The Weekly Messenger – June 18th, 2023 St. John Chrysostom Albanian Orthodox Church 237 North 17th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103 215-563-0979 Father Kakhaber Kurtanidze (Father Kai) 484-843-4209 fr.kai@stjcaoc.org Website: <u>https://stjcaoc.org/</u> Email address: <u>info@stjcaoc.org</u>

Epistle: Romans 2:10-16 Gospel: Matthew 4:18-23

Upcoming Events:

June 18th 40-day Memorial Bob Dardaris June 25th 40-Day Memorial Evangeline Prifti & 1-year Memorial Steven Cosmo August 6th Transfigurations August 15th Dormition of the Theotokos

Commemorations for the Departed: Archbishop Nikon, the victims in Ukraine, All of our fathers, grandfathers, Godfathers, Robert Dardaris, Newly Departed Sotir Broka, Marie Portway (Nancy Ghicondey's Mother), Evangeline Prifti, Ted Lescas (6 yrs.), Rosemary Notskas (7 yrs.), Mary Legidakes (10 yrs.) Spiro Dimitri (31 yrs.), Deacon Stephen Stefani & those servicemen & women who have fallen asleep in the Lord in the service of their country.

<u>Commemorations for the Living</u>: 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, All of our fathers, grandfathers, godfathers, Newborn Sophia Jishkariani, Mirna El Khatib, Davit and Maya Jiskariani, Newly Illuminated Achilles & Kevin Dano, Dejivi and Yana Furxhi, Gentian and Uljana Dano, 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 onour website: COFFEE HOURWe need sponsors in July and August.June 18th Dardaris Family in memory of BobJune 25th Dimitri-Cosmo family in memory of Steven and
Prifti Family in memory of EvangelineJuly 2nd NO SPONSORJuly 9th NO SPONSORJuly 16th Betty Subashi

July 23rd NO SPONSORJuly 30th NO SPONSORAug 6th NO SPONSORAug 13th NO SPONSORAug 20th NO SPONSORAur 27th NO SPONSOR

<u>Congratulations and Many Years</u> Achilles Jani Dano and Kevin Dano who were baptized on June 15th. They are the sons of Gentian and Uljana Dano. Their sponsors were Dejivi and Yana Furxhi. May God grant them Many Years!

Happy Father Day to our Fathers, Grandfathers, Godfathers and father figures!



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 <u>chairperson@stjohnsphila.org</u>

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



Father Kai has students reading after the Gospel during the Liturgy. On June 4th Ariana Mondlak read an excerpt about Pentecost. June 11the Ariana's brothers Elias and Athanasios read the writings of our ancestors from the 5th century. They did a great job and made their parents Michele Sarkos and John Mondlak very proud. Each Sunday Father Kai will have a student share a short reading.



Father Kai is willing to go the cemetery of your departed loved one following a Memorial Service to bless the grave and say prayers. He asked that you contact him the week before the Memorial so he will be prepared to go with you.

OCMC Missionaries in Albanian our parish made \$500.00 donations to the following Missionaries: Hannah Valentine, The Hoppe Family, The Risti Family, The Macdonald Family and The Sarigianis Family. To learn more about the OCMC and the missionaries in Albanian visit <u>https://www.ocmc.org/how-we-serve/missionaries</u>

<u>Additional Graduates not listed last week:</u> <u>John Melnik</u> an altar server at St. John Chrysostom graduated 8th grade and will be attending Brandywine High School in the fall. John is the son of Vladmir and Susan Melnik, the brother of Juliana and the grandson of +John and Elizabeth Melnik and Barry and Barbara Kolvek.

<u>Vivian Highland</u> graduated 8th grade and will be attending Marple Newtown High School in the fall. Vivian is the daughter of Stephanie Kosta and Tommy Highland, the sister of Olivia and the granddaughter of +Phil and Linda Kosta.

Monthly Giving for June: Tissues