

The Weekly Messenger – October 30, 2022
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Epistle: II Corinthians 1:11-19 Gospel: Luke 8:26-39

Upcoming Events:

Oct 30th Annual Fall Costume Party during coffee hour
Nov 6th 40-day Memorial Jonathan Rhodes
Saturday, Nov 12th Baptism Thea Morrison, daughter of Costina & Michael Morrison 11:00
Nov 13th Parish Nameday Celebration
Nov 14th Parish Council Meeting via ZOOM 7:30 pm
Nov 15th Nativity Fast Begins
Nov 20th 5-year Memorial +Valentina Rhodes and +Michael Cosmo
Nov 21st Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple
Nov 28th Albanian Flag Day/Independence Day
Dec 4th Sunday School Honors our Ancestors & Albanian Flag Day
Dec 18th Sunday School Pageant

Coffee Hour Sponsor:

Oct 30th Sunday School for Fall Costume Party – desserts welcome
Nov 6th Mike & Janice Leyden & Father Dennis & Family in Memory of Jonathan
Nov 13th Parish Nameday Luncheon Parishioner bring their special dish to share
Nov 20th Dimitri-Cosmo Family in Memory of Michael
Nov 27th Colleen & Sergio Georgi in Memory of Michael, Kevin & Charlie Ryan
Colleen's brothers

Commemorations for the Departed: Archbishop Nikon, the victims in Ukraine, Bishop Ilia Katre (Albanian Diocese in America), Metropolitan Herman, Metropolitan Kallistos, Jonathan Rhodes, Clive Miller (husband of the late +Sophie Dhimitri), Dhimitri Miller, Deacon Stephen Stefani & those servicemen & women who have fallen asleep in the Lord in the service of their country.

Commemorations for the Living: Igumen Nikodhim Preston, our Bishop Elect, people in Ukraine, Father Dennis, Sarah, Alexa, Evie, Kyrie, Julius, Stephanos Sarris, Vicki, Helen, Virginia Daka, Marie Portway (Nancy Ghicondey's Mother), 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*

Sunday School News: We have many events scheduled for our Sunday school students. Please bring your children so they can participate!

Father Andrew - Thank you for serving today! **October Giving Paper Towels**

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 that God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming through the whole city all that Jesus had done for him.

Last Sunday we conducted our Semi-annual Parish Meeting: Congratulations to our 2023 Parish Council: Christine Dardaris, Donna Dimitri, Sergio Georgi, Davit Jishkariani, Nilda Salavachi, Zach Smith, Reem Tarazi. The 2023 Budget was presented by our Treasurer, Zach Smith and approved by those attending the meeting. The draft minutes from the meeting will be sent in the next few weeks. All Parish Council meetings and Semi-Annual Parish meeting are posted on our website. [MINUTES](#) If you have any questions please contact any member of Parish Council.

Nameday Celebration: Sunday, November 13th, our parish will celebrate our 91st 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](#)

Welcome to our visitors. The members of our Parish Council and our church community thank 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.