

The Weekly Messenger – June 4th, 2023
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Epistle: Acts 2:1-11 Gospel: John 7:37-52. 8-12

Upcoming Events:

Saturday, June 3rd Memorial Liturgy at 10:00 am

June 4th Pentecost 3-yr Memorial Evelyn Margerison

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 Marie Portway (Nancy Ghicondey's Mother), Evangeline Prifti, Robert Dardaris, Milovan, Evelyn Margerison (3 yrs.), Michael Theokary (5 yrs.), Dorothy Dardaris (20 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, Newborn Zygmunt Cosmo Krygier, Kristin Cosmo, Stephan Krygier, Newborn Margaret Anne, Brittany & Sean McCloskey, Peter, Nancy, Roxane & Christina Ghicondey, Jim Bendo, Reader Chris Manosis, 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, AUGUST**

June 4th Greta Dilo in memory of Evelyn Margerison

June 11th Andonetta Theokary in Memory of Michael

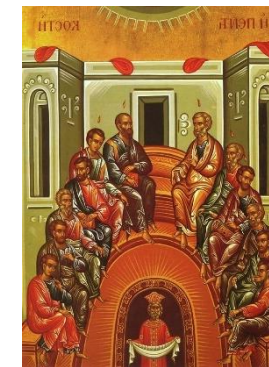
June 18th Dardaris Family in memory of Bob

June 25th Dimitri-Cosmo family in memory of Steven

July 2nd NO SPONSOR July 9th NO SPONSOR July 16th NO SPONSOR

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.

Pentecost: The Descent of the Holy Spirit: In the Old Testament Pentecost was the feast which occurred fifty days after Passover. As the Passover feast celebrated the exodus of the Israelites from the slavery of Egypt, so Pentecost celebrated God's gift of the ten commandments to Moses on Mount Sinai.



In the new covenant of the Messiah, the Passover event takes on its new meaning as the celebration of Christ's death and resurrection, the "exodus" of men from this sinful world to the Kingdom of God. And in the New Testament as well, the Pentecostal feast is fulfilled and made new by the coming of the "new law," the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples of Christ.

On Pentecost we have the final fulfillment of the mission of Jesus Christ and the first beginning of the messianic age of the Kingdom of God mystically present in this world in the Church of the Messiah. For this reason, the fiftieth day stands as the beginning of the era which is beyond the limitations of this world, fifty being that number which stands for eternal and heavenly fulfillment in Jewish and Christian mystical piety: seven times seven, plus one.

Once again it must be noted that the feast of Pentecost is not simply the celebration of an event which took place centuries ago. It is the celebration of what must happen and does happen to us in the Church today. We all have died and risen with the Messiah-King, and we all have received his Most Holy Spirit. We are the "temples of the Holy Spirit." God's Spirit dwells in us (Rom 8; 1 Cor 2-3, 12; 2 Cor 3; Gal 5; Eph 2-3). We, by our own membership in the Church, have received "the seal of the gift of the Holy Spirit" in the sacrament of chrismation. Pentecost has happened to us.



Memorial Day Grave Blessing at Fernwood Cemetery: Monday was a beautiful day and about 20 were present at Fernwood Cemetery as Father Kai and Father Nick (Ss Peter & Paul Albanian Orthodox Church) blessed the graves and said prayers for the departed. Thank you, Father Kai and Father Nick!

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!

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.

Per Shume Viet, Gezuar! To our parishioners who celebrate their Namedays in June: June 1 Martyr Justin the Philosopher, June 27 St. Joanna Myrrh bearer, June 29 Ss Peter & Paul, June 30 All Saints

Monthly Giving for June: Tissues