The Weekly Messenger – November 5, 2023 St. John Chrysostom Albanian Orthodox Church 237 North 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103 215-563-0979

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Epistle: Galatians 6:11-18 Gospel: Luke 8:41-56

## **Upcoming Events:**

Monday Nov 6<sup>th</sup> Parish Council Meeting via ZOOM 7:30 pm

Saturday, Nov 4th Vespers @ 5:00 PM

Saturday Nov 11th Vespers @ 5:00 PM

Nov 12<sup>th</sup> Parish Nameday Celebration Bishop Nikodhim will visit

40 Day Memorial for Protopresbyter Arthur Liolin, Chancellor Emeritus of the Albanian Archdiocese

Wednesday, Nov 15th Nativity Fast Begins

Monday, Nov 20th 6:00 pm Vesperal Liturgy Presentation of the Theotokos

Nov 28th Albanian Flag Day/Independence Day

Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday School Honors our Ancestors & Albanian Flag Day

Dec 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday school pageant

<u>Commemorations for the Departed</u>: Archbishop Nikon, Protopresbyter Arthur Liolin, Chancellor Emeritus of the Albanian Archdiocese, the victims in Gaza and Israel, the victims in Ukraine, Theodore Gregory, Katherine Kane (9 yrs.), Deacon Stephen Stefani & those servicemen & women who have fallen asleep in the Lord in the service of their country.

Commemorations for the Living: His Grace, Bishop Nikodhim, Father Joseph Ciarciaglino, the people in Gaza and Israel, the people in Ukraine, Newly Illuminated Sophia Jishkariani, Mirna El Khatib, David & Maya Jishkariani, Ana Melikishvili, Irakli Nadareishvili, newly married Anastasia Khomeriki & Wilfredo Carlos Boyrie, Cindy Caponi, Ellen Mondlak, Paulette Steffa, Karen, Eugene Angelidis (Roxane Ghicondey's brother). Eda Xhoxhi, Jim Bendo, Julius, Stephanos Sarris, Virginia Daka, 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@stjcaoc.org

## **Coffee Hour Sponsor:**

Nov 5<sup>th</sup> Linda Notskas in memory of +Ann Gjoka

Nov 12<sup>th</sup> Parishioners bring their special dish to share as we celebrate our Parish Nameday

Nov 19th Dimitri-Cosmo Family in memory of +Michael

Nov 26<sup>th</sup> Open Date Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> Janice & Mike Leyden

Dec 10<sup>th</sup> Salavaci-Brahollari Families

Dec 17<sup>th</sup> Chris Manosis

Dec 24th No coffee hour

Dec 31st No Coffee hour

<u>Welcome to our visitors</u>. Father Kai 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.

## Seventh Sunday of Luke

The Raising of Jarius Daughter At that time, there came to Jesus a man named Jairus, who was a ruler of the synagogue; and falling at Jesus' feet, he besought him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she was dying. As Jesus went, the people pressed round him. And a woman who had had a flow of blood for twelve years, and had spent all her living upon physicians, and could not be healed by any one, came up behind him, and touched the fringe of his garment; and immediately her flow of blood ceased. And Jesus said, "Who was it that touched me?" When all denied it, Peter said, "Master, the multitudes surround you and press upon you, and you say, 'Who touched me?" But Jesus said, "Someone touched me; for I perceive that power has gone forth from me." And when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling, and falling down before him declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched him, and how she had been immediately healed. And Jesus said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace." While Jesus was speaking, a man from the ruler's house came and said, "Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the Teacher anymore." But Jesus on hearing this answered him, "Do not fear; only believe, and she shall be well." And when Jesus came to the house, he permitted no one to enter with him, except Peter and James and John, and the father and mother of the child. And all were weeping and bewailing her; but Jesus said, "Do not weep; for she is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. But taking her by the hand Jesus called, saying, "Child, arise." And her spirit returned, and she got up at once; and Jesus directed that something should be given her to eat. And her parents were amazed; but he charged them to tell no one what had happened.



Thank You Paula Bendo: Paula organized and donated all of the candy and prizes for the Fall Costume (Halloween) Party last Sunday. Thank you to Stephanie Kosta for coordinating the games and activities. The kids had a great time! Thank you to all who brought their children, grandchildren, Godchildren, nieces and nephews. Everyone had a wonderful time! We are very grateful to Paula for continuing the tradition of the Halloween Party, which she started many years ago!

Nameday Celebration: NEXT Sunday, November 12th, we will celebrate our 92<sup>nd</sup> anniversary and Nameday celebration. Bishop Nikodhim will make his first official visit to our parish. 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. The Divine Liturgy will begin at 10:00 am at which time we will greet our new Bishop and welcome him to St, John Chrysostom. Our last Arch pastoral visit was in 2016 (7 years ago) when Archbishop Nikon visited.

Monthly giving for November - Bottles of water