

**The Weekly Messenger –July 21, 2013**  
**St. John Chrysostom Albanian Orthodox Church**  
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*Epistle - Romans 6:18-23 Gospel - Matthew 8:15-3*

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

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

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
August 4 <sup>th</sup> Adams Family	August 25 <sup>th</sup> Thank you luncheon
2 year memorial Charlie Adams	

**Important Dates:**

July 28<sup>th</sup> 40 day Memorial Mary Legidakes  
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)

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**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 or 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:** *Entering the Church* The time to arrive at church is before the service starts, (10:00 am). On occasion some of us arrive after 10:00 am. If you arrive after the Divine Liturgy has started, try to enter the church quietly and observe what is happening. If the Epistle or Gospel is being read or the Little or Great Entrance is taking place, wait until it is finished to light your candles and find a seat. If Father is giving the sermon, stay in the back until he has concluded. If in doubt, check with one of the ushers or at the candle stand to see if it is a good time to proceed to your seat.

**July Monthly Giving:** Extra Virgin Olive oil. Used for the lamps in front of the Iconostas and in the Altar. We always welcome donations of paper towels!

**Parishioner News:** Ann Gjoka is at Quadrangle Rehabilitation, 3300 Darby Road, Havertown, PA 19041, 610-642-3000) recovering from a broken pelvis. Ann is in room 123. 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.

**Gregory E. Costa Golf Classic:** Sunday, September 22, 2013 at the Paxon Hollow Country Club. Golf begins at 12:00 pm, dinner @ 5:00 pm. Tell your friends and plan to attend. We will have our 50/50 raffle, Albanian Auction and a good time for everyone! Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

*Thank you Father Joe for serving and Prifteresha Kathy for singing today!*