

**The Weekly Messenger – July 5, 2015**  
**St. John Chrysostom Albanian Orthodox Church**  
237 North 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103  
Father Brooks Ledford Office: 215-563-0979  
Website: <http://www.stjohnsphila.org>  
Email address: [info@stjohnsphila.org](mailto:info@stjohnsphila.org)

*Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 5:22-26; 6:1-2 Gospel: Matthew 8:28-34; 9-1*

**We hope everyone had a wonderful 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration.**  
**Happy Birthday to our Nation!!**

**5<sup>TH</sup> Sunday of Matthew:** Having learned the joyful proclamation of the Resurrection from the Angel, and having cast off the ancestral condemnation, the women disciples of the Lord spake to the Apostles exultantly: Death is despoiled and Christ God is risen, granting great mercy to the world.

[http://www.goarch.org/chapel/saints\\_view?contentid=913&PCode=5PES&D=S&date=7/5/2015](http://www.goarch.org/chapel/saints_view?contentid=913&PCode=5PES&D=S&date=7/5/2015)

**Commemorations for the Living:** Archbishop Nikon, Father Stephen Siniari, Father Ken James Stavrevsky, Deacon Michael Sochka, Newly Illuminated Landon Kemp, William Bortner, Newly Illuminated Ermalinda Kosova, Fioralba Papa, Jorgjia Kashari, Michael Shields (Fiancée' to Diana Ryan, Nancy Ghicondey's sister), Tranette Ledford, Jennie Sapnas, Peter Melnik, Semele Halkedis, 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:** Vasilika Zui, Judy Valliere, Father Deacon Stephen Stefani and those servicemen and women who have fallen asleep in the Lord in the service of their Country.

**Monthly Giving:** Napkins & Paper towels. Thank you for your donations in May.

**Reader Schedule:** July 5<sup>th</sup> Reader Mark, July 12<sup>th</sup> Chris Manosis, July 19<sup>th</sup> Michele Dardaris, July 26<sup>th</sup> Adam Coraluzzi.

**Message from Father Brooks:** "Brethren, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control..." These words St. Paul writes to the Church of Galatia, but in other letters to other churches, he writes something similar because the meaning is something so important. These are aspects of having a Christian attitude, of allowing God's Spirit to seep into us so that we can share this attitude with others. May we all open up to this Spirit. Peace be with all of you.

**Upcoming Events:**

July 7<sup>th</sup> Parish Council Meeting 7:00 pm

July 15<sup>th</sup> Stewardship Meeting 7:00 pm

July 22<sup>nd</sup> Outreach Ministry Meeting 7:00 pm

August – date to be announce- Fantasy Football Draft

September 13<sup>th</sup> Gregory E. Costa Golf Classic

September 24 – 26<sup>th</sup> Archdiocesan Assembly – Worcester MA.

November 15<sup>th</sup> Parish Nameday Celebration – Archbishop Nikon will celebrate Liturgy

**Parishioner News:** Father Brooks has posted dates (through October) for his home blessing and visitations. Father Brooks wants to visit all of our parishioners. No one lives too far away, it is not inconvenient, it is not a bother! If you have not signed up please do so on the sheets posted in the side vestibule.

**Coffee Hour Sponsors:** *We have two open dates and are asking for a sponsor on July 26<sup>th</sup> and August 2<sup>nd</sup>. If you are able to sponsor coffee hour please sign up on the sheet in the side vestibule.*

Thank you very much!

July 5<sup>th</sup> Name Day Grabocka Family

July 12<sup>th</sup> Andrew & Sophia Kozlov

July 19<sup>th</sup> Fiori & Ilirjan Papa in honor of Ilirjan & Elias' Nameday

**July 26<sup>th</sup> Open Date - no sponsor**

**August 2<sup>nd</sup> Open Date – no sponsor**

August 9<sup>th</sup> Qendro Family

**Gregory E. Costa Golf Classic:** Sunday, September 13, 2015. Please update your calendars and plan to attend this fun event. For additional information contact: Donna Dimitri, Michele Anderson, Linda Biando.

**July Namedays: Per Shume Vjet! Gezuar!** To our parishioners and friends who celebrate their Nameday in July: July 8<sup>th</sup> Great Martyr Procopius, July 17<sup>th</sup> Great Martyr Marina, July 20<sup>th</sup> Prophet Elijah, July 24<sup>th</sup> Great Martyr Christina of Tyre, July 27<sup>th</sup> St. Panteleimon