

The Weekly Messenger –September 8, 2013
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Epistle - 1 Corinthians 9:2-12 Gospel - Matthew 18:23-35

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Commemorations for the Living: Metropolitan Tikhon, Archbishop Nikon, Father Stephen Siniari, Father John Scollard and the parishioners at St. John the Baptist Albanian Orthodox Church, Father Ken James Stavrevsky, Jorgjia Kashari, Brittany Ghicondey, Candace Peppenelli, Ann Gjoka, Mac, Kristin Snow, Madeline Couris-Guarinello, Dhimiter Ndrecka, Francesca Giansante, Pandeli Spiro, Rosemary Notskas, Peter Mallios, Marcena Moore, Flossie Vissar, Pandeli, Jorgaq, Lefteri, and all the servicemen especially, Matthew Sherwood (Army-Afghanistan).

Commemorations for the Departed: Marica & Kivo Papinghi, Katherine Zoidis, Dylan Shepherd, Margarita Rubis, Father Deacon Stephen Stefani and those servicemen who have fallen asleep in the Lord in the service of their Country.

Parishioner News: Jorgjia Kashari is recovering from a broken pelvis at Bryn Mawr Rehab. Please keep her in your prayers. Lcpl. Steven Cosmo returned from his 6 month deployment in Romania. Steven and his family would like to thank all of the parishioners who have kept him in their prayers during his deployment. He will spend the next year at Camp LeJeune, N.C.

Coffee Hour Sponsors: Sept 8th Marinela Prifti Thank you very much!
Sept 15th Ann Gjoka & Linda Notskas - 3 year Memorial Lillian Ghicondy Hartman
Sept 22nd Kashari Family 15 year Memorial Jorgaq Kashari (Jorgjia's husband)
Sept 29th Peter & Nancy Ghicondey
Oct 6th Family of Mary Costa Dimitri -1 year memorial
Oct 13th Paula & Jim Bendo

Monthly Giving: a ream of white paper for the church office and Sunday school

Blessing of Backpacks: Attention everyone who carries backpack or bookbag. On Sunday, September 15th Father Brooks will have a special blessing of the backpacks. Please bring your backpack/book bag to church with you!

Message from Father Brooks: This morning we welcome His Grace, Bishop Seraphim Sigrist. We are blessed to have him visit us and serve at St. John's. Bishop Seraphim - formerly Bishop of Sendai, Japan - now resides in upstate New York and is visiting Philadelphia this week-end.

Basil Alert: We are looking for gardeners who have a surplus of fresh basil. Please bring your basil to church on Sunday, September 15th for the Elevation of the Cross we adorn the Cross that is carried around in the procession and then distribute the basil to our parishioners.

Important Dates:

September 8th 40 day Memorial Marica Papinghi
September 9th Parish Council Meeting 7:00 pm
September 15th Elevation of the Holy Cross; 3 yr Memorial Lillian Ghicondy Hartman
First day of Sunday School & **Blessing of Backpacks & Bookbags**
Saturday, September 21st SS Peter & Paul Clam Bake
September 22nd Gregory E. Costa Golf Classic, golf @ 12:00, cocktail hour @ 4:45pm
September 26, 27, 28 Archdiocesan Assembly St. Nicholas Church - New York
September 29th 40 day memorial Margarita Rubis
October 5th Saturday 9:00 am – Fall Cleanup, we have the cleaning supplies and we need your helping hands to make our church sparkle! Altar server workshop
October 6th 1 year Memorial - Mary Costa Dimitri
October 16th Father Brooks begins a six week Adult Education Class
October 26th Saturday - Annual Halloween Party- Sponsored by the Ladies Club
Nov 10 & 11 Archbishop Nikon will celebrate our Nameday with us

Sunday School: We are happy to announce the start of the St. John Chrysostom Albanian Orthodox Church 2013 – 2014 school program. We will be starting our Sunday school year on September 15. In addition to registering students we are in need of teachers and classroom helpers. If you are able to help please contact Steven Coraluzzi @ sundayschooldirector@stjohnsphila.org or [610-459-0311](tel:610-459-0311).

Parish Fundraiser: Only 2 weeks until September 22nd! Tickets are available for *The Gregory E. Costa Golf Classic*, which will be held Sunday, September 22, 2013 at Paxon Hollow Country Club. Cocktail hour begins at 4:45 pm, buffet dinner at 5:45 pm. Tickets for golf and dinner are \$125.00; dinner only \$35.00 for adults and \$20.00 for children. For more information or if you plan to attend please contact info@stjohnsphila.org

Our Sister Church, Ss Peter & Paul: will have their Annual Clam Bake, Saturday, Sept. 21, 2013, 3pm – 6pm at their church. Contact *David Lane* @ dlane346@comcast.net with questions or for reservations.