

The Weekly Messenger – July 21, 2024
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This Week Epistle: Romans 6:18-23 Gospel: Matthew 8:5-13
Next Week Epistle: Romans 10:1-10 Gospel: Matthew 8:28-34; 9:1

Upcoming Events:

Monday, Aug 5th @ 6:00 pm Vespers Liturgy for Transfiguration

Tuesday, Aug 6th Transfiguration

Aug 11th Presentation of the Nick Naum Scholarship Awards

Wednesday, Aug 14th 6:00 pm Vespers Liturgy for the Dormition of the Theotokos

Thursday, Aug 15th Dormition of the Theotokos

Friday, Sept 20th Archdiocesan Assembly @ Ss. Peter & Paul Albanian Orthodox Church

Saturday, Sept 21st Archdiocesan Divine Liturgy @ Ss. Peter & Paul Albanian Orthodox Church

Commemorations for the Departed: Archbishop Nikon, Protopresbyter Arthur Liolin, Chancellor Emeritus of the Albanian Archdiocese, Priftëresha Olga, Archpriest John Scollard, the victims in Gaza and Israel, the victims in Ukraine, Sotir Suli, Maurice Robert, Helen Bilanin, Thomas Zoidis (7 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, Newborn Adelina Kasapi and her parents Bland & Linnea Kasapi, newly married Samantha Trafford & Josh McDearmon, Reader Chris Manosis, Lee Constantine Elia, Rosalyn Rawls, Virginia Rubis, Teri Douris, Ellen Mondlak, Gerald Mondlak, Eugene, 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*

We need Coffee Hour Sponsors for August and Sept. Please sponsor a coffee with your family or friends: sign-up on the sheet or click this link [CoffeeHourSignup](#)

July 21st Ilirjan & Fiori Papa in honor of Elias & Ilirjan Nameday **July 28th** Betty Subashi

Aug 4th No Sponsor **Aug 11th** Melnik Family in honor of John's 16th Birthday

Aug 18th No Sponsor **Aug 25th** Hot Dogs

Sunday School News: We do not have a Director of the Sunday School program for the upcoming year. We are in need of teachers to assist with the program. Teachers do not have to prepare lesson plans and do not have to be in church every Sunday. In order to have a successful program **we must have teachers and parents must bring their children to church on Sunday.** Contact Father Kai if you are willing to help

Monthly Giving for July: Napkins

Forth Sunday of Matthew: The Season After Pentecost is essentially the part of the year that is left over after everything has been accounted for. The name of this season varies widely from church to church—it can be called Kingdomtide, Dominiontide, or Ordinary Time. In most churches, the general theme of the Bible readings and sermons concerns the church's mission in the world. The Season After Pentecost began on June 21, 2021, the day after Pentecost. In the eastern Church, it ends on November 14, the beginning of the Nativity Fast.

The main holy days during this season are as follows:

- All Saints' Day, The Sunday after Pentecost, the Christian Memorial Day on which all who died for their testimony of Jesus are remembered. *Eastern Christians celebrate Trinity Sunday on Pentecost.*
- The Transfiguration, August 6, the commemoration of the Transfiguration of Jesus Christ on Mount Tabor.
- Dormition of the Theotokos, August 15, commemoration of the repose of the Theotokos
- Birth of the Theotokos September 8th
- Elevation of the Holy Cross, September 14, commemorates the discovery of the true cross in Palestine in the fourth century

Congratulations to Elena Shomos & Zach Smith who both received promotions at their jobs and will be moving to New York City. Elena is a Past Parish Council Secretary and Zach is our current Treasurer. We wish them all the best in their new positions as they move from Maryland to New York City. Many Years!

Congratulations to the 2024-2025 Nick Naum Scholarships recipients: The scholarships will be presented to the recipients on Sunday, August 11th, following the Divine Liturgy.

Alexander Dardaris, son of Christine & Greg Dardaris, grandson of +Bob Dardaris and +Maurice & Joyce Robert.

Gregory Dardaris, son of Christine & Greg Dardaris, grandson of +Bob Dardaris and +Maurice & Joyce Robert.

Olivia Grabocka, daughter of Valentina & Peter Grabocka, granddaughter of +Sotir & Olimbi Grabocka;

Juliana Melnik, daughter of Susan & Vlad Melnik, granddaughter of +Peter & Elizabeth Melnik, Barbara & Barry Kolvek.

Elias Mondlak, son of Michele Sarkos & John Mondlak grandson of +Marika & Lewis Sarkos and Ellen & Gerald Mondlak.

The scholarships will be presented following the Divine Liturgy on August 11, 2024. Many Years to the recipients and their proud families!

76th Annual AANO Convention August 2-4 2024 Join us as we come together to honor our shared traditions, forge new connections, and celebrate Albanian culture. Don't miss this opportunity to connect, celebrate, and create lasting memories with fellow Albanians from near and far. Info <https://www.aano.org/annual-convention> or contact Nilda Salavachi.

Welcome to our visitors. Father Kai, 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.