

The Weekly Messenger – September 22, 2024
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This Week Epistle: Galatians 2:16-20 Gospel: Mark 8:34-38; 9-1

Next Week Epistle: II Corinthians 1:21-24; 2:1-4 Gospel: Luke 6:31-36

Upcoming Events:

Saturday, Sept 21st 10:00 am Divine Liturgy @ Ss. Peter & Paul Albanian Orthodox Church. Through the grace of God, the Archdiocese looks forward to Dn. Juxhin's (Eugene's) ordination to the priesthood.

Sept 22nd First day of Sunday School

Saturday, Sept 28th 5:00 pm Vespers

Sept 29th Memorial +Jonathan Rhodes 2 yrs and +Harry Mallios 1 yr. and 1 year Memorial for Protopresbyter Arthur Liolin, Chancellor Emeritus of the Albanian Archdiocese,

Oct 6th 40-day Memorial +Theodhora Shyti

Oct 7th Parish Council Meeting via ZOOM @ 7:30 pm

Oct 20th Semi-annual Parish Meeting during coffee hour

Oct 27th Fall Costume Party during coffee hour

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, Theodhora Shyti, Lillian Hartman (14 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 Eminence, Archbishop Nikodhim, Hieromonk Dennis Rhodes, Father Joseph Ciarciaglino, the people in Gaza and Israel, the people in Ukraine, Reader Chris Manosis, Jimmy Kosta, Lee Constantine Elia, 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*

Coffee Hour, we have only 1 open Date – December 29, 2024. Thank you to our sponsors!

Sept 22nd Hot Dogs

Sept 29th Father Dennis & Sarah in memory of +Jonathan Rhodes & the family of +Theodhora Shyti in her memory

Oct 13th Prifti/Petuqi Family

Oct 20th Lakuriqi Family

Oct 6th Bendo Family

Oct 27th Fall Costume Party

Sunday School: The first day of Sunday school is scheduled for September 22nd. Thank you to Ilirjan Papa who will be the Sunday school coordinator/director for the 2024-2025 school year. We can still use a couple more volunteers to help out with the program. Please contact Father Kai Ilirjan Papa if you are willing to assist.

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.



Thank you, Elisabeth Papa: Elisabeth came up with the idea to have a fundraising event for the Sunday school. For the past few weeks Elisabeth has been selling raffle tickets. She bought school supplies and special mugs and made a beautiful basket to raffle. Elisabeth used her own money that she had saved, to buy the items for the basket. She put everything in the basket and wrapped it herself. Elisabeth raised over \$500.00 selling the raffle tickets. The money will go to the Sunday school for activities this school year.



Davit Jishkariani was the lucky winner. Thank you so very much Elisabeth Papa, we are all so very proud of you!



Thank you to Nik Kurtanidze for creating the video explaining who **St. Diadochus of Photiki** and his influence as an Albanian Saint. Please visit our website and watch and learn about this Albanian Saint! You can watch Nik's video on our website <https://stjcaoc.org/media/> or on YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7436FqLxRxc&t=176s> Thank you Nik!

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 September: Bottle Water 4 or 8 oz.