

**The Weekly Messenger – August 18, 2024**  
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**This Week Epistle: I Corinthians 1:10-17 Gospel: Matthew 14:14-22**

**Next Week Epistle Corinthians 3:9-17 Gospel Matthew 14:22-34**

**Upcoming Events:**

**Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>** Nativity of the Theotokos

**Sept 14<sup>th</sup>** Exaltation of the Holy Cross

**Friday, Sept 20<sup>th</sup>** 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 prior to the beginning of the Assembly on Friday morning.

**Saturday, Sept 21<sup>st</sup>** Archdiocesan Divine Liturgy @ Ss. Peter & Paul Albanian Orthodox Church

With the grace of God, the Archdiocese looks forward to Dn. Juxhin's ordination to the priesthood 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, Marion Mallios, Sotir Suli, Maurice Robert, Gregory Mallozzi (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 Ciarciaglino, the people in Gaza and Israel, the people in Ukraine, Reader Chris Manosis, Jimmy Kosta, Michael Dardaris, Lee Constantine Elia, 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](mailto: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](#)

**Aug 18<sup>th</sup>** Shyti Family

**Aug 25<sup>th</sup>** Hot Dogs

**Sept 1<sup>st</sup>** Liya

**Sept 8<sup>th</sup>** Greta Dilo

**Sept 15<sup>th</sup>** Betty Subashi

**Sept 22<sup>nd</sup>** No sponsor

**Sept 29<sup>th</sup>** Father Dennis & Sarah in memory of Jonathan Rhodes

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

- Sept 22
- Oct 13<sup>th</sup>, Oct 20<sup>th</sup>
- Dec 1<sup>st</sup>, Dec 15<sup>th</sup> Dec 29<sup>th</sup>
- Please coordinate with a friend or family member and sponsor one of the remaining coffee hours!

**Monthly Giving for August –Paper Towels**

**8<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Matthew The Miracle of the Five Loaves and Two Fishes:**

At that time, Jesus saw a great throng; and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a lonely place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They said to him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass; and taking the five loaves and the two fish he looked up to heaven, and blessed, and broke and gave the loaves to the crowds. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children. Then he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds.



**Dormition of the Theotokos:** On Wednesday, August 14th at 6:00 pm we had 14 people attend the Vespertal Liturgy for the Dormition of the Theotokos. For those not able to attend you can watch the Vespertal Liturgy on our YouTube channel.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCvxaep5tVQMyoVdXYFRfOfA>

**Congratulations to our 2024-25 Nick Naum Scholarship**

**Recipients:** Alex Dardaris, Gregory Dardaris, Olivia Grabocka, Juliana Melnik pictured with their families and Father Kai. Elias Mondlak was in Greece and unable to attend the award presentation. Each recipient received a \$2000.00. The scholarship was established in memory of + Nick Naum.



**Sunday School News:** We have 3 people who have volunteered to help with the Sunday school. We need at least 4 more volunteers as people are not able to come to church every Sunday. We also need someone to be the Director of the program which entails making sure we have teachers each Sunday and that the already prepared lesson plans are distributed. **We need volunteers for the Sunday School Program to continue.** Teaching experience is not necessary - 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.

**Financial Update:** To date we have received 50 pledges totaling \$41,897 and we have received \$28,179. Our budget was based on receiving pledges totaling \$60,000.00. We need at least \$18,000 in pledges to meet our budgeted amount. To make a pledge for 2024 visit our website <https://stjcaoc.org/pledge/> If you made a pledge for 2024– thank you very much!

**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.

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