

The Weekly Messenger – October 15, 2023

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Epistle: 2 Corinthians 11:31-12.9

Gospel: Luke 8:5-15

### Upcoming Events:

**Oct 15<sup>th</sup>** Members of the AANO (Albanian American National Organizations) will visit St. John Chrysostom and speak about the organization during coffee hour

**Monday, Oct 16<sup>th</sup>** Parish Council Meeting via ZOOM 7:30 pm

**Oct 22<sup>nd</sup>** 40 day Memorial for Dr. Harry Mallios following the Divine Liturgy  
Semi-annual Parish Meeting during coffee hour

**Oct 29<sup>th</sup>** Annual Fall Costume Party during coffee hour

**Nov 12<sup>th</sup>** Parish Nameday Celebration Bishop Nikodhim will visit

**Wednesday, Nov 15<sup>th</sup>** Nativity Fast Begins

**Monday, Nov 20<sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm** Vespers Liturgy Presentation of the Theotokos

**Commemorations for the Departed:** Archbishop Nikon, Protopresbyter Arthur Liolin, Chancellor Emeritus of the Albanian Archdiocese, the victims in Ukraine, Harry Mallios, Gregory Mallozzi, Sotir Grabocka (6y 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 people in Ukraine, Newly married Anastasia Khomeriki & Wilfredo Carlos Boyrie, Newborn Victor Abednego Bulls, Olia & Blake Bulls, 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](mailto:info@stjcaoc.org)*

**Coffee Hour Sponsor:** The Sign-up sheet is posted in the side vestibule or sign up on our website: [COFFEE HOUR](#) **LAST OPEN COFFEE HOUR DATE NOV 26<sup>th</sup>**

**Oct 15<sup>th</sup>** AANO

**Oct 22<sup>nd</sup>** Kane Family in memory of +Jerry & +Katherine

**Oct 29<sup>th</sup>** Sunday School for Halloween Party

**Nov 5<sup>th</sup>** Linda Notskas in memory of +Ann Gjoka

**Nov 12<sup>th</sup>** Parishioners bring their special dish to share as we celebrate our Parish Nameday

**Nov 19<sup>th</sup>** Dimitri Cosmo Family in memory of +Michael

**Sunday School News:** Last Sunday Paula Bendo and Entela Ndrecka met with a few Sunday School Students. We ask that you bring your kids to church so they may learn more about their Orthodox Faith, We cannot have a Sunday school if we don't have kids in church!

**Monthly giving for October – Sunday school snacks**

**18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost:** The Lord said, "There was a rich man, who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, full of sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table; moreover, the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried; and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus in his bosom. And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy upon me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in anguish in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they come into this place of torment.' But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.'"

**Semi- Annual Parish Meeting, Sunday, Next October 22, 2023 during coffee hour** If you would like to serve on Parish Council, please contact Donna Dimitri. We will elect members of Parish Council for the 2024 term, the 2024 budget and other business will be presented.

**Annual Fall Costume Party: Sunday, October 29, 2023.** Come to church in your costume! The party begins during coffee hour. Hot dogs, baked macaroni and cheese along with other fun treats will be served. Fun activities will be available for kids of all ages.

**2023 Stewardship/Pledges - Please Pledge Today!** We have received 58 pledges totaling \$40,235.00. Our goal is \$65,00.00. If you have any questions contact our Treasurer, Zach Smith [treasurer@stjcaoc.org](mailto:treasurer@stjcaoc.org) Thank you to those who have made their 2023 Pledge!

**Nameday Celebration: Sunday, November 12th,** our parish will celebrate our 92<sup>st</sup> Nameday. Bishop Nikodhim will make his first official visit to our parish. As is our custom we will have a luncheon following the Divine Liturgy. We are asking our parishioners to make their special dish to share with all.

**AANO** The Albanian American National Organization is a non-religious and non-political organization established in 1946 to perpetuate and celebrate those special things, which come with our Albanian heritage. Among our priorities is to support the academic endeavors of Albanian-American College Students through annual scholarships. Each year, the organization gives out thousands of dollars in Scholarships, and through the years hundreds of students have received assistance through the A.A.N.O. Generous contributions to this fund have been made over the years by the Albanian-American Community. Read more on this website <https://www.aano.org/>