The Weekly Messenger – July 30, 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

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Epistle: I Corinthians 1:10-18 Gospel: Matthew 14:14-22

Upcoming Events:

July 30th 1 year Memorial for William Spiro & Presentation of Nick Naum Recipients **August 6**th Transfiguration

Monday, August 14th Parish Council Meeting via ZOOM 7:30 pm

August 15th Dormition of the Theotokos

Saturday, August 19th Baptism of Noah Stefan McCarty

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

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

Commemorations for the Departed: Archbishop Nikon, the victims in Ukraine, Sotir Broka, William Spiro (1 yrs.), George Robos (2 yrs.), Marc Johnson (2 yrs.), Qiriako Adams (12 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, Reader Chris Manosis, Newly Illuminated Anthony Gremi, Newly Illuminated Bradley Joseph Kittel, Grigor Lakuriqi, Fjorentina Lakuriqi, Kelly Kittel, Ilir & Nicholas Gremi, Laureta, Jack & Christian Kittel, Newly Illuminated Achilles & Kevin Dano, Devji and Yana Furxhi, Gentian and Uljana Dano, Eda Xhoxhi, Jim Bendo, 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

<u>Coffee Hour Sponsor:</u> The Sign-up sheet is posted in the side vestibule or sign up on our website: <u>COFFEE HOUR</u> **We need sponsors in August!**

July 30th Coraluzzi/Spiro Families in memory of Bill Spiro

Aug 6th NO SPONSORAug 13th NO SPONSORAug 20th Liya GendlerAug 27th NO SPONSORSept 3rd NO SPONSORSept 10th Papa Family

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Monthly Giving for July: Paper Towels

8th Sunday After Pentecost The Miracle of the Five Loaves and Two Fishes:

At that time, Jesus saw a great throng; and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a lonely place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food



for themselves." Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They said to him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass; and taking the five loaves and the two fish he looked up to heaven, and blessed, and broke and gave the loaves to the crowds. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children. Then he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds.

Congratulations to the Nick Naum Scholarships recipients: Alexander Dardaris, son of Christine & Greg Dardaris, grandson of +Bob Dardaris; Gregory Dardaris, son of Christine & Greg Dardaris, grandson of +Bob Dardaris; Olivia Grabocka, daughter of Valentina & Peter Grabocka, granddaughter of +Sotir & Olimbi Grabocka; Juliana Melnik, daughter of Susan & Vlad Melnik, granddaughter of Elizabeth Melnik, Barbara & Barry Kolvek. The scholarships presented following the Divine Liturgy on July 30th, 2023. Many Years to the recipients and their proud families!

<u>Sunday School News:</u> We do not have a Director of the Sunday School program for the upcoming year. We are in need of teachers to assist with the program. 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.

Home Blessings: Father Kai recently celebrated his 6-month anniversary as our Priest! He looks forward to visiting every parishioner and their family. His phone has not been ringing very much so please give him a call. This is something he WANTS to do and you are not bothering him! Please call Father Kai directly, 484-843-4209 or email fr.kai@stjcaoc.org with your name, address and phone number. Father Kai will contact you to arrange a date and time for his visit. What to have ready for your home blessing: An Icon, candle, small bowl for Holy Water, List of family names to be prayed for one column living, one column departed. We haven't had home blessing in a number of years. This is a great opportunity to have your home blessed and meet Father Kai!

<u>Welcome to our visitors.</u> 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.