

The Weekly Messenger – January 15, 2023
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Epistle: 1 Timothy 1:15-17 Gospel: Luke 18:18-27

Upcoming Events:

Jan 15th 1 Year Memorial Marika Sarkos

Jan 22nd and 29th Icon Auction

Feb 5th 2-year Memorial Bessie Satir

Feb 12th Soup-er Bowl Sunday

March 2023 Date to be Determined – Women’s Day Dance

Coffee Hour Sponsor: The 2023 Sign-up sheet is posted in the side vestibule or sign up on our website: [COFFEE HOUR](#)

Jan 15th Michele Sarkos & Family

Jan 22nd Prifti Family

Jan 29th Father Kai & Ia Dekanosidze

Feb 5th John Satir & Family in Memory of Bessie

Monday, Feb 6th Parish Council Meeting 7:30 pm via ZOOM

Commemorations for the Departed: Archbishop Nikon, the victims in Ukraine, Marika Sarkos (1 yr.), Steven DiStefano (5 yrs.), Philip Kosta (6 yrs.), Deacon Stephen Stefani & those servicemen & women who have fallen asleep in the Lord in the service of their country.

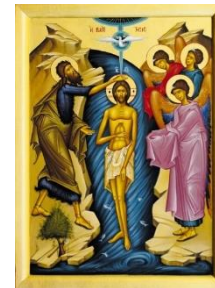
Commemorations for the Living: Archbishop Mark, Locum Tenens of the Albanian Archdiocese, Archimandrite Nikodhim Preston, people in Ukraine, John Jance, Julius, Stephanos Sarris, Helen, Virginia Daka, Marie Portway (Nancy Ghicondey’s Mother), Evangeline Prifti, and the men and women serving in the Armed Forces. *If you have a name to add to the Commemorations for the departed or the living, please email info@stjcaoc.org*

Our Parish is Moving Forward We now accept VENMO. Simply enter @stjcaoc or the church phone number 215-563-0979 to make a donation! If the @stjcaoc does not appear please search charities using **Saint John Chrysostom Albanian Orthodox Church** Do not use St. as nothing will come up.

Welcome to our visitors. Father Kai and 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

If you have news for the Weekly Messenger, please send it to <mailto:info@stjcaoc.org>

Last Sunday was Leave-taking of the Theophany of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ Lord, when You were baptized in the Jordan, the veneration of the Trinity was revealed. For the voice of the Father gave witness to You, calling You Beloved, and the Spirit, in the guise of a dove, confirmed the certainty of His words. Glory to You, Christ our God, who appeared and enlightened the world.



Annual Icon Auction: Next Sunday, January 22nd Part 1 of the Icon Auction during coffee hour. We look forward to having a large crowd and many bids. If you are unable to attend the Icon Auction you can submit a bid on the icon of your choice by emailing <mailto:info@stjcaoc.org>.

Parish Council: At our Parish Council meeting on January 9th, we elected officers for 2023. Chairperson: Donna Dimitri, Vice Chairperson: Sergio Georgi, Secretary: Reem Tarazi, Treasurer: Zach Smith, Trustees: Christine Dardaris, Davit Jiskariani, Nilda Salavachi. We welcome parishioners to join our Auxiliary Council which includes: Linda Croke, Steve Coraluzzi, Peter Ghicondey, Linda Notskas. We are also looking for someone to become involved and help our treasurer, Zach Smith. Zach would like to share his knowledge of our accounting program and train someone to take over as treasurer.

Home Blessings: Father Kai looks forward to visiting your home and meeting you and your family in the next few months! Please call Father Kai directly, 484-843-4209 or email fr.kai@stjcaoc.org with your name, address and phone number. Father Kai will contact you to arrange a date and time for his visit. What to have ready for your home blessing: *An Icon, candle, small bowl for Holy Water, List of family names to be prayed for one column living, one column departed.* We haven’t had home blessing in a number of years. This is a great opportunity to have your home blessed and meet Father Kai!

Soup-er Bowl Sunday: We will have our 8th Annual Soup-er Bowl Sunday on Feb. 12th following the Divine Liturgy during coffee hour in the church hall. We are asking our parishioners to donate a homemade soup. We will offer the donated soup for a small donation. We will also have soup available to purchase and take home. The proceeds will be donated to a nearby homeless shelter.

Holy Water is available: If you were unable to be in church last Sunday Holy Water is still available. Many thanks to our Sunday school students for filling the bottles last week

If you sent a Christmas donation via the United States Postal Service please check you bank records to make sure the check has been cashed. We continue to have challenges with our mail delivery. We only received about 20 donation envelopes over the past few weeks.

January Giving Napkins