

**The Weekly Messenger – July 2, 2023**  
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*Epistle: Romans 6:18-23 Gospel: Matthew 8:5-13*

**Upcoming Events:**

**Monday, July 10<sup>th</sup>** Parish Council meeting via ZOOM 7:30 pm

**July 23<sup>rd</sup>** Baptism of Anthony Gremi & Bradley Kittel during the Divine Liturgy

**August 6<sup>th</sup>** Transfiguration

**August 15<sup>th</sup>** Dormition of the Theotokos

**Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup>** Baptism of Noah Stefan McCarty

**Commemorations for the Departed:** Archbishop Nikon, the victims in Ukraine, Sotir Broka, Rose Adams (4 yrs.), Father Spero Page (9 yrs.), Castor Notskas (19 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, Bishop Elect of Boston and the Albanian Archdiocese, Father Joseph Ciarciaglino, the people in Ukraine, Newborn Sophia Jishkariani, Mirna El Khatib, Davit and Maya Jiskariani, Newly Illuminated Achilles & Kevin Dano, Devji and Yana Furxhi, Gentian and Uljana Dano, Eda Xhoxhi, Jim Bendo, Reader Chris Manosis, Paulette Steffa, 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](mailto:info@stjcaoc.org)*

**Each Sunday** during the Divine Liturgy prayers are side for the departed and for the living, those who are newly baptized, chrismated, those who are sick. We have a list of the recently departed and some not so recent which we use for the commemorations for the departed each week. If you would like to add your loved one to the list, please email their name and date of death and we will add them. <mailto:info@stjcaoc.org> We also welcome information of family events; births, graduations, anniversaries, birthdays, etc., to share with our church family.

**Coffee Hour Sponsor:** The 2023 Sign-up sheet is posted in the side vestibule or sign up on our website: [COFFEE HOUR](#) **We need sponsors in July and August.**

**July 2<sup>nd</sup>** Reem Tarazi & Family

**July 9<sup>th</sup> NO SPONSOR**

**July 16<sup>th</sup>** Betty Subashi

**July 23<sup>rd</sup>** Gremi/Kittel/Lakuriqi families in honor of Anthony & Bradley's baptisms

**July 30<sup>th</sup> NO SPONSOR Aug 6<sup>th</sup> NO SPONSOR**

**Aug 13<sup>th</sup> NO SPONSOR Aug 20<sup>th</sup> NO SPONSOR Aug 27<sup>th</sup> NO SPONSOR**

**Forth Sunday after Pentecost:** The Season After Pentecost is essentially the part of the year that is left over after everything has been accounted for. The name of this season varies widely from church to church—it can be called Kingdomtide, Dominiontide, or Ordinary Time. In most churches, the general theme of the Bible readings and sermons concerns the church's mission in the world. The Season After Pentecost began on June 21, 2021, the day after [Pentecost](#). In the eastern Church, it ends on November 14, the beginning of the Nativity Fast.

**The main holy days during this season are as follows:**

- **All Saints' Day**, The Sunday after Pentecost, the Christian Memorial Day on which all who died for their testimony of Jesus are remembered. *Eastern Christians celebrate Trinity Sunday on Pentecost.*
- **The Transfiguration**, August 6, the commemoration of the Transfiguration of Jesus Christ on Mount Tabor.
- **Dormition of the Theotokos**, August 15, commemoration of the repose of the Theotokos
- **Birth of the Theotokos** September 8<sup>th</sup>
- **Elevation of the Holy Cross**, 14, commemorates the discovery of the true cross in Palestine in the fourth century

**The AANO 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Jubilee Convention** will be held in Detroit MI, August 3-6, 2023. Additional information can be found on their website <https://www.aano.org/>

**Pledge Reminder:** Even though it is summer time and many people go away, the church remains open and the Divine Liturgy is celebrated every Sunday. The “bills” do not take a summer vacation! If you haven't made your 2023 Pledge, please do it now! Go to our [WEBSITE](#) make a donation via [PAYPAL](#) or a or drop off a check at the candle stand. Thank you!

**Nick Naum Scholarship:** The applications for the scholarship have been received and are being reviewed by the committee. Recipients will be notified this week and the scholarships presented following the Divine Liturgy on a date to be determined in July.

**July Namedays: Per Shume Vjet! Gezuar!** To our parishioners and friends who celebrate their Nameday in July: July 8<sup>th</sup> Great Martyr Procopius, July 17<sup>th</sup> Great Martyr Marina, July 20<sup>th</sup> Prophet Elijah, July 24<sup>th</sup> Great Martyr Christina of Tyre, July 27<sup>th</sup> St. Panteleimon

**Welcome to our visitors.** 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.

**Monthly Giving for July: Paper Towels**