

The Weekly Messenger – September 11, 2022
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Epistle: I Corinthians 16:13-24 Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

Upcoming Events:

Sept 8th Nativity of the Theotokos (Prayers on Sept 11th)

Sept 11th 40 Day Memorial for William (Bill) Spiro

Sunday School Begins, Blessing of the Backpacks and Ice-Skating Outing

Sept 14th Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Procession on Sept 18th)

Sept 18th Procession of the Holy Cross and the Churching of Jola & Sofia Gjogu

Sept 23rd – 24th Albanian Archdiocesan Assembly St. Nicholas Church Jamaica Estates, NY

Monday, Oct 3rd Parish Council Meeting via ZOOM @ 7:30 pm

Coffee Hour Sponsor:

Sept 11th Sunday School & Coraluzzi Family **Sept 18th** Jola & Gjergji Gjogu

We have only 4 open coffee hours dates for the remainder of the year. Please consider signing to sponsor one of these dates.

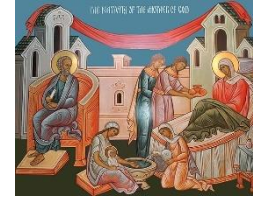
Commemorations for the Departed: Archbishop Nikon (3 yrs.), The victims of 911, the victims in Ukraine, the victims of the Covid-19 virus, Metropolitan Herman, Metropolitan Kallistos, Bill Spiro, Matushka Anne Hopko, Deacon Stephen Stefani & those servicemen & women who have fallen asleep in the Lord in the service of their country.

Commemorations for the Living: The victims of 911, Health care workers, first responders, people in Ukraine, those suffering from the Covid-19 virus, Our Sunday school students and teachers, Newly illuminated Aria Marie, her parents, Isabella & Rich, godparents, Maria Gjidede, Evan Weiss, Jackie Campbell, Dodona & Pandeli Papa, the Papa Family, Newborn Sofia, Jola, Gjergji, Dhimitri Gjogu, Julius, Vicki, Helen, Virginia Daka, Marie Portway (Nancy Ghicondey's Mother), and the men and women serving in the Armed Forces.

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.

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.

Monthly Giving September Snacks for Sunday School



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.

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?”

Roof Replacement Project: Started on Thursday and will be completed by Saturday. All of the existing roof shingles were removed along with the tar paper and a layer of very old particle board. New synthetic underlayment and Atlas dimensional shingles were installed. The work was done by Big Joe's Roofing. They did an excellent job! We are asking for donations to help with the \$55,000.00 cost of the new roof. If you are able to help, please click <https://stjohnsphila.org/donate> or mail a check to the church. Thank you!

Next Sunday, September 18 we will have a procession with the Sunday school children for the elevation of the Holy Cross. Please bring you kids!

Thank you for serving today, Father Emmanuel!