

**The Weekly Messenger – October 18 2023**

**St. John Chrysostom Albanian Orthodox Church**

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*Epistle: 2 Corinthians 9:6-11*

*Gospel: Luke 7:11-16*

**Upcoming Events:**

**Saturday, Oct 7<sup>th</sup> Vespers @ 5:00 pm**

**Saturday, Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> Marriage - Anastasia Khomeriki & Wilfredo Carlos Boyrie - 3:00 pm**  
Vespers @ 5:00 pm

**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> 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 Vesperal Liturgy Presentation of the Theotokos**

**Commemorations for the Departed:** Archbishop Nikon, the victims in Ukraine, Protopresbyter Arthur Liolin, Chancellor Emeritus of the Albanian Archdiocese, Harry Mallios, Chris Daniels, Gregory Mallozzi, Jorgia Kashari (8 yrs.), Katherine Bisaga (10 yrs.), Mary Dimitri (11 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, Newborn Timothy Benedetto Salerno, Athena & Charlie Salerno, 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](#) **OPEN COFFEE HOUR DATES NOV 26<sup>th</sup> & DEC 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Oct 8<sup>th</sup> Colleen & Sergio Georgi**

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

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

**Oct 29<sup>th</sup> Linda Notskas in memory of Ann Gjoka**

**Nov 5<sup>th</sup> Janice & Mike Leyden**

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

**Sunday School News:** Our kids will gather this Sunday for the beginning of Sunday school. We have 4 parishioners who volunteered to help in the Sunday School. More volunteers are needed. Please contact Father Kai if you are able to help

**3rd Sunday of Luke - Jesus Raises the Widow's Son:** Our Lord Jesus and His disciples went to a city called Na'in. Many people followed Him. When He got near the city gate, a dead man was being carried out in an open coffin. The man's mother and many people from Na'in were following. The mother was very sad because first her husband had died and now her only son died, too. She did not have anyone left to provide for her. When Jesus saw the woman, He was sad about what had happened. He told the woman not to cry. Then, He touched the open coffin. The people who were carrying it stood still. Jesus said, "Young man, I say to you, arise!"

The dead man sat up and even started to talk! Jesus took the young man to his mother. All the people were amazed because of the miracle they saw. They praised and thanked God.

**Semi- Annual Parish Meeting, Sunday, 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. The agenda for the meeting will be emailed.

**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/>

**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.

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