

The Weekly Messenger – November 9, 2014
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Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 6:11-18 Gospel: Luke 8:41-56

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

Fall Education Classes: This past Wednesday, Fr. Brooks discussed the 12 important feast days celebrated by the Orthodox Church in the Church year from September to September. The lively group of 8 persons who participated in asking questions also had fun eating and learning these important dates. The next class will meet Wednesday, Nov. 12th, at 6:30 pm. The final class meeting will be on Nov. 19th.

Parishioner News: Sophie, Clive and Dhimitri, (daughter, son-in-law and grandson of +Lefteria Dhimitri) are all battling cancer. Their address is 1477 Lynnoak Dr, Claremont, CA 91711. Chris Manosis (Altar Server) is in Aria Hospital, 10800 Knights Rd, Philadelphia, PA, room 4470. Please keep them in your prayers. Sympathy in Christ is extended to the Craig/Siniari family, upon the passing of Priftesha Margo's mother and Father Stephen Siniari's mother-in-law, + Margo Craig. She fell asleep in the Lord surrounded by family in the morning of November 3rd.

On 6 December, the St. Phoebe Center for the Study of the Female Deaconess is sponsoring a conference on this subject at Union Theological Seminary in New York. Fr. Brooks is interested in taking people up for this important retreat. For more information, go to <http://orthodoxdeaconess.org>.

Sunday school outing to the Franklin Institute: Sunday, November 16th, immediately following coffee hour. All invited. Tickets: adults \$10.00, Sunday school students \$5.00. Please order your tickets from Steve Coraluzzi or any Sunday school teacher. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please call Steve Coraluzzi at 610-459-0311 or email smc@dsmk.net

Monthly Giving: paper towels. Thank you to those who have donated items throughout the year.

Message from Father Brooks: I would like to welcome my long-time friend, Bishop Seraphim, who has returned to serve at St. John's for our Name's Day. I would also like to welcome Dn. Andrew who visits to serve regularly, and Fr. Stephen Siniari, Dn. Gregory Vrato and all the parishioners from Sts. Peter and Paul, our sister parish. As the psalm says, it is good and pleasant when God's people dwell in unity. Peace to all.

Reader Schedule: 9th David Biando, 16th Mark Klus, 23rd Michelle Dardaris, 30th Adam Coraluzzi, December 7th Edward Kokalari, 14th David Biando, 21st Mark Klus, 28th Michelle Dardaris

Upcoming Events:

Nov. 9th St. John Chrysostom Nameday Celebration

Nov. 15th Nativity Fast begins

Nov. 16th Sunday school trip to the Franklin Institute

Nov. 23rd Sunday school Albanian Thanksgiving

Nov. 29th Albanian Flag Day Dance 7pm – 11pm Contact Nilda Salavachi or Fiori Papa

Commemorations for the Living: Archbishop Nikon, Father Stephen Siniari, Father Ken James Stavrevsky, Proto Deacon Michael Sochka, Newly Illuminated Elisabeth Suzana Papa, Newly Illuminated Marisa Papa, Newly Illuminated Aden Zebib, Phil Kosta, Christopher Manosis, Sophie, Clive & Dhimitri Miller, Elizabeth Melnik, Katherine Halkedis, Rosemary Notskas, Kim Burdumy, Leslie Sochka, Andigoni Steffa, 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: Margo Craig, Father Deacon Stephen Stefani and those servicemen who have fallen asleep in the Lord in the service of their Country.

Coffee Hour Sponsors: All dates have been filled. Thank you very much!

November 9th St. John Nameday Luncheon –provided by our parishioners– Thank You!

November 16th Janice & Mike Leyden

November 23rd Marsel Kosova

November 30th Sunday School

December 7th Salavaci Family – Niko's Nameday

December 14th Donna & Tim Pappas

Happy Veterans Day: November 11th, the official United States holiday that honors people who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces. Thank you for your service to our parishioners and friends who are veterans.