

**The Weekly Messenger – November 7, 2021**  
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*Epistle: Galatians 1:11-19 Gospel: Luke 8:41-56*

**PLEDGE DRIVE:** Our Parish has received 66 pledges as of October 22, 2021. Father Giorgi suggested we start a drive to reach **100 NEW OR INCREASED PLEDGES by FLAG DAY** (Albanian Independence Day) November 28<sup>th</sup>. Flag Day is one of the most historical and important dates on the calendar. Since we are unable to celebrate with a great party (being very cautious as Covid-19 still exists) we are asking you to financially support your church by that very important day. Click [DONATE NOW](#) to help reach our goal of **100 New or Increased Pledges by Flag Day!**

**Upcoming Events:**

Nov 6<sup>th</sup> Baptism of Nikolas Brahollari son of Spartak Brahollari and Nilda Salavachi 12:00p  
Nov 7<sup>th</sup> 1 yr. Memorial Raphael Theokary General Parish Meeting during Coffee Hour  
Nov 14<sup>th</sup> Parish Nameday Celebration  
Nov 21<sup>st</sup> Albanian Thanksgiving and Children's Day  
Nov 28<sup>th</sup> Baptism of Marshall Edward Gillespie son of Ediola Zhegra & Edward Gillespie  
Flag Day – Celebrating Albanian Independence - Day Also Children's Day

**Coffee Hour**

Nov 7<sup>th</sup> Andonetta Theokary, in memory of Raphael  
Nov 14<sup>th</sup> Parish Nameday, Parishioners asked bring their special dish  
Nov 21<sup>st</sup> Dimitri/Cosmo Family in memory of Michael  
Nov 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday School

**Thank You Paula Bendo:** Paula organized and donated all of the candy and prizes for the Halloween Party last week. She also coordinated the games and activities during coffee hour. We are very grateful to Paula for continuing the tradition of the Halloween Party, which she started many years ago!

**Parishioner News:** Congratulations and Many Years to Davit Jishkariani, Mirna El Khatib and their daughter Maya as they were Churched last week. It was wonderful to see Mirna and to meet Maya.

**Nameday Celebration: NEXT Sunday, November 14th,** our parish will celebrate our 90<sup>th</sup> Nameday. As is our custom we will have a luncheon following the Divine Liturgy. We are asking our parishioners to make their special dish to share with all. You can read about the history of our parish on our [WEBSITE](#)

**Seventh Sunday of Luke**

**The Raising of Jarius Daughter** At that time, there came to Jesus a man named Jairus, who was a ruler of the synagogue; and falling at Jesus' feet, he besought him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she was dying. As Jesus went, the people pressed round him. And a woman who had had a flow of blood for twelve years, and had spent all her living upon physicians, and could not be healed by any one, came up behind him, and touched the fringe of his garment; and immediately her flow of blood ceased. And Jesus said, "Who was it that touched me?" When all denied it, Peter said, "Master, the multitudes surround you and press upon you, and you say, 'Who touched me?'" But Jesus said, "Someone touched me; for I perceive that power has gone forth from me." And when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling, and falling down before him declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched him, and how she had been immediately healed. And Jesus said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace." While Jesus was speaking, a man from the ruler's house came and said, "Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the Teacher anymore." But Jesus on hearing this answered him, "Do not fear; only believe, and she shall be well." And when Jesus came to the house, he permitted no one to enter with him, except Peter and James and John, and the father and mother of the child. And all were weeping and bewailing her; but Jesus said, "Do not weep; for she is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. But taking her by the hand Jesus called, saying, "Child, arise." And her spirit returned, and she got up at once; and Jesus directed that something should be given her to eat. And her parents were amazed; but he charged them to tell no one what had happened.

**Commemorations for the Departed:** Archbishop Nikon the 751,000 victims of the Covid-19 virus, Marie Fiss (Bob Fiss mother), Barbara Lescas Salter (+Ted Lescas sister), Michael Ryan (Colleen Xhoxhi's brother), Raphael Theokary (1 yr.), Helen Theokary, Michael Theokary, Vani Theokary, Deacon Stephen Stefani and those servicemen and women who have fallen asleep in the Lord.

**Commemorations for the Living:** Health care workers, First responders, those suffering with the Covid-19 virus, Archbishop Anastasios, Father Gregory Dudash, Newly Illuminated Nikolas Brahollari, Spartak Brahollari, Nilda Salavachi, Newly Illuminated Gabriel Zachariah Shomos-Smith, Elena Shomos, Zachary Smith, Jerry Hall, Laura Hall, Marika Sarkos, Olimbi Grabocka, Aleksander Pallko, Stephen Petro, Hajri Xhoxhaj, 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.

**November 28<sup>th</sup> Something New: Children's Day at St. John Chrysostom.** Father Giorgi will gather the children in front of the Solea and his sermon will be directed toward them! Please bring your children, grandchildren, Godchildren, nieces, nephews!