

**The Weekly Messenger –October 6, 2013**  
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*Epistle - 2 Corinthians 4:6-16 Gospel – Luke 7:11-16*

**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, 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:** Mary Costa Dimitri, 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 6<sup>th</sup> Family of Mary Costa Dimitri -1 year memorial

Oct 13<sup>th</sup> Family of Katherine Zoidis – 40 day memorial

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

**Parishioner News:** Jorgjia Kashari is recovering at home from her fractured pelvis. Father Brooks visited her and reports she is in good spirits. Lefteria Dhimitri fell and broke her arm. She also was visited by Father Brooks and is on the mend. Please keep both women in your prayers.

**October Namedays** **Për shumë vjet! Gëzuar !:**3<sup>rd</sup> St. Dionysius, 13<sup>th</sup> Martyr Antigonas, 18<sup>th</sup> St. Luke the Evangelist, 19<sup>th</sup> St. Cleopatra, 26<sup>th</sup> St. Demetrius

**Monthly giving:** Everyone's favorite.... Paper Towels

**Pledges:** Are you one of the 107 families who have made a financial pledge to our parish for 2013? Is your name on the scroll in the side vestibule? If you haven't had a chance to send in your pledge please do so now. We are still accepting pledges for 2013. Contact [info@stjohnsphila.org](mailto:info@stjohnsphila.org) with questions or make a pledge online [www.stjohnsphila.org](http://www.stjohnsphila.org). Pledges can be made via PayPal. We need your support! A heartfelt THANK-YOU to the families who have made pledges for 2013.

**Nameday Celebration:** Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup> our parish will celebrate 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:info@stjohnsphila.org). We hope all of our parishioners are able to attend church and join us as we celebrate our 82<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary!

**Message from Father Brooks:** In 10 days.....beginning October 16<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday night class: 6:30 pm. A six week class, each Wednesday, entitled: 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. There will be refreshments and lively discussion. Please try to attend.

**Annual Halloween Party:** 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. Please plan to attend. 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)

**Sunday school:** The Sunday school is planning an outing to the Aquarium in Camden NJ, in November. Tickets are \$5.00 for children and \$10.00 for adults. Please contact Steve Coraluzzi for additional information. [sundayschooldirector@stjohnsphila.org](mailto:sundayschooldirector@stjohnsphila.org) Miss Linda has restarted her Sunday school stars program. Please go online to [www.stjohnsphila.org](http://www.stjohnsphila.org), answer the questions and win a prize!

**Important Dates:**

October 13<sup>th</sup> 40 day Memorial - Katherine Zoidis

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

November 9<sup>th</sup> Vespers Archbishop Nikon will be at St. Johns

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