

**The Weekly Messenger –February 10, 2013**  
**St. John Chrysostom Albanian Orthodox Church**  
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Gospel - Matthew 15:21-28

Epistle – 1 Timothy 1:15-17

*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](mailto:chairperson@stjohnsphila.org) or 609-685-1651.*

**Commemorations for the Living:** Metropolitan Tikhon, Archbishop Nikon, Father Stephen Siniari, Dhimitri Ndrecka, Mary Legidakas, Francesca Giansante, Pandeli Spiro, Rosemary Notskas, Peter Mallios, Diane Rubis, Katherine Zoidis, Marcena Moore, Nick Naum, Flossie Vissar, Kathleen, Pandeli, Jorgaq, Lefteri, and all the servicemen especially, Dylan Colclough (Marines-Okinawa).

**Commemorations for the Departed:** Vjollca Ruci, Ngjeline Stefani, Father Deacon Stephen Stefani and those servicemen who have fallen asleep in the Lord in the service of their Country.

**Pastoral Coverage:**

Father Joe Toroney will serve at St. John Chrysostom all of February and March

**Coffee Hour Sponsors: Today, Feb 10<sup>th</sup> Margarita Sevi & Alfred Coni**

Feb 17<sup>th</sup> no sponsor

March 10<sup>th</sup> no sponsor

Feb 24<sup>th</sup> no sponsor

March 17<sup>th</sup> no sponsor

March 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday school hot dog sale

March 10<sup>th</sup> no sponsor

We hope to find for sponsors for coffee hour for the dates above. Two or more families can sponsor any coffee hour. Check with your family and friends and sign up!

**Parishioner Update:** Dhimitri Ndrecka continues he recovery from a stroke. Dhimitri is currently at Magee Rehabilitation, Six Franklin Plaza, 19102, Room 445 Please keep Dhimitri and his family in your prayers.

**IOCC & OCMC:** Our parish recently donated \$300.00 (each) to the missionaries serving in Albania: Anastasia Barksdale, The Bendo Family and the Hoppe Family. We donated \$150.00 (each) to the families preparing to serve as missionaries in Albania: Macdonald, Ritsi, and Sima families. We donated \$500.00 to the IOCC Kosovo relief fund. Thank you for your donations throughout the year.

**Did you know** we have an Albanian Heritage Museum? Well we do! Stop down in the Sunday school and take a look. Sincere thanks to Nick Naum for all of his donations to the museum.

**Sunday School:** Planning an ice skating outing; Sunday, February 24 from 1:30 to 3:00 at the Penn Ice Rink. Please let Steve Coraluzzi know if you will be attending [smc@dsmk.net](mailto:smc@dsmk.net) or [610-459-0311](tel:610-459-0311).

**Website:** [www.stjohnsphila.org](http://www.stjohnsphila.org) has photos of the enthronement of the OCA Metropolitan Tikhon. Coming soon..... the approved minutes from the parish council meetings will be posted on the website.

**Women's Day Dance:** Saturday, March 16, 2013 7:00 – 11:00 pm in the Church Hall. Tickets: Adults \$30.00, Children under 14 \$10.00. Please join us for dancing, good food and fellowship.

**Holy Week & Pascha:** Father Brooks Ledford (pastor at St. John's Jan 2001 – August 2002) will serve at our parish Lazarus Saturday, Holy Week and Pascha (April 27 - May 5, 2013). The exact service schedule will be posted in the messenger. We will not have Wednesday night Pre-Sanctified Liturgy during Great Lent. We encourage our parishioners to attend Ss. Peter & Paul Albanian Orthodox church or another Orthodox church in your area for Pre-Sanctified Liturgies beginning Wednesday, March 20, 2013.

**Donations for the homeless.** The Ladies Club is asking for donations of new or gently used blankets and winter jackets/coats. If you have any of these items please bring them to church. Contact Linda Notskas with any questions.

**Upcoming Events:**

February 24 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday school ice skating at Penn Rink leaving after coffee hour
March 3 <sup>rd</sup>	General Parish Meeting after Divine Liturgy/Hot Dog Sale
March 4 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council Meeting @7:00 pm
March 16 <sup>th</sup>	Women's (Mother's) Day Dance
May 12 <sup>th</sup>	Race for the Cure (proceeds go to finding a cure for breast cancer)
May 19 <sup>th</sup>	Buddy Walk (to promote the understanding, inclusion and acceptance of people with Down syndrome)
September 15 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Gregory E. Costa Golf Classic</i> ..... Golf and Dinner
September 27, 28	Archdiocesan Assembly St. Nicholas Church, Jamaica Estates, NY

**Stewardship:** Pledge cards are available at the candle stand. You may also visit our website [www.stjohnsphila.org](http://www.stjohnsphila.org). Our pledge card is now online. Please submit your pledge card as soon as possible.

**February Giving:** Extra Virgin Olive oil. Used for the lamps in front of the Iconostas and in the Altar. Thank you to everyone who brought in paper towels in January.