

**The Weekly Messenger –October 27, 2013**  
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*Epistle - 2 Corinthians 9:6-11 Gospel – Luke 8:26-39*

**Message from Father Brooks:** Our discussion group met Wednesday night (10/23) and had an interesting conversation about the role of women in the Orthodox Church. Thank you to those who attended the discussion. It is difficult to drive into the city at night and many people work and have other obligations, so your attendance is greatly appreciated. We will meet again on Wed. 10/30 at 6:30 pm. Our parishioners who happen to be MEN are welcome to attend and join Kevin Fiss and our women parishioners!!

**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, George Douros, James Ghicondey, John and Mary Croke, Paula Kosta, Lefteria Dhimitri, 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:** Chrisanthee Dimitri, 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 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 Pifti

Dec 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday School

**Parishioner News:** Lefteria Dhimitri was in the hospital for a couple of days. She is currently recovering at home. Jim Ghicondey continues his recovery at home. Andi Steffa (parishioner at SS Peter & Paul) is in Doylestown Hospital. Please keep Lefteria, Jim and Andi in your prayers!

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)

**Semi-annual Parish Meeting November 3<sup>rd</sup>:** In the church hall following the Divine Liturgy. On the agenda: Election of our 2014 Parish Council and the status of our parish at this time. The agenda, minutes and proposed budget have been emailed. They are also posted on the board in the side vestibule. It is important for our parishioners to attend and participate in this meeting. You can attend the meeting and still be home in time to see the Eagles game!

**Archbishop Nikon's Visit November 9<sup>th</sup> and 10:** We will have a Vesper Service on Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 pm. A welcome to Philadelphia meal (cheese steaks, soft pretzels and Tastykakes) will be served in the church hall following Vespers. The Archbishop Nikon will celebrate the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, Nov 10<sup>th</sup>, with Father Brooks and Father Stephen Siniari. There will be a luncheon in the church hall following the Divine Liturgy. The luncheon will be free as our parishioners will donate the food! We look forward to seeing all of our parishioners and our sisters and brothers from SS Peter and Paul.

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

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

**Covenant House:** We are still collecting the following items for Covenant House:

**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- 20 years old). Please place your donation in the box located in the side vestibule.

**Thank you to those who have made donations!**

**Monthly Giving October:** paper towels **November:** paper plates and toilet paper