

The Weekly Messenger –July 14, 2013

St. John Chrysostom Albanian Orthodox Church

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*Epistle - Romans 5:1-10 Gospel - Matthew 6:22-33*

*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, Ann Gjoka, Roxane Ghicondey, Mac, Cranford, 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:** Mary Legidakes, Father Deacon Stephen Stefani and those servicemen who have fallen asleep in the Lord in the service of their Country.

**Pastoral Coverage:**

July 14 Father Gregory Dudash

July 21 & 28, August 4, 11 Father Joseph Toroney

**Coffee Hour Sponsors:** Thank you very much!

July 14<sup>th</sup> Zhaneta & Edmund Dhandili August 4<sup>th</sup> Adams Family  
(15 year Memorial) (2 year Memorial for Charlie Adams)

July 21<sup>st</sup> Fiori & Ilirjan Papa August 11<sup>th</sup> Qendro Family

July 28<sup>th</sup> Robert & Majlinda Ceca August 18<sup>th</sup> Marinela Prifti, Liljana Petuqi  
and Eda Kosova

**Parishioner News:** Ann Gjoka is at Quadrangle Rehabilitation, 330 Darby Road, Havertown, PA 19041, recovering from a broken pelvis. Please keep Ann in your prayers.

If you have news or information about a parishioner and would like to share it with our parishioners please send the details to [info@stjohnsphila.org](mailto:info@stjohnsphila.org). Many of our parishioners will send a card or contact their friends.

*Thank you Father Gregory for serving today!*

**Important Dates:**

August 4<sup>th</sup> 2 year Memorial – Charlie Adams

August 5<sup>th</sup> Parish Council Meeting 7:00 pm

August 6<sup>th</sup> The Transfiguration of Christ

August 15<sup>th</sup> Dormition of the Theotokos

August 25<sup>th</sup> Thank you luncheon

September 1<sup>st</sup> Father Brooks begins his ministry at St. John Chrysostom

September 22<sup>nd</sup> Gregory E. Costa Golf Classic

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

October 15<sup>th</sup> Adult Education Classes begin (Father Brooks)

November 9 & 10 Nameday Celebration - Bishop Nikon will visit

**August 25<sup>th</sup>:** We are asking our parishioners to make an “Albanian Pie”; Lakror, Byrek, Spinach Pie, etc or a meat dish, Qofte, etc. and "Albanian desserts”; baklava, finike, kadaif, plus some puddings. We are requesting Albanian food for the luncheon to thank the priests and deacons who have assisted our parish over the past year. Please send an email indicating what you are able to donate for the luncheon to [info@stjohnsphila.org](mailto:info@stjohnsphila.org). We hope all of our parishioners are able to attend church and join us for the celebratory luncheon.

**Pledges:** We are struggling to meet our goal of 140 pledged families. We have received 102 pledges through the end of June. If you have not pledged please submit your pledge card and help us achieve our goal! Thank you to those families who have submitted their pledge cards!

**Things to know while in church:** *Lighting Candles* is an important part of Orthodox worship. We light them as we pray, making an offering to accompany our prayers. Orthodox typically light candles when coming into the church. There are times when candles should not be lit. It is not proper to light candles during the Epistle or Gospel readings, during the Little or Great Entrances, the sermon and most of the times when the faithful are standing.

*Standing vs. Sitting*, the traditional posture for prayer and worship in the Orthodox Church has been to stand. It is fully acceptable to stand for the entire service. When should you definitely stand? Always during the Gospel reading, the Little and Great Entrances, the Anaphora, the distribution of Holy Communion, whenever the priest gives a blessing and the Dismissal. The black Divine Liturgy books in the pews suggest the times to stand and sit. You can follow along!

**July Monthly Giving:** Extra Virgin Olive oil. Used for the lamps in front of the Iconostas and in the Altar.