

The Weekly Messenger – September 3, 2023

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Epistle: 1 Corinthians 16:13-24 Gospel: Matthew 5:1-11

Upcoming Events:

Thursday, Sept 7th 6:00 pm Vespers Liturgy for Nativity of the Theotokos

Saturday, Sept 9th 9:00 am Annual church clean-up

Monday, Sept 11th 7:30 pm Parish Council Meeting via ZOOM

Wednesday, Sept 13th 6:00 pm Vespers Liturgy for the Elevation of the Cross

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

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

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

Commemorations for the Departed: Archbishop Nikon (4 yrs. On Sept 1st), the victims in Ukraine, the victims in Maui, Chris Daniels, 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, the people in Maui, Newly illuminated Noah Stefan McCarty, Senada Prifti, Stela & Taylor McCarty, 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](#)

Sept 3rd Liya Gendler Sept 10th Papa Family

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

September Namedays Për shumë vjet!

September 5th Saint Zachariah September 14th Elevation of the Cross

September 5th Saint Elizabeth September 17th Saint Stavros

September 9th Saint Anna September 17th Martyr Sophia

Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

The Lord spoke this parable. “There was a householder who planted a vineyard, and set a hedge around it, and dug a wine press in it, and built a tower, and let it out to tenants, and went into another country. “When the season of fruit drew near, he sent his servants to tenants, to get his fruit; and the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again, he sent other servants, more than the first; and they did the same to them. Afterward he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’

“But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and collect his inheritance.’ And they took him and cast him out of the vineyard and killed him. “When therefore the owner of the Vineyard comes, what will he do with his tenants?” They said to him, “He will put those retches to a miserable death, and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give them the fruits in their seasons.”

Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures: “The very stone which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner: this is the Lord’s doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes?”



Nativity of the Theotokos September 8th

In addition to the celebration of the Annunciation, there are three major feasts in the Church honoring Mary, the Theotokos. The first of these is the feast of her nativity which is kept on the eighth of September. The record of the birth of Mary is not found in the Bible. The traditional account of the event is taken from the apocryphal writings which are not part of the New Testament scriptures. The traditional teaching which is celebrated in the hymns and verses of the festal liturgy is that Joachim and Anna were a pious Jewish couple who were among the small and faithful remnant—“the poor and the needy”—who were awaiting the promised messiah. The couple was old and childless. They prayed earnestly to the Lord for a child, since among the Jews barrenness was a sign of God’s disfavor. In answer to their prayers, and as the reward of their unwavering fidelity to God, the elderly couple was blessed with the child who was destined, because of her own personal goodness and holiness, to become the Mother of the Messiah-Christ.

Mark your calendar to come to church on Saturday, September 9th at 9:00 am to help out with the church clean-up. If you are a student and need to volunteer for special projects, we can write a letter for you to confirm your participation. If you are able to come, please let us know by emailing info@stjcaoc.org Many hands make light work so please lend a hand!

VESPER SERVICES RETURN TO ST. JOHNS: September 9th and Sept 23rd 5:00 pm. Father Kai will have Vesper Services followed by educational discussions.

Monthly Giving for September – Snacks for Sunday School