if you are interested in joining us.

**Nick Naum Scholarship Fund:** As many know, +Nick Naum was a long time parishioner at St. John's. He died in March 2013 and in his will he left instructions for his home to be sold and the proceeds donated to St. John Chrysostom Albanian Orthodox Church. The money (\$119,894.77) was received in July 2015. We need 2 more volunteers (we have 3 volunteers already) to serve on the Nick Naum Scholarship Committee. Please contact [chairperson@stjohnsphila.org](mailto:chairperson@stjohnsphila.org) if you are willing to help.

**The newly organized Charity and Benevolence Committee/Ministry** is conducting a drive to collect toothbrushes, hand sanitizers, travel size, sample size, and hotel toiletries for the homeless in our area. A small donation can spread a lot of love and gratitude! Our goal is collect them, place them in shoeboxes, and deliver them locally. A collection box is located in the side vestibule...please support this worthwhile endeavor.

**Readers:** Nov 15<sup>th</sup> Chris Manosis, Nov 22<sup>nd</sup> Reader Mark, Nov 29<sup>th</sup> Michele D., Dec 6<sup>th</sup> Adam C., Dec 13<sup>th</sup> Chris M. Dec 20<sup>th</sup> Reader Mark, Dec 27<sup>th</sup> Michele D

**Monthly giving for November** Single Ply Toilet Paper

**Commemorations for the Living:** Archbishop Nikon, Pope Francis, Newborn Emilija V Dedkova, Barbara Blum, Betty Ledford, Haretina (Papa) Milo, Irene Anne Gedremenc, Susan, Philip Kosta, Margarita, Tranette Ledford, Peter Melnik, Peter Mallios, Elaine Quirias, George Robos, Clive & Dhimitri Miller, Rosemary Notskas, Kim Burdumy, Andigoni Steffa, Mary Croke, Leslie Shocka, Dhimiter Ndrecka, Pandeli, Jorgaq, Lefteri, and all of the men and women serving in Armed Forces.

**Commemorations for the Departed:** Victims of terrorism in Paris, Winfield, Katherine Kane, Arthur Cotto, Jorgjia Kashari, Sophie Miller, Father Deacon Stephen Stefani and those servicemen and women who have fallen asleep in the Lord in the service of their Country.

**Nameday Celebration:** Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup> 2015, our parish will celebrate our 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. or a meat dish, Qofte, etc. and "Albanian desserts"; baklava, finike, kadaif.

We hope all of our parishioners are able to attend church and join us as we celebrate our 84<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration with Archbishop Nikon.

**Upcoming Events:**

November 15<sup>th</sup> Parish Nameday Celebration & Luncheon

November 15<sup>th</sup> Beginning of the Nativity Fast

Tuesday, Nov 17<sup>th</sup> Parish Council Meeting (Incoming & Outgoing Councils) 7:00 pm

Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup> Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple – Liturgy 10:00 am

November 22<sup>nd</sup> 40 day Memorial Jorgjia Kashari

November 29<sup>th</sup> 1 year Memorial Katherine Kane

Wed., Dec 2, 2015 Stewardship Meeting 7:00 pm

**Coffee Hour Sponsors:** All coffee hours have been filled for the remainder of 2015! Thank you, Thank you, and Thank you!!!

Nov 15<sup>th</sup> Parish Nameday Luncheon

Nov 22<sup>nd</sup> Kashari, Prifti, Salavaci families in memory of Jorgjia

Nov 29<sup>th</sup> Kane Family in memory of Katherine

Dec 6<sup>th</sup> Salavaci Family in honor of Niko's nameday

Dec 13<sup>th</sup> Chuck Burdumy

**Fall Education Classes:** Concluded Wednesday, Nov 11<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to those who attended.