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The Weekly Messenger – August 20, 2023
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Epistle: 1 Corinthians 9:2-12

Gospel: Matthew 18:23-35

Upcoming Events:

Thursday, Sept 7th 6:00 pm Vespers Liturgy for Nativity of the Theotokos

Saturday, Sept 9th 9:00 am Annual church clean-up

Monday, Sept 11th 7:30 pm Parish Council Meeting via ZOOM

Wednesday, Sept 13th 6:00 pm Vespers Liturgy for the Elevation of the Cross

Sept 14-17 Albanian Archdiocesan Assembly and Ordinations and Consecration of our Bishop Elect, Nikodhim at St. George Cathedral, Boston, MA.

Sept 17th Father James Thayer will substitute for Father Kai who will be in Boston for the Consecration of Bishop Nikodhim

Sept 24th Bishop Nikodhim will visit our parish. 1 year Memorial for Jonathan Rhodes

Oct 22nd Semi-annual Parish Meeting during coffee hour

Monday, Nov 20th 6:00 pm Vespers Liturgy Presentation of the Theotokos

Commemorations for the Departed: Archbishop Nikon, the victims in Ukraine, The victims in Maui, Chris Daniels, 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, the people in Maui, Newly illuminated Noah Stefan McCarty, Senada Prifti, Stela & Taylor McCarty, Newly Illuminated Anthony Gremi, Newly Illuminated Bradley Joseph Kittel, Grigor Lakuriqi, Fjorentina Lakuriqi, Kelly Kittel, Ilir & Nicholas Gremi, Laureta, Jack & Christian Kittel, Eugene Angelidis (Roxane Ghicondey's brother), Eda Xhoxhi, Jim Bendo, 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 Sign-up sheet is posted in the side vestibule or sign up on our website: [COFFEE HOUR](#)

Aug 20th Parish Council

Aug 27th Andonetta Theokary in memory of Nicky Theokary

Sept 3rd Liya Gendler **Sept 10th** Papa Family

Sept 17th NO SPONSOR

Sept 24th Parishioners will bring their specialties as the Bishop will visit

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the reckoning, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents; and as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him the lord of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. “But that same servant, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ So his fellow servant fell down and besought him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ He refused and went and put him in prison till he should pay the debt. “When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you besought me; and should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord delivered him to the jailers, till he should pay all his debt. So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”

Dormition of the Theotokos: On Monday, August 14th at 6:00 pm we had 12 people attend the Vespers Liturgy for the Dormition of the Theotokos. For those not able to attend you can watch the Vespers Liturgy <mailto:https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WxKWSowCJkg>

Sunday School News: We have 4 people who have volunteered to help with the Sunday school. We need at least 4 more volunteers as people are not able to come to church every Sunday. We also need someone to be the Director of the program which entails making sure we have teachers each Sunday and that the already prepared lesson plans are distributed.

If we don't have volunteers for the Sunday School Program, the program will be discontinued No teaching experience is necessary - Teachers do not have to prepare lesson plans and do not have to be in church every Sunday. In order to have a successful program **we must have teachers and parents must bring their children to church on Sunday.** Contact Father Kai if you are willing to help.

Mark your calendar to come to church on Saturday, September 9th at 9:00 am to help out with the church clean-up. If you are a student and need to volunteer for special projects, we can write a letter for you to confirm your participation. If you are able to come please let us know by emailing info@stjcaoc.org Many hands make light work so please lend a hand!

VESPER Services Return to St. Johns: September 9th and Sept 23rd 5:00 pm. Father Kai will have Vesper Services followed by educational discussions.

Monthly Giving for August: Bottle Water 4 or 8 oz

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