

The Weekly Messenger – October 26, 2014
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Epistle: St. Paul's Second Letter to Timothy 2:1-10 Gospel: Luke 8:26-39

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

Message from Father Brooks: Today's epistle reading comes from St. Paul's 2nd letter to Timothy. In the letter, Paul refers to himself as a soldier for the gospel, and he encourages Timothy to be the same. He also uses the idea of an athlete who is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. Whatever the metaphor, Paul is encouraging Timothy - and, by extension, us - to "fight the good fight". May we all take this message to heart as we strive to follow the Gospel. Peace to all.

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, Fiori & Ilirjan Papa, Eduard Papa, Iris Belea, 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: The members of St. John Chrysostom Ladies Society, 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 26th Ladies Club in honor of their departed members
November 2nd Paula & Jim Bendo
November 9th St. John Nameday Luncheon
November 16th Janice & Mike Leyden
November 23rd Marsel Kosova
November 30th Sunday School

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

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

Reader Schedule: October 26th Michelle Dardaris, November 2nd Edward Kokalari, 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

Fall Education Classes: Father Brooks met with 8 parishioners this past Wednesday for a discussion. This week's Adult Education class started with a delicious meatloaf dinner. Father Brooks then explained the idea of Purity and Danger, Sacred and Secular; this led to a wonderful discussion of how this affects our everyday lives. The next class meets Wednesday Nov. 5th, @ 6:30 pm. Additional classes will meet Nov. 12th, 19th.

Parishioner News: *Congratulations Fiori & Ilirjan Papa* on the baptism of their daughter, Elisabeth Suzana. Her Godparents are Eduard Papa and Iris Belea. Elisabeth is the granddaughter of Pandeli & Dodona Papa and the little sister of Elias. May God Bless the Papa Family and grant them many years!

Nameday Celebration: Sunday, November 9th 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. We hope all of our parishioners and friends are able to attend church and join us as we celebrate our 83rd Anniversary!

Upcoming Events:

Nov. 2nd New Parish Council Members Sworn in following the Divine Liturgy
Nov. 4th Parish Council Meeting
Nov. 9th St. John Chrysostom Nameday Celebration
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

Monthly Giving: paper towels