

The Weekly Messenger – April 5, 2020
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Epistle: Hebrews 9:11-14 Gospel: Mark 10:32-45

Dear Parishioners of St. John Chrysostom Albanian Orthodox Church:

These are difficult days. We aren't able to gather in our spiritual home for prayer and fellowship. Yet we remain united as a family of faith, always present for one another in love and support. We miss you and look forward to the time when we can safely gather together in our beloved St. John Chrysostom Church. It is important to remember that the Church is not the building. It is the people of faith that remain connected, drawing spiritual nourishment from God and strength from one another.

As leaders of our parish, we are working to build upon existing ministries that will keep us connected as the St. John Chrysostom family. We have been sending cards and making phone calls to parishioners. Our offer to assist any parishioner or friend in need stands. If you or someone you know is in need of assistance, please contact us and we will help in any way we can. Contact us info@stjohnsphila.org or call 609-685-1651.

We ask that you continue to support the Church so that together we may serve our family and our community during this difficult time. Your offerings of support may be submitted by mail to the church. We also have online giving available on our church website for one-time and periodic giving. [DONATE](#) Again, we thank you for your generous support.

As we continue to “shelter in place” and practice “social distancing,” we have an opportunity to strengthen the way we practice our faith in our home. Through our faith we can trust that we will soon gather once again in our beloved St. John Chrysostom, our spiritual home. *May God Bless and keep you and your family!*

Remember to check our [Website](#) which is constantly updated by Sergio with important information and our [FaceBook](#) page which is updated by Fiori, Nilda & Stephanie. Our sincere thanks to them for their hard work!

Weekly Messenger: If you know someone who does not have access to the internet and would like to have the Weekly Messenger mailed to them please let us know. We currently are mailing the Messenger to Linda N. Betty S. & Bessie S. We are happy to send it to anyone who would like to receive it! Please sent their name to [Messenger](#)



The Fifth Sunday recalls the memory of **Saint Mary of Egypt**, the repentant harlot. Mary tells us, first of all, that no amount of sin and wickedness can keep a person from God if he truly repents. Christ himself has come “to call sinners to repentance” and to save them from their sins (Lk 5.32). In addition, Saint Mary tells us that it is never too late in life—or in Lent—to repent. Christ will gladly receive all who come to him even at the eleventh hour of their lives. But their coming must be in serious and sincere repentance.

Commemorations for the Departed: Archbishop Nikon, Victims of Covid-19 virus, Jennie Sapnas (2 yrs.), Lefteria Dhimitri (6 yrs.), Vrisidah Zoto (7 yrs.), Arthur Marquess, Deacon Stephen Stefani and those servicemen and women who have fallen asleep in the Lord in the service of their Country. *If you have a name to add to the Commemorations for the departed or the living please email info@stjohnsphila.org*

Commemorations for the Living: Health care workers, First responders, Victims of Covid-19 virus, John Pratsinakis, Dr. Joseph Zavatsy, Fred Grazani, William, Dorothy Tomassini, William Spiro, Roxane Ghicondey, Lee Constantine Elia, Janice Leyden, Lisa Kosta Bowser, Erin Thack, Paul, Lee Gedremenc, Diane Mallios, Evangeline Prifti, Lisa Kelley, Donna Hlavcek, George Robos, Virginia Daka, Haretina (Papa) Milo, Dhimiter Ndrecka, Pandeli, Jorgaq, Lefteri, and the men and women serving in the Armed Forces.

Friend of St. John Chrysostom News: Long- time friend and supporter of St. John Chrysostom, **Virginia Daka**, is in St Joseph's Manor, 1616 Huntingdon Pike, Room 2510, Meadowbrook, PA 19046. Her telephone number is 1-215-914-4510. It would be very nice for anyone who can, to send a “Thinking of Your” card. Or, if you know Virginia give her a call. She is alone at the nursing home and visitors are not permitted at this time. Any outreach would be greatly appreciated.

April Namedays: Per Shume Vjet! Gezuar! Lazarus Saturday - St. Lazarus, Palm Sunday – Kyriako, April 13– St. Martin the Confessor, Sunday after Pascha– St. Thomas, April 23 - Great Martyr George, April 25 - Apostle & Evangelist Mark

Nick Naum Scholarship Applications: are being accepted. The applications must be submitted by June 1, 2020 via email to NNapplication Information is available on our website <https://stjohnsphila.org/scholarship> or by emailing nnscholarship@stjohnsphila.org The following are members of the Nick Naum Scholarship Committee: Diane Coraluzzi, Carolyn Dardaris, Sandi Fiss, Stephanie Kosta, Nicole Ferrara, Reem Tarazi.