

The Weekly Messenger – August 23, 2015
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Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 15:1-11 Gospel: Matthew 19:16-26

Message from Father Brooks: Hi folks! Summer is almost over, which means September - and the start of Sunday School - is almost here. We need some committed parishioners to step up and help with the program. I need people who are not back-ups or simply there to "help when they're there"; I need committed people to work with our children on a consistent basis. The children are the future of our Church, and we really need to have a strong Sunday School program. Please look into your heart and help me out with this if you can. Many blessings. Fr. Brooks

Reader Schedule: August 23rd Chris Manosis, August 30th Michele Dardaris, Sept 6th Adam Coraluzzi, Sept 13th Reader Mark, Sept 20th Chris Manosis, Sept 27th Michele D.

Commemorations for the Living: Archbishop Nikon, Deacon Michael Sochka, Philip Kosta, Joy, Jorgjia Kashari, Margarita, Tranette Ledford, Peter Melnik, Peter Mallios, Elaine Quirias, George Robos, Sophie, Clive & Dhimitri Miller, Rosemary Notskas, Kim Burdumy, Leslie Sochka, Andigoni Steffa, Mary Croke, Dhimiter Ndrecka, Pandeli, Jorgaq, Lefteri, and all of the men and women serving in Armed Forces.

Commemorations for the Departed: Katherine Zoidis, Violet Bivans, Father Deacon Stephen Stefani and those servicemen and women who have fallen asleep in the Lord in the service of their Country.

Pope Francis' Visit to Philadelphia: Saturday, September 26th and Sunday September 27th. Due to the road closures and the related traffic issues the Pope's visit will create, Father Brooks and Parish Council have decided the Divine Liturgy will NOT be celebrated at St. John Chrysostom Albanian Orthodox Church on Sunday, September 27th. We encourage our parishioners to attend the Divine Liturgy at another church. For further information about Pope Francis' visit to Philadelphia go to <http://www.phila.gov/Pages/default.aspx> or for info on road closures go to <http://www.phila.gov/InformationCenters/pope/Documents/dailymaps.pdf>

Parishioner News: If you have news about a parishioner you would like to share please email info@stjohnsphila.org

Sunday School News: In last week's Messenger we indicated we are in need of Sunday school teachers. Unfortunately, we did not receive any volunteers. The Sunday school program is an integral part of our parish. We all acknowledge the children are our future, without them there will be no St. John Chrysostom Albanian Orthodox Church 20 years from now. Teaching experience is not a requirement. We will provide you with the curriculum and materials you will need to be successful. Also, a teacher's workshop is scheduled for Saturday, August 29th. So, we again ask for your assistance. Contact: fr.brooks@stjohnsphila.org or sundayschooldirector@stjohnsphila.org

Upcoming Events:

Saturday, August 29th, Sunday School teachers meeting 9:00 am - 11:30 am

Tuesday September 8th Parish Council Meeting 7:00 pm

Wednesday, September 9th - Outreach Committee meeting 7:30 pm

September 13th - Elevation of the Cross / First day of Sunday School

AND Gregory E. Costa Golf Classic & Dinner

Wednesday, September 16th - Stewardship meeting, 7:00 pm

September 20th - Memorial Nancy Gregory - 6 month following the Divine Liturgy

September 24 – 26th Archdiocesan Assembly – Worcester, MA.

September 27th NO LITURGY AT ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

October 4th Memorial Mary Costa Dimitri 3 years

November 15th Parish Nameday Celebration – Archbishop Nikon will celebrate Liturgy

Coffee Hour Sponsors: Thank you so very much to the past and future coffee hour sponsors!

August 23rd Nilda & Spartak

August 30th open date no sponsor

September 6th Jamie & Father Brooks

September 13th Sunday school Hot Dog Sale

September 20th Sergio & Vasil Georgi

Parish Fundraiser: Tickets are available for The Gregory E. Costa Golf Classic, which will be held Sunday, September 13, 2015 at Paxon Hollow Country Club. Cocktail hour (cash bar) begins at 5:00 pm, buffet dinner at 6:00 pm. Tickets for golf and dinner are \$125.00; dinner only - \$40.00 for adults and \$20.00 for children. For more information or if you plan to attend please contact info@stjohnsphila.org

Thank you very much to our parishioners who made Meshe and brought it to church. We received 11 loaves of Meshe. Much appreciated!

Monthly giving for August: Sunday school snacks, juice boxes, small bottles of water.