

The Weekly Messenger –September 14, 2014
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Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 1:18-24
Gospel: John 19:6-11, 13-20, 25-28, 30

Message from Father Brooks: Today we celebrate the Feast of the Elevation of the Cross (also known as the Exaltation of the Cross). It is a day of fasting and repentance; in fact, it is only one of two feast days in the Orthodox Church that requires strict fasting. We celebrate the finding of the Cross by the Empress Helen in 325 A.D. It is a day to spend time thinking of the changes we could make to help others. We sing, instead of the Trisagion, "Before Thy Cross we bow down in worship", acknowledging that the God of Love rules over everything. Peace to all.

Commemorations for the Living: Archbishop Nikon, Father Stephen Siniari, Proto Deacon Michael Sochka, Reader David Biando, Newly Illuminated Victor & Elliot Shyti, 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: Kevo Papinghi, Stavri, Ted & Pauline Ciko, Luke Wilk, 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!

September 14th Sunday School – Hot Dog Sale

September 21st Jennifer Hunter (in memory of Susan Pekarski)

September 28th Margarita & Vangjel Haxhistasa

October 5th Greta & Aaron Moy

October 12th Jim & Paula Bendo

Open dates: Dec. 14th, 21st, Dec 28th

Reader Schedule: 14th Mark Klus, 21st Michelle Dardaris, 28th Adam Coraluzzi,
October 5th Edward Kokalari, 12th David Biando, 19th Mark Klus, 26th Michelle Dardaris

Monthly giving for September: Ream of white paper

Remembering the Ciko Family: Today we remember and pray for Ted and Pauline Ciko. The Ciko family made a donation that was used to start our investment fund. May their memories be eternal!

Parishioner News: Elaine Quirias, the person who donated the needlepoint Lord's Prayer in Albanian, hanging in the side is in need of yarn. Elaine works all day on crafts and still makes quilts on her sewing machine. The variety of things she makes is amazing! She does not get out and her hearing prohibits her from really watching television. Any kind of yarn will work. She is so resourceful and creative - she will make it into something special. If you have friends who knit, maybe they have extra that they can share. If you have cotton fabric scraps appropriate for quilting, please bring them. Please bring these items to church and we will get them to Elaine.

Saturday, 27 September, baptism Aden, son of Sonja Ponoci and Neil Zebib.

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

Gregory E. Costa Golf Classic: ***NEXT SUNDAY***, September 21, 2014, we hope you will join us for the 25th golf outing benefiting St. John Chrysostom Albanian Orthodox Church. Golfers tee off at 12:00 pm. Cocktail hour begins at 4:45 pm with dinner served at 5:45pm. As in past years we will have our Albanian Auction. We have to know if you are planning to come. Please contact Donna Dimitri, Linda or Dave Biando, Michele Anderson, Linda Kosta or Dorothy Tomassini.

Semi Annual Parish Meeting: October 12th, following the Divine Liturgy. The agenda will be e mailed. Elections for parish council will be held as well as the presentation of the 2015 budget. We have two (2) open positions on Parish Council. If you would like to serve please email info@stjohnsphila.org

Upcoming Events:

Sept 16th (Tuesday) Outreach Committee Meeting 7:00 pm

Sept. 21st Memorial Susanne Pekarski 10 years

Memorial William & Alex Koutras and Alex Boyce Koutras

Sept 23rd Charity & Benevolence Committee Meeting 7:00 pm

Sept 26 Albanian Archdiocese Assembly Ss Peter & Paul Albanian Orthodox Church

Sept 27th 9am Hierarchal Divine Liturgy with His Eminence, Archbishop NIKON and

Archdiocesan Clergy-Ss. Peter & Paul Albanian Orthodox Church 9230 Old Bustleton Ave

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

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

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