

The Weekly Messenger – June 11th, 2023

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Epistle: Hebrews 11:33-12:2 Gospel: Matthew 10:32-33, 37-38; 19:27-30

Upcoming Events:

June 11th 5-year Memorial Michael Theokary

Monday, June 12th Parish Council Meeting via ZOOM 7:30 pm

June 18th 40-day Memorial Bob Dardaris

June 25th 40-Day Memorial Evangeline Prifti & 1-year Memorial Steven Cosmo

Commemorations for the Departed: Archbishop Nikon, the victims in Ukraine, Newly Departed Sotir Broka, Marie Portway (Nancy Ghicondey’s Mother), Evangeline Prifti, Robert Dardaris, Michael Theokary (5 yrs.), Anthony, Sofia, Helen, Raphie, Nicky, Michael and Johnny Theokary, 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, Newborn Zygmunt Cosmo Krygier, Kristin Cosmo, Stephan Krygier, 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*

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.**

June 11th Andonetta Theokary in Memory of Michael

June 18th Dardaris Family in memory of Bob

June 25th Dimitri-Cosmo family in memory of Steven and Prifti Family in memory of Evangeline

July 2nd NO SPONSOR	July 9th NO SPONSOR	July 16th Betty Subashi
July 23rd NO SPONSOR	July 30th NO SPONSOR	Aug 6th NO SPONSOR
Aug 13th NO SPONSOR	Aug 20th NO SPONSOR	Aug 27th NO SPONSOR

Father Kai is waiting for your call or email he wants to visit you and your family and get to know all of our parishioners. Please contact him soon!

Synaxis of All Saints the Sunday following Pentecost is dedicated to All Saints, both those who are known to us, and those who are known only to God. There have been saints at all times, and they have come from every corner of the earth. They were Apostles, Martyrs, Prophets, Hierarchs, Monastics, and Righteous, yet all were perfected by the same Holy Spirit.



The Descent of the Holy Spirit makes it possible for us to rise above our fallen state and to attain sainthood, thereby fulfilling God’s directive to “be holy, for I am holy” (Lev. 11:44, 1 Peter 1:16, etc.). Therefore, it is fitting to commemorate All Saints on the first Sunday after Pentecost.

This feast may have originated at an early date, perhaps as a celebration of all martyrs, then it was broadened to include all men and women who had borne witness to Christ by their virtuous lives, even if they did not shed their blood for Him.

Nick Naum Scholarship has been posted on our website, <https://stjcaoc.org/nick-naum-scholarship/> Please go to the website to complete the application and submit via email. The deadline for submissions is Friday June 16, 2023.

Archdiocesan Assembly and Consecration of our new Bishop



is scheduled for the weekend of September 15, 16 and 17, 2023 at the St. George Cathedral in Boston, MA. The assembly will take place Friday at the Cathedral. The Consecration of the Bishop will occur on Saturday and the Enthronement and First Liturgy will be on Sunday Morning (September 17, 2023). All are invited to attend. The Cathedral has reserved a block of rooms at the Ramada Hotel a few miles from the Cathedral. The Enthronement and Consecration of Bishop elect Nikodhim is an event that does not occur very often in the Orthodox Church. The Albanian Archdiocese has been without a Bishop since the repose of Archbishop Nikon in 2019. If you are

interested in attending this very special event, please contact Donna Dimitri chairperson@stjohnsphila.org or call 609-685-1651.

Photo of Metropolitan Tikhon and Archimandrite Nikodhim
More information will be available on the Archdiocesan website <https://albanianarchdiocese.org>

Welcome to our visitors. Father Kai, 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 June: Tissues