

The Weekly Messenger – September 24, 2023  
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Epistle: 2 Corinthians 6:1-10

Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

## Welcome Bishop Nikodhim!

### Upcoming Events:

**Saturday Sept 23<sup>rd</sup>** Vespers 5:00 pm

**Sept 24<sup>th</sup>** Bishop Nikodhim will visit our parish. 1 year Memorial for Jonathan Rhodes

**Oct 1<sup>st</sup>** Memorial for Louis & Rosemary Notskas

**Oct 22<sup>nd</sup>** Semi-annual Parish Meeting during coffee hour

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

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, Harry Mallios, Chris Daniels, Gregory Mallozzi, Jonathan Rhodes (1 yr.), 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 Ciarcigliano, the people in Ukraine, 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>**

**Sept 24<sup>th</sup> Parishioners will bring their specialties as the Bishop will visit**

**Oct 1<sup>st</sup> Sarkissian and Notskas Families** in memory of Louis & Rosemary Notskas

**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

**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.

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



### We have a Bishop!

Bishop Nikodhim was Ordained on Saturday, September 16, 2023 by Metropolitan Tikhon, Primate of the OCA, at St. George Cathedral in Boston, MA. What a joyous event it was. Most of the OCA Holy Synod of Bishops were present along with Father Kai, Father



Dennis, Father Nick (Ss Peter & Paul) and many other priests from our Archdiocese. God Bless and Grant His Grace, Bishop Nikodhim, Bishop of Boston and the Albanian Archdiocese Many Years! More photos and videos will be posted on our Parish Website <https://stjcaoc.org/>

**First Sunday of Luke:** Saint Luke, was of Greek origin born in the Hellenistic city of Antioch, and was extremely educated. His studies included Greek philosophy, medicine, and art in his youth. He was also a professional physician. St. Luke came to Jerusalem where he came to believe in the Lord. He and Cleopas met the resurrected Lord on the road to Emmaus (Luke 24).

After Pentecost, Luke returned to Antioch and worked with the Apostle Paul, traveling with him to Rome, and converting Jews and pagans to the Christian Faith. “Luke, the beloved physician... greets you,” writes the Apostle Paul to the Colossians (Colossians 4:14). At the request of Christians, St. Luke wrote his Gospel in the first century. According to some accounts this took place around 60 A.D., and according to others around 80 A.D.

After St. Paul's martyrdom, St. Luke preached the Gospel throughout Italy, Dalmatia, Macedonia, and other regions. He painted icons of the Most-holy Theotokos—not just one, but three—as well as icons of the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul. For this reason, St. Luke is considered the founder of Christian iconography.

In his old age, he visited Libya and Upper Egypt; from Egypt he returned to Greece, where he continued to preach and convert many with great zeal despite his age.

In addition to his Gospel, St. Luke wrote the Acts of the Apostles and dedicated each of these works to Theophilus, the governor of Achaia. Luke was 84 years old when the wicked idolaters tortured him for the sake of Christ and hanged him from an olive tree in the town of Thebes, in Beothia of Greece.

**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.