

The Weekly Messenger – June 25th, 2023
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Epistle: Romans 5:1-10 Gospel: Matthew 6:22-23

Upcoming Events:

June 25th 40-Day Memorial Evangeline Prifti & 1-year Memorial Steven Cosmo
Monday, July 10th Parish Council meeting via ZOOM 7:30 pm
August 6th Transfigurations
August 15th Dormition of the Theotokos

Commemorations for the Departed: Archbishop Nikon, the victims in Ukraine, Robert Dardaris, Evangeline Prifti, Steven Cosmo, Sotir Broka, Marie Portway (Nancy Ghicondey’s Mother), Lilly Shallapi (5 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, Dejivi 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*

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

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

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.

The AANO 75th 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/>

The Third Sunday After Pentecost: Seek First His Kingdom and His Righteousness

Our Lord Jesus Christ was teaching about what is really important. He said, “Your eyes are like a light for your body. If you look at bad things, your whole body can be bad. But if you look at things that are good, your whole body is bright and light. “No one can serve God and money. People will either love God best or love money and earthly things best. It is better to love God most of all. “I tell you, don’t worry about what you eat, drink, or wear. Think about birds—they don’t store up food! But God provides for them, doesn’t He? Think about flowers—they don’t sew or shop, but God dresses them in their beautiful clothes. If God takes care of little things like grass, won’t He take even better care of you? “So, don’t worry about your food, drink, or clothes. Your Father in Heaven already knows that you need them. He will provide them for you if you pray and come to church and do what is right. That is what is most important.”



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 <https://www.ocmc.org/how-we-serve/missionaries>

Graduate not listed last week: Congratulation to *Bella Christine Lorimer* who graduated from Cinnaminson High School. Bella will be attending Nova Southeastern University in Florida. Bella is the daughter of Michele and Tom Lorimer, the granddaughter of Paul Dimitri and Madge Graziani and the great granddaughter of +Spiro & +Mary Dimitri.

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 and the scholarships presented following the Divine Liturgy on a date to be determined in July.

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 June: Tissues