

The Weekly Messenger – November 8, 2020
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Epistle: Hebrews 2:2-10 Gospel: Luke 8:41-56

Our Patron Saint - Saint John Chrysostom - November 13th the greatest and most beloved of all Christian orators, was born in Antioch the Great in the year 344 or 347; his pious parents were called Secundus and Anthusa. After his mother was widowed at the age of twenty, she devoted herself to bringing up John and his elder sister in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. John received his literary training under Anthragathius the philosopher, and Libanius the sophist, who was the greatest Greek scholar and rhetorician of his day. Libanius was a pagan, and when asked before his death whom he wished to have for his successor, he said, “John, had not the Christians stolen him from us.” With such a training, and with such gifts as he had by nature, John had before him a brilliant career as a rhetorician. But through the good example of his godly mother Anthusa and of the holy Bishop Meletius of Antioch (see [Feb. 12](#)), by whom he was ordained reader about the year 370, he chose instead to dedicate himself to God. [read more](#)

Appeal Letter: About 2 weeks ago a letter was sent to your home reaching out to our community and those who are in need. We were reminding everyone St. John Chrysostom Albanian Orthodox Church is here for you. The Divine Liturgy is Celebrated Sunday mornings and Father Dennis has been available for baptisms, funerals and other Liturgical needs. All of our parishioners must do what they feel comfortable doing, come to the Liturgy in person or watch our Livestream. These are difficult times and all must feel safe and do what is best for our families. That being said, the financial needs of the church continue. We ask for your financial support as we navigate the Covid-19 Pandemic. Now more than ever, your extra donations help pay the church bills and keep our doors open. We ask you to make a [DONATION](#) on line or by sending a check to the church. Our sincere thanks to those who have already sent a donation.

Our Newly Elected 2021 Parish Council Christine Dardaris, Donna Dimitri, Sergio Georgi, Davit Jishkariani, Nilda Salavachi, Zach Smith, Reem Tarazi will be sworn in following the Divine Liturgy. Many thanks to our outgoing Parish Council members, Linda Biando, Wes Hanson, Fiori Papa and Elena Shomos for their service to our parish this past year.

Parishioner News: Congratulations to Florina & Drew Garcia. Their daughter Sophia Grace was baptized on Oct 24th. Costina & Mike Morrison are Sophia’s proud Godparents and Constantin and Christina Bacuta are Sophia’s very proud grandparents! Many years to the entire family!



Upcoming Events:

Nov 8th St. John Chrysostom Nameday Fr. Emmanuel will concelebrate with Fr. Dennis
Newly elected Parish Council will be sworn in
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)
Saturday Nov 28th Albanian Flag Day
Dec 6th 40 Day Memorial Raphael Theokary
Thursday Dec 24th Christmas Eve Liturgy 4:30 pm

Updated Parish Directories are available: If you would like an updated parish directory please email info@stjohnsphila.org and a directory will be emailed to you. A limited number of copies will be available at the candle stand for those who do not have email.

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) Katherine Kane (6 yrs.), 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, 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*