

**The Weekly Messenger – September 20, 2015**  
**St. John Chrysostom Albanian Orthodox Church**  
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*Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 2:16-20 Gospel: Mark 8:34-38; 9:1*

*If you would like to have someone remembered in prayer or are in need of a Priest please contact Father Brooks Ledford. He may be reached at 210-461-1956 or you may email him [fr.brooks@stjohnsphila.org](mailto:fr.brooks@stjohnsphila.org)*

**Message from Father Brooks:** The education of our children in the Orthodox Church is a top priority. Sunday School has begun, and I would - on behalf of all parishioners at St. John's - like to thank Steve Coraluzzi and all those who volunteered to be teachers for our program in order to help raise them in the Orthodox Faith. We, as adults, are also called to learn more about Orthodoxy so we can aid the teachers in this process. Also, many thanks to Florina Bacuta for her invaluable help putting our Newsletter together. Many blessings, and peace to all.

**Reader Schedule:** , Sept 20<sup>th</sup> Chris Manosis, Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> Michele Dardaris, Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> Adam C., Oct 18<sup>th</sup> Reader Mark, Oct 25<sup>th</sup> Chris Manosis, Nov 1<sup>st</sup> Michele Dardaris

**Commemorations for the Living:** Archbishop Nikon, Deacon Michael Sochka, Irene Anne Gedremenc, Susan, Philip Kosta, Joy, Jorgjia Kashari, Margarita, Tranette Ledford, Peter Melnik, Peter Mallios, Elaine Quirias, George Robos, Sophie, Clive & Dhimitri Miller, Rosemary Notskas, Kim Burdumy, Leslie Sochka, Andigoni Steffa, Mary Croke, Dhimiter Ndrecka, Pandeli, Jorgaq, Lefteri, and all of the men and women serving in Armed Forces.

**Commemorations for the Departed:** Nancy Gregory, Susan Pekarski, William Koutras, Alex Koutras, Alex Boyce Koutras, Father Deacon Stephen Stefani and those servicemen and women who have fallen asleep in the Lord in the service of their Country.

**Reminder:** you can still register for and participate in Sunday school. We welcome all children and encourage the parents to bring their kids on Sunday. Nursery school through 7<sup>th</sup> grade meet downstairs and grades 8 – 12 meet in the church office after the children receive communion. Please bring your children to church!!

**Gregory E. Costa Golf Classic:** We are happy to report the Golf Classic was a success. We had 23 golfers and 70 people attend the dinner. Many people won prizes in our Albanian Auction and the 50/50 was won by Pandora Bendo. Thank you to everyone who attended the dinner, sponsored a hole in our commemorative booklet, donated items for the Albanian Auction, made monetary donations and those who supported us through their prayers. The photos of the golfers and those taken at the dinner are posted on our website. Take a look!

**Semi Annual Parish Meeting:** October 18<sup>th</sup>, following the Divine Liturgy. The agenda will be e mailed. Elections for parish council will be held as well as the presentation of the 2016 budget. We have two (2) open positions on Parish Council. If you would like to serve please email [info@stjohnsphila.org](mailto:info@stjohnsphila.org) or contact Father Brooks

**Upcoming Events:**

September 20<sup>th</sup> - Memorial Nancy Gregory - 6 month following the Divine Liturgy  
September 24 – 26<sup>th</sup> Archdiocesan Assembly – Worcester, MA.  
September 27<sup>th</sup> NO LITURGY AT ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM  
Thursday, October 1<sup>st</sup> Outreach Committee 7:00 pm  
October 4<sup>th</sup> Memorial Mary Costa Dimitri 3 years  
Wednesdays, Oct 7<sup>th</sup> thru Nov 11<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 pm –Education Series  
November 15<sup>th</sup> Parish Nameday Celebration – Archbishop Nikon will celebrate Liturgy

**Coffee Hour Sponsors:** Thank you so very much to the past and future coffee hour sponsors! We have only two (2) open coffee hour dates: *October 18<sup>th</sup> and November 1<sup>st</sup>*. All other dates through the remainder of the year have sponsors.

September 20<sup>th</sup> Sergio & Vasil Georgi  
September 27<sup>th</sup> No coffee hour  
October 4<sup>th</sup> Dimitri, Nowmos, Merkle families in honor of Mary Costa Dimitri  
October 11<sup>th</sup> Jim and Paula Bendo  
October 18<sup>th</sup> The Papa Family  
October 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday School

**Solea & Altar Update:** The installation of the marble floor in the altar and solea is almost complete. We are waiting for a solid slab of marble for the front step leading to the solea. The total cost of the project will be approximately \$22,000.00, materials and labor. The money to fund this project came from the \$25,000.00 gifted to our parish by St. John the Baptist Church, Boston MA. As many of you know, St. John the Baptist suffered a catastrophic fire in 2013. The church was not rebuilt and the land is in the process of being sold. Please contact Father Brooks or Donna Dimitri if you have any questions about this matter.

**Monthly giving for September :** Ream of white paper