

The Weekly Messenger –October 13, 2013

St. John Chrysostom Albanian Orthodox Church

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Epistle - 2 Corinthians 6:1-10 Gospel – Luke 8:5-15

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

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, Mary Croke, James Ghicondey, Paula Kosta, Lefteria Dhimitri, John Croke, Jorgjia Kashari, Candace Pepenelli, Ann Gjoka, Mac, Kristin Snow, Madeline Couris-Guarinello, 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: Katherine Zoidis, Dylan Shepherd, Father Deacon Stephen Stefani and those servicemen who have fallen asleep in the Lord in the service of their Country.

Coffee Hour Sponsors: Thank you very much!

Oct 13th Family of Katherine Zoidis – 40 day memorial

Oct 20th Diane & Ted Lescas

Oct 27th Sunday school Hot Dog sale

Nov 3rd Marsel Kosova

Nov 10th Nameday Luncheon sponsored by the parishioners at St. John Chrysostom!

Parishioner News: Jim Ghicondey was released from Springfield Hospital on Tuesday evening. He is in good spirits and resting at home. Father Brooks visited with him prior to his release from the hospital. Jorgjia Kashari and Lefteria Dhimitri are getting stronger with each passing day. Please keep Jim, Jorgjia and Lefteria in your prayers. If you have news about a parishioner and would like to share it with others please send an email to fr.brooks@stjohnsphila.org or call 210-461-1956.

Monthly Giving: Paper Towels

St John's is looking for a volunteer who takes an enthusiastic view of becoming our part time **Webmaster Associate**. Core responsibilities of the **Webmaster Associate** include the appearance and setting up of St John's website pages and content. Please reply to info@stjohnsphila.org or see any Parish Council member.

Message from Father Brooks: In 3 days..... we will meet and discuss *Controversies in Orthodox Christianity: An Overview*. We will be exploring difficult issues in our culture in general and how we are supposed to respond as Orthodox Christians. Classes will begin on Wednesday, Oct. 16th, @ 6:30 pm at the church. We will continue to meet on Wednesday nights; Oct 23, 30, Nov 6, Nov 13, Nov 20. There will be refreshments and lively discussion. Join us!

Annual Halloween Party: In two weeks, on Saturday, October 26, 2013 from 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm, The Ladies Club will once again sponsor the Annual Halloween Party! Adult tickets are \$5.00, children are free. Hot dogs and refreshments will be served. Paula Bendo or Diane Lescas will be happy to answer any and all questions in reference to this event or email info@stjohnsphila.org

Nameday Celebration: Please join us Sunday, November 10th, as our parish celebrates our Nameday. As is our custom we will have a luncheon following the Divine Liturgy. We are asking our parishioners to make their specialty an “Albanian Pie”; Lakror, Byrek, Spinach Pie, etc or a meat dish, Qofte, etc. and "Albanian desserts”; baklava, finike, kadaif, plus some puddings. Our “Thank-you” luncheon on August 28th was so enjoyable we thought we should replicate it for our Nameday. Please send an email indicating what you are able to donate for the luncheon to info@stjohnsphila.org. Father Stephen Siniari and the parishioners from our sister parish, Ss. Peter & Paul will celebrate the Divine Liturgy with us. We hope all of our parishioners are able to attend church and join us as we celebrate our 82nd Anniversary!

Sunday school: The Sunday school is planning an outing to the Aquarium in Camden NJ, on November 17th. Tickets are \$5.00 for children and \$10.00 for adults. We must have a count and purchase the tickets by November 10th. Please contact Steve Coraluzzi for additional information. sundayschooldirector@stjohnsphila.org

Important Dates:

Oct 16, 23, 30 Father Brooks Education Classes @ 6:30 pm

October 18th Book Club meets 6:30 pm @ Dorothy Tomassini’s apartment

October 26th Halloween Party 3-6 pm in the Church Hall

November 3rd Semi- annual parish meeting and election following the Divine Liturgy

November 9th 6:30 pm Vespers - Archbishop Nikon will be at St. Johns

November 10th Divine Liturgy with Archbishop Nikon followed by Nameday luncheon

November 12th (Tuesday) Parish Council Meeting 7:00 pm

November 24th Sunday school - Albanian Thanksgiving