

**The Weekly Messenger –September 28, 2014**  
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*Epistle: St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 6:1-10*      *Gospel: Luke 5:1-11*

**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 [fr.brooks@stjohnsphila.org](mailto:fr.brooks@stjohnsphila.org)**

**Message from Father Brooks:** Today is the first Sunday of Luke in our Church lectionary. We have completed the cycle of Matthew. Mark, Matthew, and Luke together make the "synoptic" gospels because they used the same sources and many of the same stories told from different perspectives. It is helpful to read Sunday's gospel prior to the liturgy as part of our preparation for communion. We should make reading the Scripture a part of our Orthodox lives. Peace to all.

**Commemorations for the Living:** Archbishop Nikon, Father Stephen Siniari, Proto Deacon Michael Sochka, Newly Illuminated Aden Zebib, Sonja Ponoci, Neil Zebib, Edlira Tegu, 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, Leteri, 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!  
September 28<sup>th</sup> Margarita & Vangjel Haxhistasa  
October 5<sup>th</sup> Greta & Aaron Moy  
October 12<sup>th</sup> Eduard & Elena Papa  
October 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday school

**Open dates: Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>, Dec 28<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Reader Schedule:** Sept 28<sup>th</sup> Adam Coraluzzi, October 5<sup>th</sup> Edward Kokalari, 12<sup>th</sup> David Biando, 19<sup>th</sup> Michelle Dardaris 26<sup>th</sup> Michelle Dardaris

**Thank you** to our delegates, Michele Anderson, Linda Biando and Nilda Salavachi, for attending the Archdiocesan Assembly, Friday September 26, 2104. They represented our parish well. A report will be given at the semi-annual meeting on October 12, 2014.

**Fall Education Classes:** Father Brooks will begin his education classes 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>. We eat well, have spirited conversations and learn about our faith and our church. You do not have to attend every session as each will cover a different topic. JOIN US!

**Parishioner News:**

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

**Upcoming Events:**

Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>, Parish Council Meeting 7:00 pm  
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  
Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> Albanian Flag Day Dance 7pm – 11pm Contact Nilda Salavachi or Fiori Papa

**Sunday School:** We had a wonderful 1<sup>st</sup> day of Sunday school on Sept 14<sup>th</sup>. Many children registered and participated in the procession for the Elevation of the Cross. All in all a wonderful day and a great start for what will be an exceptional year! If you have any questions contact Steve Coraluzzi 856-562-9672 or email [sundayschooldirector@stjohnsphila.org](mailto:sundayschooldirector@stjohnsphila.org)

**Reminder:** you can still register for and participate in Sunday school. We welcome all children and encourage the parents to bring their kids on Sunday. Nursery school through 7<sup>th</sup> grade meet downstairs and grades 8 – 12 meet in the church office after the children receive communion. Please bring your children to church!!

**Gregory E. Costa Golf Classic:** We are happy to report the Golf Classic was a success. We had 26 golfers and over 70 people attend the dinner. Many people won prizes in our Albanian Auction and the 50/50 was won by John Ghicondey. Thank you to everyone who attended the dinner, sponsored a hole in our commemorative booklet, donated items for the Albanian Auction and supported us through their prayers. The photos of the golfers and those taken at the dinner are posted on our website. Take a look!

**Monthly giving for September:** Ream of white paper. Thank you to those who have already donated paper.