

The Weekly Messenger –November 10, 2013
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Epistle - 2 Corinthians 11:31-33 Gospel – Luke 16:19-31

A warm welcome is extended to His Eminence Nikon, Archbishop of Boston, New England and the Albanian Archdiocese, Locum tenens of the Diocese of the South. We also welcome Father Stephen Siniari and the parishioners from our sister church Ss. Peter & Paul Albanian Orthodox Church. We are so happy you are able to join us as we celebrate our Parish Nameday. Faleminderit, Gezuar!

Message from Father Brooks: Next Wed., Nov. 13th, we will continue our discussion about the Assembly of Bishops 2013 *Statement on Marriage and Sexuality*. We will also have an open forum, topics you want to discuss concerning our Orthodox faith. Thank you to those who attended this past Wednesday. Everyone has very busy lives and I appreciate your taking the time to come to the church in the middle of the week for these discussions. If you have questions please contact me: 210-461-1956.

Commemorations for the Living: Metropolitan Tikhon, Archbishop Nikon, Father Stephen Siniari, Father John Scollard and the parishioners at St. John the Baptist Albanian Orthodox Church, Father Ken James Stavrevsky, Proto Deacon Michael Sochka, Newly illuminated Emma Schneider, Lisa (Kosta) Bowser, George Douros, Andigoni Steffa, James Ghicondey, John and Mary Croke, Paula Kosta, Lefteria Dhimitri, Jorgjia Kashari, Candace Pepenelli, Ann Gjoka, Mac, Kristin Snow, Dhimiter Ndrecka, Francesca Giansante, Pandeli Spiro, Rosemary Notskas, Peter Mallios, Marcena Moore, Flossie Vissar, Pandeli, Jorgaq, Lefteri, and all the servicemen especially, Matthew Sherwood (Army-Afghanistan), Calvin Colclough (Marines–Spain)

Commemorations for the Departed: Madeline Couris-Guarinello, Katherine Tsonis Bisaga, Father Deacon Stephen Stefani and those servicemen who have fallen asleep in the Lord in the service of their Country.

If you would like to have someone remembered in prayer or you are in need of a Priest please contact Father Brooks Ledford. He may be reached at 210-461-1956 or you may email him fr.brooks@stjohnsphila.org

November: paper plates and toilet paper. Thank you very much to those who already donated these items.

Coffee Hour Sponsors: Thank you very much! (2014 Coffee Hour Sign Up Sheet Posted)
Nov 10th Nameday Luncheon sponsored by the parishioners at St. John Chrysostom!
Nov 17th Janice & Mike Leyden
Nov 24th George & Nikoleta Prifti
Dec 1st Sunday School
Dec 8th The Salavaci Family (Niko's Nameday)

Congratulations to our newly elected 2014 Parish Council: Michele Anderson, Linda Biando, Donna Dimitri, Peter Ghicondey, Linda Kosta, Diane Lescas, Jani Mara. Thanks are also extended to our new Auxiliary Council, William Bortner, Kathie Costa, Steve Ghicondey, Janice Leyden, Linda Notskas, and Dorothy Tomassini. If you would like to serve or help out in any way please see anyone listed above. Special thanks to Steve Ghicondey (past council chairperson) and John Rubis (the guy who takes care of most of the church maintenance) for your dedicated service over these past years!

Ladies Club: We are asking for donations of new or gently used blankets, winter jackets/coats, men's and women's clothing. The collected items will be donated to the homeless in Philadelphia. Please check your closets, attics, basements and sheds; you may have items you haven't used in years! Please bring them to church and we will make sure someone less fortunate gets them. Contact Linda Notskas with any questions.

Parishioner News: It was so wonderful to see Jorgjia Kashari and Lefteria Dhimitri in "their seats" last Sunday. It is good to have them back!
If you have news to share please email info@stjohnsphila.org

Sunday school: The Sunday school is going to the Aquarium in Camden NJ, on November 17th. Tickets are \$5.00 for children and \$10.00 for adults. If you plan on going to the Aquarium payment is needed by November 10th. Please contact Steve Coraluzzi for additional information. sundayschooldirector@stjohnsphila.org Ticket money may be given to Steve or any Sunday school teacher.

Important Dates:

November 9th 6:30 pm Vespers - Archbishop Nikon will be at St. Johns
November 10th Divine Liturgy w/ Archbishop Nikon Installation - 2014 Parish Council
November 12th (Tuesday) Parish Council Meeting (2013 & 2014 Councils) 7:00 pm
Nov 13, 20 Father Brooks Education Classes @ 6:30 pm
November 24th Sunday school - Albanian Thanksgiving
November 28th Albanian Flag Day
December 1st Father Gregory DuDash will celebrate the Divine Liturgy, Father Brooks will be in Texas November 26 thru December 2, 2013 for Thanksgiving. Father Stephen will be available through the week for emergencies.