

The Weekly Messenger – July 28, 2024
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This Week Epistle: Romans 10:1-10 Gospel: Matthew 8:28-34:9:1
Next Week Epistle: Romans 12:6-14 Gospel Matthew 9:1-8

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

With the grace of God, the Archdiocese looks forward to V. Rev. Dennis Rhodes receiving monastic tonsure following the Assembly on Friday evening.

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

With the grace of God, the Archdiocese looks forward to Dn. Juxhin's ordination at the Liturgy of our annual assembly this September.

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, George Robos (3 yrs.), Marc Johnson (3 yrs.), Maria Papinghi (11 yrs.), Qiriako (Charlie) Adams (13 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 Ciarcigliano, the people in Gaza and Israel, the people in Ukraine, Newborn Adelina Kasapi and her parents Bland & Linnea Kasapi, Reader Chris Manosis, Jimmy Kosta, Michael Dardaris, Lee Constantine Elia, Rosalyn Rawls, Virginia Rubis, Teri Douris, Ellen Mondlak, Gerald Mondlak, 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 28th Betty Subashi

Aug 4th Ia & Father Kai

Aug 11th Melnik Family in honor of John's 16th Birthday

Aug 18th Shyti Family

Aug 25th Hot Dogs

Sept 1st Liya

Sept 8th No Sponsor

Sept 15th No Sponsor

Sept 22nd No sponsor

Sept 29th Father Dennis & Sarah in memory of Jonathan Rhodes

5th Sunday After Pentecost: At that time, when Jesus came to the other side, to the country of the Gergesenes, two demoniacs met him, coming out of the tombs, so fierce that no one could pass that way. And behold, they cried out, "What have you to do with us, O Son of God? Have you come here to torment us before the time?" Now a herd of many swine was feeding at some distance from them. And the demons begged him, "If you cast us out, send us away into the herd of swine." And he said to them, "Go." So, they came out and went into the swine and behold, the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea, and perished in the waters. The herdsmen fled, and going into the city they told everything, and what had happened to the demoniacs. And behold, all the city came out to meet Jesus; and when they saw him, they begged him to leave their neighborhood. And getting into a boat he crossed over and came to his own city.

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

Home Blessings/Visitations: Father Kai wants to visit every parishioner and their family. His phone has not been ringing very much so please give him a call. This is something he WANTS to do and you are not bothering him! Please call Father Kai directly, 484-843-4209 or email fr.kai@stjcaoc.org with your name, address and phone number. Father Kai will contact you to arrange a date and time for his visit. What to have ready for your home blessing: *An Icon, candle, small bowl for Holy Water, List of family names to be prayed for one column living, one column departed.* We haven't had home blessing in a number of years. This is a great opportunity to have your home blessed and get to know Father Kai better!

Each Sunday during the Divine Liturgy prayers are said for the departed and for the living, those who are newly baptized, chrismated, those who are sick. We have a list of the recently departed which we use for the commemorations for the departed each week. If you would like to add your loved one to any prayer list, please email their name and we will add them. info@stjcaoc.org We also welcome information of family events; births, graduations, anniversaries, birthdays, etc., to share with our church family.

Coffee Hour open dates: We do not have coffee hour sponsors for the following dates:

- Sept 8th, Sept 15th, Sept 22
- Oct 6th
- Dec 1st, Dec 15th Dec 29th Please coordinate with a friend or family member and sponsor a coffee hour!

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.

Monthly Giving for July: Napkins