

The Weekly Messenger – November 12, 2023
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Epistle: Ephesians 2:4-10

Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

Welcome Bishop Nikodhim!

Upcoming Events:

Saturday Nov 11th Wedding Cindy & Edvin 3:00 pm

Vespers @ 5:00 PM

Nov 12th Parish Nameday Celebration Bishop Nikodhim will visit and 40 Day Memorial for Protopresbyter Arthur Liolin, Chancellor Emeritus of the Albanian Archdiocese

Wednesday, Nov 15th Nativity Fast Begins

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

Nov 28th Albanian Flag Day/Independence Day

Dec 3rd Sunday School Honors our Ancestors & Albanian Flag Day

Saturday, Dec 9th Decorate the church at 3:30 pm Vespers @ 5:00 pm

Dec 17th Sunday school pageant

Commemorations for the Departed: Archbishop Nikon, Protopresbyter Arthur Liolin, Chancellor Emeritus of the Albanian Archdiocese, the Veterans in this parish, the victims in Gaza and Israel, the victims in Ukraine, Theodore Gregory, Katherine Kane (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: His Grace, Bishop Nikodhim, Father Joseph Ciarciaglino, the Veterans in this Parish, the people in Gaza and Israel, the people in Ukraine, Newly Illuminated Sophia Jishkariani, Mirna El Khatib, David & Maya Jishkariani, Ana Melikishvili, Irakli Nadareishvili, newly married Anastasia Khomeriki & Wilfredo Carlos Boyrie, Cindy Caponi, Ellen Mondlak, Paulette Steffa, Karen, 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:

Nov 12th Parishioners bring their special dish to share as we celebrate our Parish Nameday

Nov 19th Dimitri-Cosmo Family in memory of +Michael

Nov 26th Open Date

Dec 3rd Janice & Mike Leyden

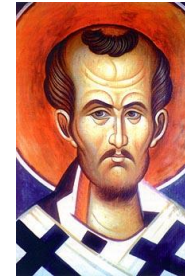
Dec 10th Salavaci-Brahollari Families

Dec 17th Chris Manosis

Dec 24th No coffee hour

Dec 31st No 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.



Our Patron Saint - Saint John Chrysostom - November 13th Saint John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople, one of the Three Hierarchs [January 30], was born at Antioch in about the year 347 into the family of a military commander. His father, Secundus, died soon after the birth of his son. His mother, Anthusa, widowed at twenty years of age, did not seek to remarry but rather devoted all her efforts to the raising of her son in Christian piety. The youth studied under the finest philosophers and rhetoricians. But, scorning the vain disciplines of pagan knowledge, the future hierarch turned himself to the profound study of Holy Scripture and prayerful contemplation. Saint Meletius, Bishop of Antioch (February 12), loved John like a son, guided him in the Faith, and in the year 367 baptized him.

After three years John was tonsured as a Reader. When Saint Meletius had been sent into exile by the emperor Valens in the year 372, John and Theodore (afterwards Bishop of Mopsuestia) studied under the experienced instructors of ascetic life, the presbyters Flavian and Diodorus of Tarsus. The highly refined Diodorus had particular influence upon the youth. When John's mother died, he embraced monasticism, which he called the "true philosophy." Soon John and his friend Basil were being considered as candidates for the episcopal office, and they decided to withdraw into the wilderness to avoid this. While Saint John avoided the episcopal rank out of humility, he secretly assisted in Basil's consecration.

Read More about St. John Chrysostom on the OCA Website stjohn

Many thanks to Tom Moore for fixing the upper chair lift and the church sign that had been ripped off the stand. Great job and very much appreciated.

Nativity Fast: The Nativity Fast is one of four main fast periods throughout the ecclesiastical year. Beginning on **November 15 and concluding on December 24**, the Nativity Fast gives individuals the opportunity to prepare for the Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord and Savior in the Flesh on December 25. By abstaining from certain food and drink, particularly from meat, fish, dairy products, olive oil, and wine, as well as focusing more deeply on prayer and almsgiving, we can find that the primary aim of fasting is to make us *conscious of our dependence upon God*.

Christmas Sock and Under ware Drive: Linda Croke and Linda Notskas are collecting socks and under ware for the homeless. A box will be located in the vestibule near the candle stand. Please drop off a package of socks or under ware or both!

Per Shume Vjet! Gezuar! To our parishioners and friends who celebrate their Nameday in November: 8th Archangels Michael, Raphael, 11th Martyr Victor, 13th St. John Chrysostom, 14th Apostle Philip, 25th Great Martyr Catherine, 30th Apostle Andrew

Monthly giving for November – Bottles of water