

**The Weekly Messenger – October 31, 2021**  
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*Epistle: 2 Corinthians 11:31-12:9      Gospel: Luke 8:26-39*

### **Upcoming Events:**

Oct 31<sup>st</sup> Halloween Party during coffee hour

Nov 6<sup>th</sup> Baptism of Nikolas Brahollari son of Spartak Brahollari and Nilda Salavachi

Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> Parish Council meeting via ZOOM

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 28<sup>th</sup> Baptism of Marshall Edward Gillespie son of Ediola Zhegra & Edward Gillespie

### **Coffee Hour**

Oct 31<sup>st</sup> Halloween Party during coffee hour Please bring a dessert or sweet to share.

Nov 7<sup>th</sup> Andonetta Theokary, in memory of Raphael

Nov 14<sup>th</sup> Parish Nameday, Parishioner bring their special dish

Nov 21<sup>st</sup> Dimitri/Cosmo Family in memory of Michael

Nov 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday School

**Commemorations for the Departed:** Archbishop Nikon the 742,000 victims of the Covid-19 virus, Marie Fiss (Bob Fiss mother), Barbara Lescas Salter (+Ted Lescas sister), Michael Ryan (Colleen Xhoxhi's brother), Ann Gjoka (2 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 Gabriel Zachariah Shomos-Smith, Elena Shomos, Zachary Smith, Jerry Hall, Laura Hall, 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.

**Thank You Linda Kosta:** Linda made the beautiful flower arrangements in front of the Solea. Linda always takes care of the flowers for the Elevation of the Cross and other Holy Days. We are most appreciative and thankful for Linda's efforts.

### **Sixth Sunday of Luke** **THE GADARENE DEMONIAK**

**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 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.

**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!**

**Semi- Annual Parish Meeting, NEXT 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.

**Nameday Celebration: 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](#)