

The Weekly Messenger – September 26, 2021
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Epistle: 2 Corinthians 1:21-2:4 Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

Upcoming Events:

Sept 23-25 Albanian Archdiocesan Assembly Worcester MA
Oct 3rd Thank you luncheon for Father Dennis – Oct 3rd is also Fr. Dennis' Nameday!
Oct 6th Parish Council Meeting 7:00 pm
Oct 17th Baptism of Carson Delussey son of Edlira Tegou & Kevin Delussey
Oct 23rd Baptism of Gabriel Shomos Smith son of Elena Shomos & Zach Smith
Oct 31st Halloween Party during coffee hour
Nov 6th Baptism of Nikolas Brahollari son of Spartak Brahollari and Nilda Salavachi
Nov 7th General Parish Meeting during Coffee Hour
Nov 14th Parish Nameday Celebration

Coffee Hour If you are able to sponsor an upcoming coffee hour Only ONE date remains open for coffee hour sponsorship - **Oct 17th** 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 26th Sunday School Hot Dog Sale Oct 3rd Thank-you Luncheon for Father Dennis
Oct 10th Jim & Paula Bendo **Oct 17th OPEN NO SPONSOR**
Oct 24th Elena Shomos & Zach Smith in honor of Gabriel's baptism
Oct 31st Halloween Party during coffee hour

Commemorations for the Departed: Archbishop Nikon the 683,000 victims of the Covid-7th 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*

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

Annual Halloween Party: Halloween Party: Sunday, October 31, 2021. Come to church in your Halloween costume! The party begins during coffee hour. Hot dogs, baked macaroni and cheese along with other fun treats will be served. Fun activities will be available for kids of all ages. Paula Bendo is coordinating this event – we thank her very much!

Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost
To Be Chosen for The Kingdom

The Lord spoke this parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a marriage feast for his son, and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the marriage feast; but they would not come. Again, he sent other servants, saying, ‘Tell those who are invited, Behold, I have made ready my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves are killed, and everything is ready; come to the marriage feast.’ But they made light of it and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. But when the king heard of it he was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore to the thoroughfares, and invite to the marriage feast as many as you find.’ And those servants went into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. “But when the king came in to look at the guests he saw there a man who had no wedding garment; and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the servants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and cast him into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

Blessing of the Backpacks: On Sunday, September 12th Our Sunday school students received a blessing from Father Giorgi for the beginning of a healthy and successful school year. Thank you to our parents and grandparents who brought the students to church that Sunday. Many Years to all!



Thank you, Luncheon for Father Dennis, – NEXT Sunday October 3rd 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.

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

If you haven't made a pledge or donation in 2021 You can do so online by clicking [DONATE](#) Even though you have not been able to attend the Divine Liturgy we still need your financial support.

September giving: snacks for Sunday school