

The Weekly Messenger –February 24, 2013
St. John Chrysostom Albanian Orthodox Church
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Gospel - 2 Peter 3:1-18 Epistle – Mark 13:24-31

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, Betty Subashi, 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: George Notskas, Joe Gjoka, Andrew Koss (Barbara Searfoorce's father), 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 5th) Father Brooks Ledford.

Coffee Hour Sponsors: Today, Feb 24th David and Linda Biando (Dave's Birthday!)

March 3rd Sunday school hot dog sale March 24th Aleko & Valintina Stefani
March 10th Pandora Bendo March 31st Dorothy Tomassini & Jim Spiro
March 17th no sponsor

Parishioner Update: Rosemary Notskas continues to get stronger each day and hopes to return to church in the near future. 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: Thank you Linda & David Biando for making Meshe today. There are many open dates on the Meshe sign-up sheet. Please pick a date.

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Sunday School: The ice skating outing planned for Sunday, February 24 has been postponed until March 17th. The rink was reserved by the Toronto Maple Leafs who play the Flyers Monday, Feb 25. A new e-vite will be sent. Questions please contact Steve Coraluzzi, sundayschooldirector@stjohnsphila.org or 610-459-0311.

Semi-Annual Parish Meeting next Sunday, March 3, 2013 following the Divine Liturgy. The meeting agenda has been posted in the side vestibule. The Sunday school will sponsor a hot dog sale. We hope to see you and your family at the meeting.

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. 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:

March 3 rd	General Parish Meeting after Divine Liturgy/Hot Dog Sale
March 4 th	Parish Council Meeting @7:00 pm
March 10 th	Meatfare Sunday (Last day to eat meat until Pascha)
March 16 th	Women's (Mother's) Day Dance
March 17 th	Cheesefare Sunday (Last day to eat cheese & dairy products until Pascha)
March 18 th	Great Lent begins
March 24 th	Sunday of Orthodoxy
April 7 th	Veneration of the Cross
April 27 th	Lazarus Saturday 10:00 am Liturgy & Sunday School retreat
April 28 th	Palm Sunday (Charlie Adams Memorial Pancake Breakfast)
May 12 th	Race for the Cure (proceeds go to finding a cure for breast cancer)
May 19 th	Buddy Walk (to promote the understanding, inclusion and acceptance of people with Down syndrome) contact Susan Melnik
September 15 th	<i>Gregory E. Costa Golf Classic</i> Golf and Dinner
September 27, 28	Archdiocesan Assembly St. Nicholas Church, Jamaica Estates, NY

Stewardship: Pledge cards have been mailed to our parishioners. If you have not received your pledge card they are also available at the candle stand or online website www.stjohnsphila.org. Please complete and submit your pledge card as soon as possible.