

**The Weekly Messenger – May 22, 2022**  
**St. John Chrysostom Albanian Orthodox Church**  
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*Epistle: Acts 9:32-42 Gospel: John 5:1-15*

***CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!***  
***KRISHTI U NGJALL! VERTET U NGJALL!***

**Upcoming Events:**

**June 5<sup>th</sup>** Semi Annual Parish Meeting during coffee hour

**June 5<sup>th</sup>** 1 year Memorial Jim Ghicondey **June 12<sup>th</sup>** 1 year Memorial for Bessie Satir

**Coffee Hour.** We do not have coffee hour sponsors for June, July, August, September, October. Almost every Sunday is open. If you would like to sponsor a coffee hour, please visit [SponsorCoffeeHour](#). Or sign up on the sheet in the side vestibule. Thank you to those who have already signed up.

**May 22<sup>nd</sup>** Melnik Family

**June 5<sup>th</sup>** Ghicondey Family in memory of Jim.

**May 29<sup>th</sup>** No Sponsor

**June 12<sup>th</sup>** Satir Family in memory of Bessie.

**Commemorations for the Departed:** Archbishop Nikon, the victims in Ukraine, the victims of the Covid-19 virus, Archbishop Paul, Steven Thomas Cosmo, Cindy Vasil Brown, Andrew Jorjikia, Deacon Stephen Stefani, Jorgjia Kashari & those servicemen & women who have fallen asleep in the Lord.

**Commemorations for the Living:** Health care workers, first responders, people in Ukraine, those suffering from the Covid-19 virus, Donna Dimitri, Deanna Cosmo, Traci Cosmo, Kristen Cosmo, Alexander Cosmo, Cora Cosmo, Jim Bendo, Debbie, Newborn Teodor Vangjel, Kostandina, Vasil & Grigor Papakroni, Newborn Bradley Joseph, Laura, John & Christian Kittel, Paul Shepherd, Betty Subashi, Virginia Daka, Marie Portway (Nancy Ghicondey's Mother), and the men and women serving in the Armed Forces. *If you have a name for the commemorations list, please email [info@stjohnsphila.org](mailto:info@stjohnsphila.org)*

**Nick Naum Scholarship Applications:** The application is posted on our website <https://stjohnsphila.org/scholarship>. The applications must be submitted via email by June 6, 2022 via email to [chairperson@stjohnsphila.org](mailto:chairperson@stjohnsphila.org). Recipients will be notified by June 20, 2022. The following are members of the Nick Naum Scholarship Committee: Diane Coraluzzi, Carolyn Dardaris, Sandi Fiss, Stephanie Kosta, Nicole Ferrara, Reem Tarazi.

**Welcome to our visitors.** Our church community thanks 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.

**Sunday of the Samaritan Woman:** The Holy Martyr Photina (Svetlana) the Samaritan Woman, her sons Victor (named Photinus) and Joses; and her sisters Anatola, Phota, Photis, Paraskevë, Kyriake; Nero's daughter Domnina; and the Martyr Sebastian: The holy Martyr Photina was the Samaritan Woman, with whom the Savior conversed at Jacob's Well (John. 4:5-42).



During the time of the emperor Nero (54-68), who displayed excessive cruelty against Christians, Saint Photina lived in Carthage with her younger son Joses and fearlessly preached the Gospel there. Her eldest son Victor fought bravely in the Roman army against barbarians, and was appointed military commander in the city of Attalia (Asia Minor). Later, Nero called him to Italy to arrest and punish Christians.

Sebastian, an official in Italy, said to Saint Victor, "I know that you, your mother and your brother, are followers of Christ. As a friend I advise you to submit to the will of the emperor. If you inform on any Christians, you will receive their wealth. I shall write to your mother and brother, asking them not to preach Christ in public. Let them practice their faith in secret."

**On Memorial Day, May 30,** Father Dennis will bless graves at Fernwood Cemetery beginning at 10:00 a.m. If you would like him to visit other cemeteries for grave blessings, please contact him at 203-598-4678

**The AANO (Albanian America National Organization)** will hold their 74th Annual Convention in Philadelphia, August 5th – 7th, 2022. Nilda Salavachi has reactivated the Philadelphia Chapter of the AANO and will serve as President with Paula Bendo serving as Vice Preside of the chapter. Information regarding the Convention can be found <https://www.aano.org/convention.html> or email [aanophila@gmail.com](mailto:aanophila@gmail.com). Many of the photos on the flip board in the church hall are from the dinners at the AANO Conventions. It is quite an event!

**Archdiocesan Assembly Sept 23-24** Parishioners that are interested in attending the Archdiocesan Assembly should let parish council know at [info@stjohnsphila.org](mailto:info@stjohnsphila.org). Thank you for serving today, Father Dennis

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