

The Weekly Messenger –March 10, 2013
St. John Chrysostom Albanian Orthodox Church
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Gospel - 1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2 Epistle – Matthew 25:31-46

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, Jennie Sappas, 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: 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 March & April 7th April 14 & 21, Father Mark Koczak, April 27, April 28, Holy Week & Pascha (May 5th) Father Brooks Ledford. May 12 – 26 Father Joe Toroney

Coffee Hour Sponsors: Today, March 10th Anatol & Diana Kondili –Thank You

March 17 th Pandora Bendo	April 7 th Mike & Carolyn Dardaris
March 24 th Aleko & Valintina Stefani	April 14 th
March 31 st Dorothy Tomassini & Jim Spiro	April 21 st Betty Subashi

Thank you to the Coraluzzi Family; Steve, Diane, Adam & Michele for donating the hotdogs for the Sunday school hot dog sale. Steve, Michele & Adam also cleaned up the hall after the meeting! It is great to have our young people involved.

Women's Day Dance: NEXT SATURDAY NIGHT!!! Are you looking for a fun way to spend Saturday night? A night of dancing, fellowship and good food. Saturday, March 16, 2013, 7:00 – 11:00 pm in the Church Hall. Tickets: Adults \$30.00, Children under 14 \$10.00. See Fiori or Ilirjan Papa for tickets.

Meshe: Thank you Marge Nowmos for bringing Meshe last Sunday. It was delicious! There are many open dates on the Meshe sign-up sheet. Please pick a date and sign up to make Meshe. As always a big Thank You to Dodona Papa, who brings Meshe on a regular basis.

Sunday School: NEXT SUNDAY!!! It is not too late to join us. Ice skating outing following the Divine Liturgy, at the U of P Class of 1923 Rink. This outing is being sponsored by the Sunday school using proceeds from their hot dog sales and other fundraisers. Lunch will be provided. Please let Steve Coraluzzi know if you are joining us, sundayschooldirector@stjohnsphila.org or [610-459-0311](tel:610-459-0311).

We want to know??? Do you have a family recipe that is special to you? One that makes you happy because it is not only delicious but brings back happy memories of loved ones or happy occasions? If yes, please share it with Linda Biando. Each month we plan to put a great recipe and the story behind it into the website. It can be a recipe that is American, Albanian, or from any other ethnic group. It can be simple, complex, Lenten, a holiday specialty, or just a little something that others are sure to enjoy. Please email your reply to misslinda@stjohnsphila.org or see her during coffee hour.

Website: www.stjohnsphila.org Please volunteer to assist our webmaster, Peter Ghicondey with the maintenance of our website. We need your help, only an hour or two a week. Contact Peter Ghicondey vicechairperson@stjohnsphila.org or meet with Peter during coffee hour. Did you know you can now view the website in Albanian? It is a click away!

Semi-Annual Parish Meeting: March 3, 2013 minutes from the October 21, 2012 meeting were approved and are available on the website. Financial statement, also approved, is available in the church hall on the bookcase. The parishioners in attendance voted to support a full time priest. Parish Council will follow through and determine available candidates. Thank you to those who attended the meeting and expressed their opinion.

Ladies Club: We are continuing to collect men's clothing, blankets, gloves, coats, jackets pillows for the homeless. Linda Notskas and Steve Ghicondes took all of the previously donated items to park and they were distributed to many grateful recipients. As you begin your spring cleaning please think about those less fortunate than we are and donate your gently used men's clothing and other items to help those in need. Your donations can be placed in the side vestibule at the church. Thank you to those who have made donations.

Pledge Update: Have you sent in your pledge?

To date we have 51 pledges, \$21,275.00 pledged, \$4,920.00 received.
Icons: \$13,700.00 promised, \$7,215.00 received

March Monthly Giving: single ply toilet paper and/or paper napkins
Thank you very much to our parishioners who have made donations!