The Weekly Messenger – November 1, 2020
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Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 12:27-31; 13:1-8
Gospel: Luke 8:26-39

Sixth Sunday of Luke
THE GADARENE DEMONIAC

At that time, Jesus arrived at the country of the Gadarenes, which is opposite Galilee. And as he stepped out on land, there met him a man from the city who had demons; for a long time, he had worn no clothes, and he lived not in a house but among the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, and said with a loud voice, "What have I to do with you, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beseech you, do not torment me." For Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. [For many a time it had seized him; he was kept under guard, and bound with chains and fetters, but he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the wilderness.] Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. And they begged Jesus not to command them to depart into the abyss. Now a large herd of swine was feeding there on the hillside; and they begged Jesus to let them enter these. So, he gave them leave. Then the demons came out of the man entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned. When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled, and told it in the city and in the country. Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus, and found the man from week? whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. And those who had seen it told them how he who had been possessed with demons was healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gadarenes asked Jesus to depart from them; for they were seized with great fear; so he got into a boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with Jesus; but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare all the God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming through the whole city all that Jesus had done for him.

Outdoor Coffee Hour will continue this Sunday weather permitting. Please bring a jacket or sweater to church as we open the windows to introduce fresh air during the Divine Liturgy.

Please keep the Theokary family in your prayers. Andonetta Theokary informed us of the repose of her brother Raphael (Ralph)Theokary on Oct. 28, 2020. Ralph is the brother of Helen and the late Nicky, Michael, and Johnny. He was the son of the late Sofia and Athanas. Memory Eternal!

Our ZOOM Semi-annual Parish Meeting: Was held on Wednesday, Oct. 28th. Many thanks to Stephanie Kosta for overseeing the election! Thank-you for your service to out-going Council Vice-Chairperson, Fiori Papa, Secretary, Elena Shomos and Trustees Linda Biando and Wes Hanson. Congratulations to our *2021 Parish Council: Christine Dardaris, Donna Dimitri, Sergio Georgi, Davit Jiskariani, Nilda Salavachi, Zach Smith, Reem Tarazi.* Welcome and we look forward to your service Christine, Davit, Zach and Reem. The outgoing Parish Council members will serve as Auxiliary Board members and will attend Council meeting as their schedule permits. The parish council will meet on Wednesday, November 4th@ 7:00 pm via ZOOM. Following the Archbishop's blessing the new council will be sworn in. The new council will elect the officers for the coming year.

Parishioner News: Ali & Rich Brown have been blessed with a beautiful son. Gus Dylan Brown was born October 5, 2020, weighed 8lbs 3ozs, 21.5" long. His is very proud grandparents are Tina and Paul Shepherd, great grandparents are Benetta Nichols and the late Alex Petsis. Congratulations and Many Years to the entire family. Many Blessings!

Commemorations for the Departed: Archbishop Nikon, Metropolitan Theodosius, the 230,000 victims of the Covid-19 virus, Raphael Theokary, Emilia Ojog (Florina & Costina Bacuta's grandmother) James Biando (Dave's Father), Ann Gjoka (1 yr), Deacon Stephen Stefani and those servicemen and women who have fallen asleep in the Lord in the service of their Country

Commemorations for the Living*:* Health care workers, First responders, those suffering with the Covid-19 virus, Reader Chris Manosis, Newly Illuminated Sophia Grace Garcia, Florina & Drew Garcia, Godparents Costina & Michael Morrison, Newly Illuminated Natalie Eve, Sopio & Shoto Masiuradze, Godmothers Ana Milikishili and Natalie Kerelashvili, Newborn Anthony, Fjorentina, Ilir & Nicholas Gremi, Paula, Linda Turner Marie Portway (Nancy Ghicondey's Mother), Maurice Robert (Chrtine Dardaris' Dad), Jim Ghicondey, Sophia Sarkos (Michele's sister), Lisa Kosta Bowser, Lee Gedremenc, Diane Mallios, Evangeline Prifti, Lisa Kelley, Donna Hlavcek, Virginia Daka, Dhimiter Ndrecka, Pandeli, Jorgaq, Lefteri, and the men and women serving in the Armed Forces. *If you have a name to add to the Commemorations for the departed or the living please email* ***info@stjohnsphila.org***

Upcoming Events:
Nov 1st 1- year Memorial Ann Gjoka
Nov 8th St. John Chrysostom Nameday Fr. Emmanuel will concelebrate with Fr. Dennis
Nov 15th 3-year Memorial Valentina Rhodes & Michael Cosmo
Nativity Fast Begins
Nov 21st Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple
Nov 22nd 2-year Memorial Kevin Ryan (Colleen Xhoxhi's brother)