

The Weekly Messenger – October 5, 2014

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Epistle: St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 6:16-18, 7:1 Gospel: Luke 6:31-36

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: In Sunday's Gospel reading, Luke has Jesus saying, "Be merciful, even as your (heavenly) Father is merciful." So often, we don't know what is going on in another person's life. They may be going through a really tough time, have too much on their plate. As Christians, we are to give them the benefit of the doubt, to show mercy, even if they have offended us. As Christians, we reach out to others despite the circumstances. Hope everyone is enjoying the beginning of autumn. Peace to all.

Commemorations for the Living: Archbishop Nikon, Father Stephen Siniari, Proto Deacon Michael Sochka, Newly Illuminated Aden Zebib, Newborn Gianna Prifti, Terry, 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: 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 5th Greta & Aaron Moy

October 12th Eduard & Elena Papa

October 19th Sunday school

Open dates: Dec. 21st, Dec 28th

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

Reader Schedule: October 5th Edward Kokalari, 12th David Biando, 19th Michelle Dardaris, 26th Michelle Dardaris

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

Parishioner News: A friend of St. John Chrysostom Church, Elsa Sotiri, is looking for a position as a nanny. If you or anyone you know are interested please contact Elsa at sakoestela@gmail.com

Saturday, 11 October, wedding Ali Shepherd & Richard Brown

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

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

An Opportunity to help another friend: We are hoping our parishioners are able to donate yarn and scraps of material for quilting. Elaine Quirias spends her time making crafts and quilts, which she then donates to the church. A box has been placed in the candle stand area for your donations. Let's help our sister Elaine and make a donation.

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, Diane Lescas, and Michele Lorimer. If you are interested in serving on Parish Council please contact Father Brooks or Janice Leyden. The agenda for the meeting will be emailed and posted on the bulletin board.

Upcoming Events:

Oct. 7th, Parish Council Meeting 7:00 pm

Oct. 12th, Semi-Annual Parish meeting following the Divine Liturgy

Oct. 15th (Wed.) Education series begins 6:30 pm

Nov. 9th St. John Chrysostom Nameday Celebration

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

October Namedays Për shumë vjet! Gëzuar ! 3rd St. Dionysius, 13th Martyr Antigonas, 18th St. Luke the Evangelist, 19th St. Cleopatra, 26th St. Demetrius

Monthly giving for October: Our favorite...paper towels!