

**The Weekly Messenger –October 20, 2013**

**St. John Chrysostom Albanian Orthodox Church**

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*Epistle - 2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1 Gospel – Luke 16:19-31*

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](mailto: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 Tsonis Bisaga, 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 20<sup>th</sup> Diane & Ted Lescas

Oct 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday school Hot Dog sale

Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> Marsel Kosova

Nov 10<sup>th</sup> NAMEDAY Luncheon sponsored by the parishioners at St. John Chrysostom!

Nov 17<sup>th</sup> Janice & Mike Leyden

Nov 24<sup>th</sup> George & Nikoleta Prifti

**Parishioner News:** We were very happy to see Lefteria Dhimitri, Ann Gjoka and Rosemary Notskas in church last week! Hopefully they will be in their “usual seats” in the weeks ahead. Jim Ghicondey was back in the hospital this week. He is now resting at home, 34 Schuyler Road, Springfield, PA 19064. Jorgjia Kashari continues her recovery from a broken hip and hopes to return to church soon. Please keep Jim and Jorgjia in your prayers.

**Monthly Giving:** paper towels

**Thank you to Tish Klus** for volunteering to assist with our website maintenance. If you are able to donate an hour or two a week we have a position for you as well. Contact Peter Ghicondey [vicechairperson@stjohnsphila.org](mailto:vicechairperson@stjohnsphila.org)

**Message from Father Brooks:** Thank you to those who attended our first Wednesday night group discussion. I think everyone found it interesting and hope they return. Next week, we will discuss "the role of women in the Church". We'll talk about why there are no female deacons, priests, etc., and discuss whether or not there should be. Join us Wednesday, Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>, @ 6:30 pm in the church hall. Food and beverages will be provided.

**Monthly Newsletter:** Father Brooks is planning to publish a monthly newsletter. Thank you to Susan Melnik who has offered to assist with this endeavor. If you would like to contribute to this publication please contact Father Brooks, 210-461-1956 or [fr.brooks@stjohnsphila.org](mailto:fr.brooks@stjohnsphila.org)

**Annual Halloween Party:** Next 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](mailto:info@stjohnsphila.org)

**Recycling has come to St. John Chrysostom:** In an effort to be more environmentally friendly we are now recycling bottles, cans, plastic and paper. We have a blue recycle bin in the church hall and another located near the bulletin board in the hallway leading to the Sunday school. Please put all recyclables in these blue containers.

**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. If you plan on going to the Aquarium payment is needed by November 10<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Steve Coraluzzi for additional information. [sundayschooldirector@stjohnsphila.org](mailto:sundayschooldirector@stjohnsphila.org) Ticket money may be given to Steve or any Sunday school teacher.

**Important Dates:**

Oct 23, 30, Nov 6, 13, 20 Father Brooks Education Classes @ 6:30 pm

October 26<sup>th</sup> Halloween Party 3-6 pm in the Church Hall

November 3<sup>rd</sup> Semi- annual parish meeting and election following the Divine Liturgy

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

November 10<sup>th</sup> Divine Liturgy with Archbishop Nikon followed by NAMEDAY luncheon

November 12<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday) Parish Council Meeting 7:00 pm

November 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday school - Albanian Thanksgiving