

**The Weekly Messenger – October 12, 2014**  
**St. John Chrysostom Albanian Orthodox Church**  
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*Epistle: St. Paul's Second Letter to Titus 3:8-15    Gospel: Luke 8:5-15*

**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)**

**Message from Father Brooks:** Our word "church" has its roots in the Greek word "ecclesia", which was used by the New Testament followers of Christ to mean "the gathering". Church is, basically, the community, things we do together. This is why our semi-annual meeting on Sunday is so important. It is our chance to come together as a community and discuss the various things that are going on at St. John's. We eat, talk, raise questions, and enjoy our fellowship. Please make a point of taking time to participate. Peace to all.

**Commemorations for the Living:** Archbishop Nikon, Father Stephen Siniari, Proto Deacon Michael Sochka, Newly Illuminated Aden Zebib, Newborn Gianna Prifti, Sophie, Clive & Michael Miller, Elizabeth Melnik, Philip Kosta, 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:** Mary Dimitri, 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!

October 12<sup>th</sup> Eduard & Elena Papa

October 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday school

October 26<sup>th</sup> Ladies Club

November 2<sup>nd</sup> Paula & Jim Bendo

November 9<sup>th</sup> St. John Nameday Luncheon

November 16<sup>th</sup> Janice & Mike Leyden

**Only ONE date open: Dec 28<sup>th</sup>**

**Thank you to our families who have sponsored coffee hour throughout the year!**

**Reader Schedule:** October 12<sup>th</sup> David Biando, 19<sup>th</sup> Michelle Dardaris, 26<sup>th</sup> Michelle Dardaris, November 2<sup>nd</sup> Edward Kokalari, 9<sup>th</sup> David Biando, 16<sup>th</sup> Mark Klus, 23<sup>rd</sup> Michelle Dardaris, 30<sup>th</sup> Adam Coraluzzi, December 7<sup>th</sup> Edward Kokalari, 14<sup>th</sup> David Biando, 21<sup>st</sup> Mark Klus, 28<sup>th</sup> Michelle Dardaris

**Fall Education Classes:** Father Brooks will begin his education classes **THIS Wednesday, Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 pm.** The classes will meet Oct 22, Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>. You do not have to attend every session as each will cover a different topic. JOIN US!

**Parishioner News:** Congratulations to Ali Shepherd & Richard Brown who were married Saturday October 11, 2014. Ali is the daughter of Tina & Paul Shepherd. May God grant them many years!

Saturday, 18 October, baptism Marisa, daughter of Elena & Eduard Papa

Saturday, 25 October, baptism Elisabeth Suzana, daughter of Fiori & Ilirjan Papa

**Nameday Celebration:** Sunday, November 9<sup>th</sup> 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. Please send an email indicating what you are able to donate for the luncheon to [info@stjohnsphila.org](mailto:info@stjohnsphila.org). We hope all of our parishioners are able to attend church and join us as we celebrate our 83<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary!

**Semi-annual parish meeting:** Sunday, October 12, 2014, following the Divine Liturgy. We have a slate of candidates for Parish Council: Michele Anderson, Linda Biando, Donna Dimitri, Peter Ghicondey, Elvira Gusho, Michele Lorimer, Nilda Salavaci. 2015 Budget will be presented. Please attend.

**Upcoming Events:**

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

Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> (Wed.) Education series begins 6:30 pm

Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> Ladies Club Memorial

**Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>** St. John Chrysostom Nameday Celebration

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

**We are asking for donations** of new or gently used blankets, winter jackets/coats, men's and women's clothing. The collected items will be donated to the homeless in Philadelphia. Please check your closets, attics, basements and sheds; you may have items you haven't used in years! Please bring them to church and we will make sure someone less fortunate gets them. Contact Linda Notskas with any questions.

**Monthly Giving: Paper Towels**