

The Weekly Messenger – October 29, 2023  
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Epistle: Galatians 2:16-29

Gospel: Luke 8:26-39

#### Upcoming Events:

Saturday, Oct 28<sup>th</sup> 11:00 am Set up for Fall Party

Saturday, Oct 28<sup>th</sup> Vespers @ 5:00 pm

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

Monday Nov 6<sup>th</sup> Parish Council Meeting via ZOOM 7:30 pm

Saturday, Nov 4<sup>th</sup> Vespers @ 5:00 PM

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 Vesperal Liturgy Presentation of the Theotokos

Commemorations for the Departed: Archbishop Nikon, Protopresbyter Arthur Liolin, Chancellor Emeritus of the Albanian Archdiocese, the victims in Gaza and Israel, the victims in Ukraine, Theodore Gregory, Ann Gjoka (4 yrs.), Sofia Theokary (14 yrs.), Chrisanthee Dimitri (16 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 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](mailto:info@stjcaoc.org)*

#### Coffee Hour Sponsor:

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

Nov 26<sup>th</sup> Open Date

If you haven't made a pledge or donation in 2023 You can do so online by clicking [DONATE](#) Even though you have not been able to attend the Divine Liturgy we still need your financial support. Thank you to those who have pledged!

Monthly giving for October – Sunday school snacks

#### Sixth Sunday of Luke THE GADARENE DEMONIAK

At that time, Jesus arrived at the country of the Gadarenes, which is opposite Galilee. And as he stepped out on land, there met him a man from the city who had demons; for a long time, he had worn no clothes, and he lived not in a house but among the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, and said with a loud voice, "What have I to do with you, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beseech you, do not torment me." For Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. [For many a time it had seized him; he was kept under guard, and bound with chains and fetters, but he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the wilderness.] Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. And they begged Jesus not to command them to depart into the abyss. Now a large herd of swine was feeding there on the hillside; and they begged Jesus to let them enter these. So, he gave them leave. Then the demons came out of the man entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned. When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled, and told it in the city and in the country. Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. And those who had seen it told them how he who had been possessed with demons was healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gadarenes asked Jesus to depart from them; for they were seized with great fear; so he got into a boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with Jesus; but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare all that God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming through the whole city all that Jesus had done for him.

Last Sunday we conducted our Semi-annual Parish Meeting: It was an excellent meeting. Thank you to our Parishioners who attended the meeting and asked very relevant questions. Congratulations to our 2024 Parish Council: Christine Dardaris, Donna Dimitri, Sergio Georgi, Davit Jishkariani, Nilda Salavachi, Zach Smith, Reem Tarazi. The 2024 Budget was presented by our Treasurer, Zach Smith and approved by those attending the meeting. Approval was given for the replacement of the windows in the church, up to \$70,000.00. The draft minutes from the meeting will be sent in the next few weeks. All Parish Council meetings and Semi-Annual Parish meeting are posted on our website. If you have any questions, please contact any member of Parish Council.

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.

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.