

The Weekly Messenger – July 9, 2023
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Epistle: Romans 10:1-10 Gospel: Matthew 9:1-8

Upcoming Events:

Monday, July 10th Parish Council meeting via ZOOM 7:30 pm

July 23rd Baptism of Anthony Gremi & Bradley Kittel during the Divine Liturgy

July 30th 1 year Memorial for William Spiro

August 6th Transfiguration

August 15th Dormition of the Theotokos

Saturday, August 19th Baptism of Noah Stefan McCarty

Sept 16-17 Albanian Archdiocesan Assembly and Consecration of our New Bishop
Nikodhim St. George Cathedral, Boston, MA.

Commemorations for the Departed: Archbishop Nikon, the victims in Ukraine, Sotir Broka, Lena Costalas (4 yrs.), Wayne Merkle (5 yrs.), John Croke (9 yrs.), George Touros (9 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, Newly Illuminated Achilles & Kevin Dano, Devji 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 August!**

July 9th Gusho Family in honor of Kopi's Nameday

July 16th Betty Subashi

July 23rd Gremi/Kittel/Lakuriqi families in honor of Anthony & Bradley's baptisms

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

Aug 6th NO SPONSOR **Aug 13th NO SPONSOR**

Aug 20th Liya Gendler **Aug 27th NO SPONSOR**

Monthly Giving for July: Paper Towels

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost: At that time, when Jesus came to the other side, to the country of the Gergesenes, two demoniacs met him, coming out of the tombs, so fierce that no one could pass that way. And behold, they cried out, "What have you to do with us, O Son of God? Have you come here to torment us before the time?" Now a herd of many swine was feeding at some distance from them. And the demons begged him, "If you cast us out, send us away into the herd of swine." And he said to them, "Go." So, they came out and went into the swine and behold, the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea, and perished in the waters. The herdsmen fled, and going into the city they told everything, and what had happened to the demoniacs. And behold, all the city came out to meet Jesus; and when they saw him, they begged him to leave their neighborhood. And getting into a boat he crossed over and came to his own city.

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!

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!

Each Sunday during the Divine Liturgy prayers are side for the departed and for the living, those who are newly baptized, chrismated, those who are sick. We have a list of the recently departed which we use for the commemorations for the departed each week. If you would like to add your loved one to any prayer list, please email their name and we will add them. info@stjcaoc.org We also welcome information of family events; births, graduations, anniversaries, birthdays, etc., to share with our church family.

Happy News: The air conditioner in the church hall has been replaced. It was a very long journey but now everyone will be cool during coffee hour!

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.