

**The Weekly Messenger – September 19, 2021**  
**St. John Chrysostom Albanian Orthodox Church**  
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*Epistle: 1 Corinthians 16:13-24*      *Gospel: Matthew 21:33-42*

**Upcoming Events:**

Sept 19<sup>th</sup> Margarit Lazi 6-month Memorial  
Sept 23-25 Albanian Archdiocesan Assembly Worcester MA  
Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> Thank you luncheon for Father Dennis – Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> is also Fr. Dennis' Nameday!  
Oct 17<sup>th</sup> Baptism of Carson Delussey son of Edlira Tegu & Kevin Delussey  
Oct 23<sup>rd</sup> Baptism of Gabriel Shomos Smith son of Elena Shomos & Zach Smith

**Coffee Hour** If you are able to sponsor an upcoming coffee hour **The following dates are in need of sponsors: Oct 17<sup>th</sup>, Nov 28<sup>th</sup>, Dec 12<sup>th</sup>, Dec 26<sup>th</sup>** All other dates have been filled.

**CLICK:** [sign up for coffee hour](#) or sign-up on the sheet posted in the side vestibule at church  
Sept 19<sup>th</sup> Andrea & Natasha Lazi in memory of Margarit  
Sept 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday School Hot Dog Sale      Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> Thank-you Luncheon for Father Dennis  
Oct 10<sup>th</sup> Jim & Paula Bendo      **Oct 17<sup>th</sup> OPEN NO SPONSOR**  
Oct 24<sup>th</sup> Elena Shomos & Zach Smith in honor of Gabriel's baptism

**Commemorations for the Departed:** Archbishop Nikon the 670,000 victims of the Covid-19 virus, Margarit Lazi, Joseph Stefani, Skender Elbasani, Lillian Hartman (11 yrs.), Deacon Stephen Stefani and those servicemen and women who have fallen asleep in the Lord. *If you have a name to add to the Commemorations for the departed or the living, please email [info@stjohnsphila.org](mailto:info@stjohnsphila.org)*

**Commemorations for the Living:** Health care workers, First responders, those suffering with the Covid-19 virus, Archbishop Anastasios, Father Gregory Dudash, Olimbi Grabocka, Aleksander Pallko, Marie Fiss, Kim, Stephen Petro, Vicki, Jani Xhoxhi, 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.

**Home Blessings Are Back!!** In recognition of the fact that we have not had home blessings for over 3 years, Father Giorgi is going to begin blessing homes in October. You can contact him directly to arrange a date for him to visit your home. 914-888-4221 or email [fr.giorgi@stjohnsphila.org](mailto:fr.giorgi@stjohnsphila.org) Father Giorgi looks forward to blessing your home and getting to know you and your family!

**Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost**

The Lord spoke this parable. "There was a householder who planted a vineyard, and set a hedge around it, and dug a wine press in it, and built a tower, and let it out to tenants, and went into another country. "When the season of fruit drew near, he sent his servants to tenants, to get his fruit; and the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than the first; and they did the same to them. Afterward he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' "But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and collect his inheritance.' And they took him and cast him out of the vineyard and killed him. "When therefore the owner of the Vineyard comes, what will he do with his tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those reches to a miserable death, and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give them the fruits in their seasons." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: "The very stone which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner: this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes?"

**Thank you, Luncheon for Father Dennis, – Sunday October 3<sup>rd</sup>** Father Dennis will celebrate the Diving Liturgy with us and we will have a luncheon/coffee hour in his honor. We are asking our parishioners to make their special dish to share with all at the luncheon. Please join us as we thank Father Dennis for his service over the past 2 years.

**Belated Baby Congratulation and Many Years:** Ana Melikishvili and Irakli Nadareishvili welcomed their second son, Oliver, on June 14, 2021. Oliver weighed 9 lbs 5 ozs! Big brother, Lucas, Mom, Dad and Oliver are all doing well! We look forward to seeing them in the near future!

**Altar Server John Melnik -Buddy Walk 2021:** was, Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup> in Delaware.



Please join us in supporting the Delaware Down syndrome Association by donating to our team! John is now officially a teenager and in the 7th grade at Springer Middle School. Go Bulldogs! He is a percussionist in the Springer band. Still loves the Mexican rock band Maná. He has advanced to being a green belt at Gentle Palm Martial Arts. Loves swimming, especially in Cabo. Favorite foods are still cheese pizza, chorizo & eggs with tortillas, coffee, and chocolate. You can still make a donation by visiting this website: <https://www.ds-stride.org/delawaredswalk/profiles/team/BrotherJohn>

Thank you! John, Vlad, Susan, Juliana

**Father Giorgi is looking for a minivan:** If you know of a reliable minivan that is for sale please let us know. Nothing is too old as long as it is in good mechanical condition! Please email [info@stjohnsphila.org](mailto:info@stjohnsphila.org)

**September giving:** snacks for Sunday school