

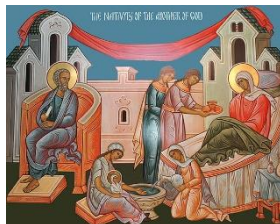
The Weekly Messenger – September 6, 2020
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Epistle: 1 Corinthians 16:13-24 Gospel: Matthew 21:33-42

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 retches 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?”

Nativity of the Theotokos September 8th



In addition to the celebration of the Annunciation, there are three major feasts in the Church honoring Mary, the Theotokos. The first of these is the feast of her nativity which is kept on the eighth of September.

The record of the birth of Mary is not found in the Bible. The traditional account of the event is taken from the apocryphal writings which are not part of the New Testament scriptures. The traditional teaching which is celebrated in the hymns and verses of the festal liturgy is that Joachim and Anna were a pious Jewish couple who were among the small and faithful remnant—“the poor and the needy”—who were awaiting the promised messiah. The couple was old and childless. They prayed earnestly to the Lord for a child, since among the Jews barrenness was a sign of God’s disfavor. In answer to their prayers, and as the reward of their unwavering fidelity to God, the elderly couple was blessed with the child who was destined, because of her own personal goodness and holiness, to become the Mother of the Messiah-Christ.



Coffee Hour Returning to St. John Chrysostom next Sunday, September 13th Following the Divine Liturgy, we will gather in the church parking lot for a bit to chat with each other – social distancing and wearing masks. Beverages and a light snack will be provided. If you are not comfortable coming inside the Church, we welcome you to stop by outside. We look forward to see you!!

Church Lower Roofs need to be repaired/replaced. The area above the windows on the south side of the church, the end where the choir organ is located and the other end closest to the side vestibule are leaking when it rains. If you know a reliable contractor who would be interested in submitting a bid please have them contact 215-563-0978.

Live Stream Assistant: we are in need of a couple of volunteers to learn how to monitor the Live Stream of the Divine Liturgy on Sunday morning. Sergio has set everything up and has been in the control room every Sunday. The assistants would be shown how to stream the Liturgy by Sergio. You would not need to be in church every week we just want others to know how to use the equipment. This is a great opportunity to help your parish. No prior technical experience is necessary. Email info@stjohnsphila.org

Parish Council: If you are interested in and able to serve on the 2021 Parish Council please let us know. Call the church 215-563-0979, [Email](mailto:info@stjohnsphila.org) or speak to a current council member.

Commemorations for the Departed: Archbishop Nikon, 187,000 victims of Covid-19 virus, Thimi (Jimmy) Daka, 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, Metropolitan Theodosius, Reader Chris Manosis, Newly Illuminated Lucas, Irakli, Ana, George, Lizi, Andrew, David, Vakhtang, Linda Turner, Jim Ghicondey, Karen, Sophia Sarkos (Michele’s sister), William Spiro, 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*

Upcoming Events:

Sept 8th Nativity of the Theotokos (we will commemorate this feast day on Sept 6th)
Sept 13th Coffee Hour and Fellowship Returns
Sept 14th Exaltation of the Holy Cross (we will commemorate this feast day on Sept 13th)
Sept 24th Albanian Archdiocesan Assembly via ZOOM

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