

The Weekly Messenger – September 24, 2017
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Epistle: II Timothy 3:10-15 Gospel: Like 5:1-11

1st Sunday of Luke - Jesus Calls Fishermen: One day, Jesus was near a lake. A lot of people wanted to hear Him talking. They got so close to Him that it was hard to talk! He saw some fishermen who were done fishing for the day. He asked Simon, one of them, to take him out in his boat. Simon did, so Jesus could talk to all the people. When He stopped talking, Jesus told Simon to go out in the deep. They did. Then Jesus told Simon to go fishing. Simon told Jesus that they had been fishing all night and did not catch any fish. He did not think they would catch any now. But he obeyed Jesus and put his net in the water. Simon pulled the net to get it out of the water. He pulled and pulled and pulled. It could not come up! It was full of fish! Simon called his friends James and John to bring their boat and help. All the men pulled up the net and filled up both boats! The boats were so full that they started to sink. Simon was scared. He knew that Jesus was holy, because Jesus had done the miracle of making the fish come into the net. Simon told Jesus to go away from him because he was not holy. Jesus told Simon that he should not be scared. He said that Simon should follow Him. He said Simon would help people follow God instead of catching fish. When the boats got back to the shore, the men left all of their stuff. Instead, they followed Jesus.

<http://antiochian.org/christianeducation/letusattend>

Semi- Annual Parish Meeting, Sunday, October 22, 2017 we will elect members of Parish Council for the 2018 term – we currently have 1 open position. The 2017 budget will be presented. Updates on the status of our parish and plans for the future. If you would like to serve on Parish Council please contact Father Brooks.

Halloween Party: Sunday, October 29, 2017. The party begins during coffee hour and will continue until about 3:00 pm. Adult tickets are \$5.00, children are free. Hot dogs, baked macaroni and cheese along with other fun treats will be served. Games will be played and many fun activities will be available for kids of all ages. Paula Bendo and Michele Lorimer are coordinating the party again this year. They will be happy to answer any and all questions in reference to this event or email secretary@stjohnsphila.org

The Charity and Benevolence Committee has chosen ***The Sunday Breakfast Rescue Mission*** as the organization that we will "adopt" this year. Please read insert/attachment

Annual Christmas Outing Our social coordinator, Nilda Salavachi, has arranged for another fabulous Christmas outing - *Saturday, December 9th*, a late lunch/early dinner and then off to see the Nutcracker at the Academy of Music. We have only 55 tickets for the Nutcracker so let Nilda know that you would like to attend the show as soon as possible trustee.nilda@stjohnsphila.org

Commemorations for the Departed: Tom Zoidis, Ted Lescas, Jorgjia Kashari, Father Deacon Stephen Stefani and those servicemen and women who have fallen asleep in the Lord in the service of their Country.

Commemorations for the Living: The people in Florida, the people living on the Texas coast and in Houston, Jones, John Kolea Jr, William Spiro, Ann Gjoka, Virginia Daka, Katherine Halkedis, Haretina (Papa) Milo, Margarita, Peter Melnik, Kim Burdumy, Dhimiter Ndrecka, Pandeli, Jorgaq, Lefteri, and all of the men and women serving in the Armed Forces.

Coffee Hour Sponsors: ALL COFFEE HOUR DATES HAVE BEEN FILLED
Our sincere thanks to all who have or are going to sponsor a coffee hour this year.

September 24th Andon & Miranda Lakuriqi

October 1st Marjana Kokalari

October 8th Kashari/ Salavaci/Prifti families in memory Jorgjia 2 years

October 15th Jim & Paula Bendo

October 22nd Aleksander Pallko

October 29th Halloween Party Committee

Upcoming Events:

Friday Sept 22nd Archdiocesan Assembly hosted by our Parish /Dinner in church hall

Saturday Sept 23rd 9:00 am Thanksgiving service followed by brunch in church hall

Tuesday Sept 26th Outreach Committee Meeting 7:00 pm

October 8th Memorial Jorgjia Kashari

October 22nd Semi-annual parish meeting during coffee hour

October 29th Annual Halloween Party after the Divine Liturgy

November 12th Parish Nameday Celebration

November 19th Albanian Thanksgiving – Sunday school students presentation

November 28th Albanian Flag Day

Saturday, December 9th Christmas Outing

September Giving: A ream of white copy paper