

The Weekly Messenger – September 17, 2023
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Epistle: 2 Corinthians 4:6-15 Gospel: Matthew 22:35-46

Upcoming Events:

Sept 14-17 Albanian Archdiocesan Assembly and Ordinations and Consecration of our Bishop Elect, Nikodhim at St. George Cathedral, Boston, MA.

Sept 17th Father James Thayer will substitute for Father Kai who will be in Boston for the Consecration of Bishop Nikodhim

Saturday Sept 23rd Vespers 5:00 pm

Sept 24th Bishop Nikodhim will visit our parish. 1 year Memorial for Jonathan Rhodes

Oct 1st Memorial for Louis & Rosemary Notskas

Oct 22nd Semi-annual Parish Meeting during coffee hour

Nov 12th Parish Nameday Celebration Bishop Nikodhim will visit

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

Commemorations for the Departed: Archbishop Nikon, the victims in Ukraine, The victims of the 9/11 attack, Chris Daniels, Gregory Mallozzi, Lillian Hartman (13 yrs.), Peter Steffa (45 yrs.), Jaje Kevo (21 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 Noah Stefan McCarty, Senada Prifti, Stela & Taylor McCarty, Newborn Victor Abednego Bulls, Olia & Blake Bulls, Newborn Timothy Benedetto Salerno, Athena & Charlie Salerno, 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: The Sign-up sheet is posted in the side vestibule or sign up on our website: [COFFEE HOUR](#) **OPEN COFFEE HOUR DATES NOV 26th & DEC 3rd**

Sept 17th Carolyn & Mike Dardaris

Sept 24th Parishioners will bring their specialties as the Bishop will visit

Oct 1st Sarkissian and Notskas Families in memory of Louis & Rosemary Notskas

Oct 8th Colleen & Sergio Georgi **Oct 15th** Sunday School Hot Dogs

Oct 22nd Kane Family in memory of Jerry & Katherine

Monthly Giving for September – Snacks for Sunday School

15th Sunday after Pentecost - The Lord said, “As you wish that men would do to you, do so to them. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even inners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. “But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Highest; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the selfish. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.”

Parishioner Baby News: We are happy to inform you Andonetta Theokary became a grandmother for the fourth time! Andonetta's daughter Athena and her husband, Charlie Salerno welcomed Timothy Benedetto Salerno on September 6, 2023. Timothy weighted 7lbs, 14 ozs. Mom, Dad, Baby and Grandma are all doing well! Congratulations and Many Years to the Theokary and Salerno Families.



We are also happy to announce Choir Member Olia and her husband Blake welcomed their son, Victor Abednego Bulls on September 5, 2023 at 3:40 am. Victor weighted 7lbs, 12 ozs. Mom, Dad and Victor are all doing great! Congratulations and Many Years to the Bulls Family.

Thank you to the Church Clean-up Crew: Father Kai, Greg & Christine Dardaris, Michele Sarkos, Athanasios & Ariana, Mondlak, Linda Croke, Donna Dimitri, Sergio Georgi, Marion Merkle, Linda Notskas, The crew did a wonderful job cleaning the chandeliers, the Icons, the floor in the church and the church hall. Never looked better! Once again special thanks to Altin Dukaj who stripped and waxed the hall floor. It looks spectacular!



Sunday School News: Sunday School is scheduled to begin on Sunday, October 1, 2024. 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 – even 1 Sunday a month.

Next Sunday, September 24, 2023 Newly Ordained and Consecrated Bishop Nikodhim will visit our parish. There will also be a 1-year memorial for Jonathan Rhodes, Father Dennis' son. For coffee hour we are asking our parishioners to bring their special food or dessert to share with all at coffee hour.

Thank You Father James Thayer for celebrating the Divine Liturgy today.