

The Weekly Messenger –August 25, 2013

St. John Chrysostom Albanian Orthodox Church

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Epistle - 1 Corinthians 3:9-17 Gospel - Matthew 14:22-34

If you would like to have someone remembered in prayer or in need of a priest please contact Donna Dimitri, Parish Council Chair, chairperson@stjohnsphila.org or 609-685-1651.

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, Candace Pepenelli, Ann Gjoka, Roxane Ghicondey, Mac, Kristin Snow, Madeline Couris-Guarinello, Dhimiter Ndrecka, Francesca Giansante, Pandeli Spiro, Rosemary Notskas, Peter Mallios, Katherine Zoidis, Marcena Moore, Flossie Vissar, Pandeli, Jorgaq, Lefteri, and all the servicemen especially, Matthew Sherwood (Army-Afghanistan) and Steven Cosmo (Marines-Romania).

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

A Message from Father Brooks: I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the clergy who helped out, over the past year, in order to provide services and pastoral care to the parishioners of St. John's. By all accounts, they did a wonderful job, and I - as the new priest of the parish - am extremely appreciative for their most important ministry, as are all of the parishioners. I would also like to thank Fr. Steven Siniari - who calls me his cousin from Texas! - who is not here today, but who has helped this parish in so many ways. Gratitude also goes out to St. John's Parish Council who did an outstanding job of keeping the parish going in the absence of a full time priest. I only hope and pray that I can continue the working out of the Gospel message as well as all these folks have been doing over the past year. May God bless all of us as we continue to follow His Word. In Christ, Fr. Brooks

Pastoral Coverage:

August 25, Father Brooks, Father Joseph Toroney, Father Mark Koczak, Father Gregory Dudash, Deacon Andrew Rubis, Deacon Gregory Vrato, Richard O'Leary (formerly Father Gregory O'Leary) will also worship with us.

St. John the Baptist Albanian Orthodox Church On Wednesday morning shortly after 9:00 AM, a fire broke out at St. John the Baptist Albanian Orthodox Church, South Boston. The damage to the church was extensive. His Eminence, Archbishop NIKON asks each of you in your parishes to remember Fr. John Scollard and the faithful of St. John's in your prayers as they cope with the aftermath of this devastating fire.

Parishioner News: Ann Gjoka continues her recovery from a broken pelvis at home; 601 Warren Blvd, Broomall, PA 19008. Ann would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards and phone calls during her recovery. She looks forward to returning to church soon!

Coffee Hour Sponsors: Thank you very much!

August 25th Thank you luncheon – Parishioners at St. John

Sept 1st Margaret & George Touros and Katherine & Tom Zoidis

Sept. 8th Marinela Prifti

Sept 15th Ann Gjoka & Linda Notskas

Sept 22nd Kashari Family (15 year Memorial)

Sept 29th Peter & Nancy Ghicondey

Important Dates:

September 1st Father Brooks begins his ministry at St. John Chrysostom

September 8th 40 day Memorial Marica Papinghi

September 9th Parish Council Meeting 7:00 pm

September 15th 1st day of Sunday School

Saturday, September 21st SS Peter & Paul Clam Bake

September 22nd Gregory E. Costa Golf Classic

September 26, 27, 28 Archdiocesan Assembly St. Nicholas Church - New York

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 15th Father Brooks will lead Adult Education Classes

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 at sundayschooldirector@stjohnsphila.org or [610-459-0311](tel:610-459-0311).

Parish Fundraiser: 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