

The Weekly Messenger – December 4, 2022
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Epistle: Ephesians 4:1-6 Gospel: Luke 17:12-19

Upcoming Events:

Dec 4th Memorial for Michael, Kevin & Charlie Ryan,
Dec 4th Sunday School Honors our Ancestors & Albanian Flag Day /Decorate Church
Monday, Dec 12th Parish Council meeting via ZOOM 7:30 pm
Dec 18th Sunday School Pageant
Saturday, Dec 24th Nativity Liturgy @ 4:00 pm (Father Dennis)
January 1, 2023 Father Kakhaber Kurtanidze (Father Kai) begins his ministry at St. John
Jan 8th 2023 10-year memorial Peter Kosta

Coffee Hour Sponsor:

Dec 4th Colleen & Sergio Georgi in Memory of Michael, Kevin & Charlie Ryan Colleen's brothers
Dec 11th Salavachi & Brahollari Families in honor of Niko & Nikolas Nameday
Dec 18th Chris Manosis in honor of his Nameday **Dec 25th** No Coffee Hour
Jan 1st, 2023 Open Date No Sponsor **Jan 8th** Kosta Family in Memory of Peter

Commemorations for the Departed: Archbishop Nikon, the victims in Ukraine, Mary Croke (7 yrs.), Gregory Bendo (9 yrs.), Hariklia (Kiki) Notskas (23 yrs.), Deacon Stephen Stefani & those servicemen & women who have fallen asleep in the Lord in the service of their country.

Commemorations for the Living: Archimandrite Nikodhim Preston, Archbishop Mark, Locum Tenens of the Albanian Archdiocese, people in Ukraine, Newly Illuminated Theodora Holly, Costina & Michael Morrison, Florian & Andrew Garcia, Julius, Stephanos Sarris, Vicki, Helen, Virginia Daka, Marie Portway (Nancy Ghicondey's Mother), Evangeline Prifti, 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*

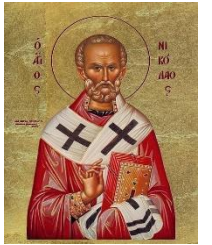
New Church Website: We are transitioning to a new website designed by our own Sergio Georgi. <https://stjcaoc.org/>

If you are able to help maintain the new Website, please contact Sergio or any member of Parish Council. No website experience necessary we will show you how to do it!

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.

Saint Nicholas the Wonderworker, Archbishop of Myra in Lycia

Commemorated on Dec 6 Saint Nicholas, the Wonderworker, Archbishop of Myra in Lycia is famed as a great saint pleasing unto God. He was born in the city of Patara in the region of Lycia (on the south coast of the Asia Minor peninsula), and was the only son of pious parents Theophanes and Nonna, who had vowed to dedicate him to God.



Christmas Card Alert: Again, this year, we are asking our parishioners to send Christmas cards to those who are not able to come to church and those who are ill. If you have someone who could use some holiday cheer, please send us their name & address. A list will be available at the candle stand or you can request the list of names by emailing: info@stjcaoc.org

Sunday school: December 18th following the Divine Liturgy, the Sunday school will present their annual Christmas Pageant. The most precious kids in the Philadelphia area attend St. Johns and this is a must-see event. Bring your kids, your grandkids, nieces, nephews and your camera. You don't want to miss the pageant.

2022 Pledge Drive - As we enter the final month of the year, we are falling short of our goal of \$65,000.00 pledges. To date \$41,705.00 has been pledged. Of that we have received \$34,295.00. This is a little more than one half of our goal with 27 days left in the year. We have received 62 pledges. We have many more than 62 families who call St. John Chrysostom Albanian Orthodox Church their church. We are asking you financially support your church by making a pledge in 2022. If you have any questions please contact our treasurer, Zach Smith, treasurer@stjcaoc.org or any member of Parish Council. Thank you to the 62 families who have made their 2022 pledge!

Annual Icon Auction: Date in January to be determined at the Parish Council Meeting on December 12th. Please return the icons you received in 2022 so that we can prepare for the upcoming auction.

Church Store: Looking for the perfect gift for a family member or friend? Check out the bookcase in the church hall. Aprons, ties, pins and more!

Livestreaming: Last week we experienced a problem while Livestreaming the Divine Liturgy. Please bear with us as we work to correct the issues.

Per Shume Vjet Gezuar! Dec 4 Great Martyr Barbara, Dec 6 St. Nicholas, Dec 12 St. Spiridon, Dec 15 St. Eleutherios, Dec 17 Holy Prophet Daniel, Dec 23 St. Naum, Dec 25 Christmas Day, Sunday after Christmas St. Joseph the Betrothed, St. David the King, Dec 27 St. Stephen the Protomartyr.

Thank you for serving today, Father Dennis! **December Giving Paper Towels**