

**The Weekly Messenger –February 17, 2013**  
**St. John Chrysostom Albanian Orthodox Church**  
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Gospel - Luke 19:1-10

Epistle – 1 Timothy 4:9-15

*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:** Andrew Koss, 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, March & April 7th April 14 & 21, Father Mark Koczak, April 27, April 28, Holy Week & Pascha (May 5<sup>th</sup>) Father Brooks Ledford.

**Coffee Hour Sponsors: Today, Feb 17<sup>th</sup> Erion & Elvira Gusho**

Feb 24 <sup>th</sup> Linda & David Biando	March 17 <sup>th</sup> no sponsor
March 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday school hot dog sale	March 24 <sup>th</sup> Aleko & Valintina Stefani
March 10 <sup>th</sup> Pandora Bendo	March 31 <sup>st</sup> no sponsor

**Parishioner Update:** Dhimitri Ndrecka continues his 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.

**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. See Fiori or Ilirjan Papa for tickets.

**Meshe:** We are still in need of Meshe. Please check the sign up board in the vestibule.

**Website:** [www.stjohnsphila.org](http://www.stjohnsphila.org) have you visited the website???

**Sunday School:** Planning an ice skating outing; Sunday, February 24 from 1:30 to 3:00 at the Penn Ice Rink. We have reserved the party room and will have lunch then skating. Please let Steve Coraluzzi know if you will be attending [sundayschooldirector@stjohnsphila.org](mailto:sundayschooldirector@stjohnsphila.org) or 610-459-0311.

**Miss Linda** invites her students and their parents to check the Sunday School tab of St John's website each Tuesday for her "Sunday School Stars" extra credit questions. Miss Linda's students can send the answers to her at [misslinda@stjohnsphila.org](mailto:misslinda@stjohnsphila.org). Answers for the week must be sent to Miss Linda by 6PM on the Saturday of each week. The correct answers will accumulate and the students with the most correct answers at the end of the year will get a chance to win a special prize. In addition, when the students who have emailed their answers for the week come to church on the very next Sunday, they will receive a small prize at the end of Sunday school!

**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 10 <sup>th</sup>	Meatfare Sunday (Last day to eat meat until Pascha)
March 16 <sup>th</sup>	Women's (Mother's) Day Dance
March 17 <sup>th</sup>	Cheesefare Sunday (Last day to eat cheese & dairy products until Pascha)
March 18 <sup>th</sup>	Great Lent begins
March 24 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday of Orthodoxy
April 7 <sup>th</sup>	Veneration of the Cross
April 27 <sup>th</sup>	Lazarus Saturday 10:00 am Liturgy & Sunday School retreat
April 28 <sup>th</sup>	Palm Sunday (Charlie Adams Memorial Pancake Breakfast)
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. To date we have received 15 pledges totaling \$6,800.00. Our goal for 2013 is \$50,000.00.

**Icon Info:** Thank you to the 44 families who promised to make a donation for our Icon fund. We have collected \$5,765.00 to date. If you would like to make a donation in honor of your (or a family member's) patron Saint you may do so on line, via mail or at the candle stand.