

**The Weekly Messenger – July 11, 2021**  
**St. John Chrysostom Albanian Orthodox Church**  
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**Epistle: Romans 5:1-10 Gospel: Matthew 6:22-33**

**Upcoming Events:**

July 11<sup>th</sup> 40-day Memorial Jim Ghicondey  
Baptism Cora Elizabeth Cosmo @ 12:30 pm  
July 25<sup>th</sup> Father Giorgi will celebrate the Divine Liturgy  
Aug 1<sup>st</sup> Father Gregory Rubis will celebrate the Divine Liturgy  
Tuesday, Aug 3<sup>rd</sup> Parish Council Meeting via ZOOM at 7:00 pm  
Aug 6<sup>th</sup> Transfiguration  
Aug 15<sup>th</sup> Dormition of the Theotokos  
Baptism of Vincent Kokolari son of Darien & Blerina Kokolari

**Coffee Hour** If you are able to sponsor an upcoming coffee hour **click: [sign up for coffee hour](#)** or sign-up on the sheet posted in the side vestibule at church.

July 4<sup>th</sup> No Sponsor  
July 11<sup>th</sup> Ghicondey family in Memory of Jim  
July 18<sup>th</sup> No Sponsor July 25<sup>th</sup> No Sponsor  
Aug 1<sup>st</sup> No Sponsor Aug 8<sup>th</sup> No Sponsor  
Aug 15 Kokolari Family in honor of Vincent's Baptism

**Commemorations for the Departed:** Archbishop Nikon, the 605,000 victims of the Covid-19 virus, James Ghicondey, Lena Costalas (2 yrs.), Wayne Merkle (3 yrs.), John Croke (7 yrs.), George Touros (7 yrs.), Deacon Stephen Stefani and those servicemen and women who have fallen asleep in the Lord. *If you have a name to add to the Commemorations for the departed or the living, please email [info@stjohnsphila.org](mailto:info@stjohnsphila.org)*

**Commemorations for the Living:** Health care workers, First responders, those suffering with the Covid-19 virus, Archbishop Anastasios, Bishop Daniel, Father Gregory Dudash, Newborn Alexandra, Nino, Father Giorgi, Anastasia, Ioane, Laura, Theo and Jerry Hall, Hajri Xhoxhaj, Jani Xhoxhi, Dorothy Tomassini, Marie Portway (Nancy Ghicondey's Mother), Joyce & Maurice Robert (Christine Dardaris' Mom & Dad), Lisa Kosta Bowser, Lee Gedremenc, Evangeline Prifti, Virginia Daka, Dhimiter Ndrecka, Pandeli, Lefteri, and the men and women serving in the Armed Forces.

**Pledge Reminder:** If you haven't made your 2021 Pledge, please do it now! Go to our website [PLEDGE](#) or make a donation via [PAYPAL](#) or a [CREDIT CARD](#) Thank you!

**Sunday School:** *We are having a "CLEAN UP AND GET READY FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL" Day on Saturday, July 24<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm.* Our goal is to re-install the dividers in the Sunday school and clean the area for the upcoming Sunday school year. It has been almost 2 years since we have had classes in the Sunday school. We will have all of the cleaning supplies – just need the muscle to get the job done! If you can lend a hand, please email [info@stjohnsphila.org](mailto:info@stjohnsphila.org) so we know how many people are coming.

**The Third Sunday After Pentecost: Seek First His Kingdom and His Righteousness**

Our Lord Jesus Christ was teaching about what is really important. He said, "Your eyes are like a light for your body. If you look at bad things, your whole body can be bad. But if you look at things that are good, your whole body is bright and light. "No one can serve God and money. People will either love God best or love money and earthly things best. It is better to love God most of all. "I tell you, don't worry about what you eat, drink, or wear. Think about birds—they don't store up food! But God provides for them, doesn't He? Think about flowers—they don't sew or shop, but God dresses them in their beautiful clothes. If God takes care of little things like grass, won't He take even better care of you? "So, don't worry about your food, drink, or clothes. Your Father in Heaven already knows that you need them. He will provide them for you if you pray and come to church and do what is right. That is what is most important."



**Happy News:** We are happy to share Father Giorgi and his wife, Nino, have welcomed their third child, Alexandra to their family. Alexandra was born July 1<sup>st</sup>. She joins big sister Anastasia and big brother Ioane. Mom, Dad, new baby, sister and brother are all doing well. Please keep them in your prayers. Many Years!

More Happy News: Laura and Theo Hall were churching last Sunday. Wishing them and proud husband and father, Jerry, Many Years!

**Livestream Help:** We need a couple of people to assist with our Livestream. You will be trained by Sergio and really do not need to be a computer whiz to run the Livestream. Sergio has step by step instructions. Please email [info@stjohnsphila.org](mailto:info@stjohnsphila.org) if you or someone you know are willing to help.

**Are you a Realtor or Do You Know Someone Who Is?** We need help finding our new Priest, Father Giorgi a place to live. He has applied for his OPT Visa and working with Metropolitan Tikhon, Locum Tenens, and Father Nikodhim to coordinate his assignment at St. John Chrysostom.

**Pledge Update:** To date we have received 52 pledges totaling \$36,900.00 Our goal for pledges in 2021 is \$55,000.00 so we have a way to go.