

**The Weekly Messenger –June 16, 2013**  
**St. John Chrysostom Albanian Orthodox Church**  
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*Epistle - Acts 20:16-18, 28-36*      *Gospel - John 17:1-13*

## **CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!** **KRISHTI U NGJALL! VERTET U NGJALL!**

**Commemorations for the Living:** Metropolitan Tikhon, Archbishop Nikon, Father Stephen Siniari, Newly illuminated Savina Marie and Edon Alex, Mary Legidakas, Linda Kosta, 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), Steven Cosmo (Marines-Romania). Dylan Colclough (Marines) has completed his tour of duty in Korea & Okinawa. He has returned to his base in Hawaii and thanks everyone for their prayers.

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

### **Pastoral Coverage:**

June 16 & 23 Father Mark Koczak  
June 30, July 7 & 14 Father Gregory Dudash

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

June 16<sup>th</sup> Ervin Elbasani & Yllka Lena  
June 23<sup>rd</sup>

Please sign up for one of our open coffee hour dates: June 23, Sept 1, Nov 3 & 24,

### **Important Dates:**

June 23<sup>rd</sup> Holy Pentecost  
June 29<sup>th</sup> Saturday 9:00 am Divine Liturgy at SS Peter & Paul Church- Parish Nameday  
June 30<sup>th</sup> SS Peter & Paul - Luncheon following the Divine Liturgy @ SS Peter & Paul

**Gregory E. Costa Golf Classic:** The date for the golf outing has been changed to Sunday, September 22, 2013. Please update your calendars and plan to attend this fun event.

Thank you Father Mark for serving at St. John's today.

**Parishioner Update** Mary Legidakas is at Lankenau Medical Center, Room 309, 100 E Lancaster Ave, Wynnewood, PA 19096. Please keep Mary in your prayers.

**Thursday, June 13<sup>th</sup>:** The Feast of the Ascension of our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ is celebrated each year on the fortieth day after the Great and Holy Feast of Pascha (Easter). Since the date of Pascha changes each year, the date of the Feast of the Ascension changes. The Feast is always celebrated on a Thursday. The Feast itself commemorates when, on the fortieth day after His Resurrection, Jesus led His disciples to the Mount of Olives, and after blessing them and asking them to wait for the fulfillment of the promise of the Holy Spirit, He ascended into heaven. [http://www.goarch.org/special/listen\\_learn\\_share/ascension](http://www.goarch.org/special/listen_learn_share/ascension)

**The seventh Sunday after the Feast of Holy Pascha** is observed by the Orthodox Church as the Sunday of the Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council. This day commemorates the 318 God-bearing Fathers who gathered in Nicaea in 325 at the request of the Emperor, Saint Constantine the Great, to address the heresy of Arianism together with other issues that concerned the unity of the Church. [http://lent.goarch.org/sunday\\_of\\_fathers/learn/](http://lent.goarch.org/sunday_of_fathers/learn/)

**Full Time Priest:** Parish Council is very happy to announce Father Brooks Ledford will be returning to St. John Chrysostom as our full time priest. He will celebrate the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, September 1, 2013. See any member of parish council for additional details.

**Sunday school:** Congratulations to our graduates; Zach Dardaris, Tori Contoudis and Andrew Fiss. Thank you again to our teachers and our Director, Steve Coraluzzi for a great year. Wishing all of our Sunday school students, teachers and families a happy and safe summer. If you would like to help out with our summer Sunday school program please contact Steve Coraluzzi [sundayschooldirector@stjohnsphila.org](mailto:sundayschooldirector@stjohnsphila.org). or 856-562-9672.

### **Special Request from Covenant House for Donations:**

If you are able to donate any of the following items, please bring them to Church and place them in the box in the side vestibule. They will be given to Fr. Stephen:

***Food Items:*** canned spaghetti, soup, chocolate chip granola bars, tuna fish, jelly, pasta noodles (angel hair, penne, etc.), spaghetti sauce, oatmeal; ***Baby Items:*** Enfamil (Premium), baby bottles, receiving blankets, pacifiers, wipes, size 5 diapers; ***Hygiene Items:*** white t-shirts (small, medium), socks (boys', girls', any color), underwear (teens 18, 19, 20 years old)

**Pledge Update:** Statements were emailed. Those who do not have email will receive a hard copy of their statement. If you did not receive a statement or if you have an email address and would like to receive your statements via email please contact Michele Anderson [treasurer@stjohnsphila.org](mailto:treasurer@stjohnsphila.org) or call 609-685-1651. Through May 31<sup>st</sup> we have received 98 pledges totaling \$55,535.00. Of that total \$28,085.00 has been remitted. Thank you!

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