

**The Weekly Messenger –September 22, 2013**  
**St. John Chrysostom Albanian Orthodox Church**  
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*Epistle - 1 Corinthians 16:13-24 Gospel – Luke 5:1-11*

**If you would like to have someone remembered in prayer or 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, John Croke, Jorgjia Kashari, Brittany Ghicondey, 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:** Jorgaq Kashari, Katherine Zoidis, Dylan Shepherd, Margarita Rubis, 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!

Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> Kashari Family 15 year Memorial Jorgaq Kashari (Jorgjia's husband)  
Sept 29<sup>th</sup> Family of Margarita Rubis – 40 day memorial  
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

**Parish Council - We are looking for volunteers.** The secular affairs of the parish are administered by the parish council. The council holds regular monthly meetings and fulfills its duties toward the Archdiocese, toward members of the parish and the community at large. The parish council monitors income and pays expenses incurred by the parish. The parish council cooperates with the priest in making necessary preparations for religious services. Our semi-annual parish meeting and parish council election are scheduled for Nov. 3, 2013. If you are interested in serving on parish council please contact Father Brooks.

**Message from Father Brooks:** 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.

**Sunday School:** We had a wonderful 1<sup>st</sup> day of Sunday school on Sept 15<sup>th</sup>. Twenty nine children registered and participated in the procession for the Elevation of the Cross. Everyone who brought a backpack had it blessed by Father Brooks - A first at St. John's-. All in all a wonderful day and a great start for what will be an exceptional year! If you have any questions contact Steve Coraluzzi 856-562-9672 or email [sundayschooldirector@stjohnsphila.org](mailto:sundayschooldirector@stjohnsphila.org)

**Reminder:** you can still register for and participate in Sunday school. We welcome all children and encourage the parents to bring their kids on Sunday. Nursery school through 7<sup>th</sup> grade meet downstairs and grades 8 – 12 meet in the church office after the children receive communion. Please bring your children to church!!

**Website:** <http://www.stjohnsphila.org> is looking for visitors. Stop by and take a look at the new photos and other information on our website. We are also on Facebook, like us <https://www.facebook.com/StJohnChrysostomAlbanianOrthodoxChurch>

**Important Dates:**

September 22<sup>nd</sup> Gregory E. Costa Golf Classic, golf @ 12:00, cocktail hour @ 4:45pm  
September 26, 27, 28 Archdiocesan Assembly St. Nicholas Church - New York  
September 29<sup>th</sup> 40 day memorial Margarita Rubis  
October 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday 9:00 am – Fall Cleanup, we have the cleaning supplies and we need your helping hands to make our church sparkle! Altar server workshop  
October 6<sup>th</sup> 1 year Memorial - Mary Costa Dimitri  
October 13<sup>th</sup> 40 day Memorial - Katherine Zoidis

**Pledge Update:** Good News, it is not too late to make a pledge for 2013! Pledge cards are available at the candle stand, on the bookcase in the church hall or online @ <http://www.stjohnsphila.org>. Don't miss out on this opportunity to help support our parish. To date we have received 107 pledges totaling \$60,085.00. Contribution statements will be distributed at the end of September. If you have any questions please contact Michele Anderson [treasurer@stjohnsphila.org](mailto:treasurer@stjohnsphila.org) or call the church office 215-563-0979. Thank you to those who have made a pledge this year!

**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 save the date and plan to attend. Paula Bendo or Diane Lescas will be happy to answer any and all questions in reference to this event.