

The Weekly Messenger – October 9, 2022

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Epistle: II Corinthians 6:16-7:1 Gospel: Luke 7:11-16

Upcoming Events:

Saturday, Oct 8th Baptism Thea Morrison, **POSTPONED**

Saturday, Oct 22nd Church Cleanup 10:00 am The church provides the cleaning supplies

Oct 23rd 3-year Memorial Ann Gjoka & Inspector Jerry Kane
Semi-Annual Parish Meeting after the Divine Liturgy

Oct 30th Annual Fall Costume Party during coffee hour

Nov 13th Parish Nameday Celebration

Coffee Hour Sponsor:

Oct 9th Sergio & Colleen Xhoxhi

Oct 16th Sunday School hot dog sale

Oct 23rd Linda Notskas and Karen Kane in Memory of Ann Gjoka and Inspector Jerry Kane

Oct 30th Sunday School for Fall Costume Party – desserts welcome

Nov 6th Mike & Janice Leyden

Nov 13th Parish Nameday Luncheon Parishioner bring their special dish to share

Commemorations for the Departed: Archbishop Nikon, the victims in Ukraine, the victims of the hurricane in Fla., Bishop Ilia Katre (Albanian Diocese in America), Metropolitan Herman, Metropolitan Kallistos, Jonathan Rhodes, Sotir Grabocka (5 yrs.), Jorgjia Kashari (7 yrs.), Katherine Bisaga (9 yrs.), Mary C. Dimitri (10 yrs.), 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, the victims of the hurricane in Fla., Father Dennis, Sarah, Alexa, Evie, Kyrie, Julius, Newborn Nikolas Jon, Jonida, Marcel & Selena Karemani, 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*



Passing of Metropolitan Ilia (Katre) of Philomelion It is with deep sorrow and every hope in the Lord's resurrection that His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America (Greek Archdiocese) announces the sudden passing of Metropolitan Ilia (Katre) of Philomelion of the Albanian Orthodox Diocese of America. **May his Memory be Eternal!** Details regarding the funeral arrangements will follow.

Father Dennis - Thank you for serving today!

October Giving Paper Towels

3rd Sunday of Luke - Jesus Raises the Widow's Son: Our Lord Jesus and His disciples went to a city called Na'in. Many people followed Him. When He got near the city gate, a dead man was being carried out in an open coffin. The man's mother and many people from Na'in were following. The mother was very sad because first her husband had died and now her only son died, too. She did not have anyone left to provide for her. When Jesus saw the woman, He was sad about what had happened. He told the woman not to cry. Then, He touched the open coffin. The people who were carrying it stood still. Jesus said, "Young man, I say to you, arise!"
The dead man sat up and even started to talk! Jesus took the young man to his mother. All the people were amazed because of the miracle they saw. They praised and thanked God.

Mark your Calendar -Church Clean-up Saturday, October 22 @ 10:00 am Plan to help out as we have our annual fall clean-up day at church. We only need an hour or two of your time. This is an opportunity to give your time and talent – make our church shine! We will supply the cleaning supplies – all we need is YOU! If you are a high school student in need of service hours this is an excellent opportunity to earn those hours.

Semi- Annual Parish Meeting, Sunday, October 23, 2022 during coffee hour

If you would like to serve on Parish Council, please contact Donna Dimitri. We will elect members of Parish Council for the 2023 term, the 2023 budget will be presented. Updates on the status of our parish priest and plans for the future. The agenda for the meeting will be emailed.

Annual Fall Costume Party: Sunday, October 30, 2022. Come to church in your 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. Many thanks to Paula Bendo for coordinating this event!

Desserts for the Fall Costume Party: We are looking for volunteers to bring in some desserts for the Fall Costume Party. Please let Paula Bendo or Fiori Papa know if you are able to assist.

Parishioner News: Congratulations and many years to Jim and Paula Bendo who celebrate their 54th wedding anniversary today, Oct 9th! Many more years!!!

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. Father Dennis and 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.