

The Weekly Messenger – January 29, 2023
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Epistle: 1 Timothy 4:9-15 Gospel: Luke 19:1-10

Upcoming Events:

Jan 29th I Sunday of Zacchaeus Icon Auction Part 2 during coffee hour
Feb 5th Sunday of the Publican & the Pharisee 2-year Memorial Bessie Satir
Monday, Feb. 6th Parish Council Meeting via ZOOM 7:30 pm
Feb 12th Sunday of the Prodigal Son SOUP-ER Bowl Sunday
Feb 19th Sunday of the Last Judgement (Meatfare) **Sunday School Fundraiser**
Feb 26th Forgiveness/Cheesefare Sunday **Feb 27th** Great Lent Begins
March 2023 Date to be Determined – Women’s Day Dance
March 5th 1st Sunday of the Great Fast – Sunday of Orthodoxy
March 12th Sunday of St. Gregory Palamas
March 19th Veneration of the Cross **Saturday, March 25th** Annunciation
March 26th St. John Climacus **April 2nd** St Mary of Egypt
Saturday April 8th Lazarus Saturday **April 9th** Palm Sunday
April 14th Holy Friday **April 16th** Holy Pascha
April 23rd St Thomas **April 30th** Myrrh-bearing Women

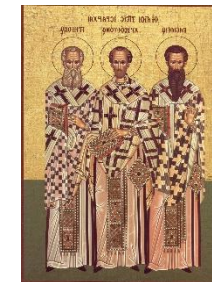
Coffee Hour Sponsor: The 2023 Sign-up sheet is posted in the side vestibule or sign up on our website: [COFFEE HOUR](#)

Jan 29th Father Kai & Ia Dekanosidze
Feb 5th John Satir & Family in Memory of Bessie
Feb 12th SOUP-ER BOWL Sunday Parishioners bring their special soup to share
Feb 19th Sunday School

Commemorations for the Departed: Archbishop Nikon, the victims in Ukraine, the victims of the mass shooting in California, Paul Costa (Kathie Costa’s nephew), Bessie Satir (2 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, The victims of the mass shootings in California, the people in Ukraine, Joyce Robert (Christine Dardaris’ Mother), 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*

Synaxis of the Three Hierarchs: Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian and John Chrysostom: During the eleventh century, disputes raged in Constantinople about which of the three hierarchs was the greatest. Some preferred Saint Basil (January 1), others honored Saint Gregory the Theologian (January 25), while a third group exalted Saint John Chrysostom (November 13).



Dissension among Christians increased. Some called themselves Basilians, others referred to themselves as Gregorians, and others as Johnites. By the will of God, the three hierarchs appeared to Saint John the Bishop of Euchaita (June 14) in the year 1084, and said that they were equal before God. “There are no divisions among us, and no opposition to one another.”

They ordered that the disputes should stop, and that their common commemoration should be celebrated on a single day. Bishop John chose **January 30** for their joint Feast, thus ending the controversy and restoring peace.

OUR Sunday School Needs YOU: Our Sunday school program has hit a rough patch. At this point in time only Fiori and Ilirjan Papa are meeting with the kids on Sunday morning. They need other adults to help out. The lesson plans are prepared. We need an adult or two to meet with the kids and present the lesson plan and guide conversations. Fiori and Ilirjan are trying their best to keep the Sunday school going but without your help we are not sure what will happen to our Sunday School program. Please contact Fiori <mailto:ssd@stjcaoc.org>

Home Blessings: Father Kai is waiting for your call or email! He 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 soup for a small donation. We will also have soup available to purchase and take home. The proceeds from Soup-er Bowl Sunday will be donated to a nearby homeless shelter

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 info@stjcaoc.org

January Giving Napkins