

The Weekly Messenger – October 24, 2021
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Epistle: 2 Corinthians 9:6-11

Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

Upcoming Events:

Oct 23rd Baptism of Gabriel Shomos Smith son of Elena Shomos & Zach Smith 12:00 pm

Oct 31st Halloween Party during coffee hour

Nov 6th Baptism of Nikolas Brahollari son of Spartak Brahollari and Nilda Salavachi

Nov 2nd Parish Council meeting via ZOOM

Nov 7th 1 yr. Memorial Raphael Theokary

General Parish Meeting during Coffee Hour

Nov 14th Parish Nameday Celebration

Coffee Hour

Oct 24th Elena Shomos & Zach Smith in honor of Gabriel's baptism

Oct 31st Halloween Party during coffee hour

Nov 7th Andonetta Theokary, in memory of Raphael

Nov 14th Parish Nameday, Parishioner bring their special dish

Nov 21st Dimitri/Cosmo Family in memory of Michael

Nov 28th Sunday School

Commemorations for the Departed: Archbishop Nikon the 734,000 victims of the Covid-19 virus, Marie Fiss (Bob Fiss mother), Barbara Lescas Salter (+Ted Lescas sister), Emilia Ojog (Florina & Costina Bacuta's grandmother 1 yr.), Raphael Theokary (1 yr.), Inspector Jerry Kane (2 yrs.), Ann Gjoka (2 yrs.), Vani (John) Theokary (9 yrs.), Sofia Theokary (12 yrs.), Chrisanthee Dimitri (14 yrs.), 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 Carson James Delussey, Edlira Tegu, Kevin Delussey, Mihail Daka, Sofia Bentioulis, 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.

Fifth Sunday of Luke
The Rich Man and Lazarus

The Lord said, “There was a rich man, who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, full of sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table; moreover, the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried; and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus in his bosom. And he called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy upon me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in anguish in this flame.’ But Abraham said, ‘Son, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.’ And he said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they come into this place of torment.’ But Abraham said, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.’ And he said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ He said to him, ‘If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.’”

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 28th. 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!**

Semi- Annual Parish Meeting, Sunday, November 7, 2021 If you would like to serve on Parish Council, please contact Donna Dimitri. We will elect members of Parish Council for the 2022 term, the 2022 budget will be presented, updates on the status of our parish and plans for the future will be discussed. The agenda for the meeting will be emailed.

Nameday Celebration: Sunday, November 14th, our parish will celebrate our 90th 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](#)

Welcome to our visitors. Father Giorgi and the members of our Parish Council and our church community thank you for celebrating the Divine Liturgy with us. We invite you to join us for coffee hour and fellowship in the church hall following the Divine Liturgy.