

**1The Weekly Messenger – October 13, 2024**  
**St. John Chrysostom Albanian Orthodox Church**

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**This Week Epistle: Titus 3:8-15 Gospel: Luke 8:5-15**

**Next Week II Corinthians 6:16-18; 7:1 Epistle: Gospel: Luke 8:26-39**

**Upcoming Events:**

**Saturday, Oct 12<sup>th</sup>** Divine Liturgy @ 11:00 am - Father Kai & Vasil Papakroni in Albanian

**Oct 13<sup>th</sup>** Sunday of the 7<sup>th</sup> Ecumenical Council 1 year Memorial +Zhaneta Pellumbi

**Thursday, Oct 17<sup>th</sup>** 6:00 pm Vespertal Liturgy for St. Luke

**Oct 20<sup>th</sup>** Semi-annual Parish Meeting during coffee hour

**Oct 27<sup>th</sup>** Fall Costume Party during coffee hour

**Nov 10<sup>th</sup>** Parish Nameday Celebration

**Monday, Nov 11<sup>th</sup>** Parish Council meeting via ZOOM 7:30 pm

**Friday, Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>** Nativity Fast Begins

**Thursday, Nov 21<sup>st</sup>** Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple

**Commemorations for the Departed:** Archbishop Nikon, Protopresbyter Arthur Liolin, Chancellor Emeritus of the Albanian Archdiocese, Priftëresha Olga, the victims in Gaza, and Israel, the victims in Ukraine, Marlene Robos, Zhaneta Pellumbi (1 yr.), Barbara Lescas Salter (3 yrs.), Sotir Grabocka (7 yrs.), Jorgjia Kashari (9 yrs.), Katherine Bisaga (11 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, Newly Ordained Father Juxhin Shkurti, Hieromonk Dennis Rhodes, the people in Gaza and Israel, the people in Ukraine, Reader Chris Manosis, Betty Subashi, Linda 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](mailto:info@stjcaoc.org)*

**Coffee Hour All Coffee hour dates have a sponsor.** Thank you so very much!

**Oct 13<sup>th</sup>** Linda Pellumbi & family in memory of +Zhaneta

**Oct 20<sup>th</sup>** Lakuriqi Family

**Oct 27<sup>th</sup>** Fall Costume Party - Sunday School

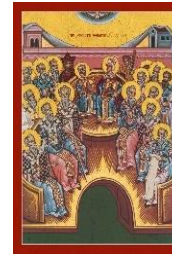
**Nov 3<sup>rd</sup>** Janice & Mike Leyden

**Nov 10<sup>th</sup>** Parish Nameday – Parishioners

**Nov 17<sup>th</sup>** Dimitri-Cosmo Family in memory of +Michael

**Nov 24<sup>th</sup>** Kane Family in Memory of Kathrine & Inspector Kane

**Nameday Celebration: Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup>**, our parish will celebrate our 93<sup>st</sup> Nameday. Bishop Nikodhim is not able to attend our Nameday Celebration. He will visit our parish at a later date. As is our custom we will have a luncheon following the Divine Liturgy. We are asking our parishioners to make their special dish to share with all during coffee hour.



**Seventh Ecumenical Council:** On the Sunday that falls on or immediately after the eleventh of this month, we chant the Service to the 350 holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council, which gathered in Nicaea in 787 under the holy Patriarch Tarasius and during the reign of the Empress Irene and her son, Constantine Porphyrogenitus, to refute the Iconoclast heresy, which had received imperial support beginning with the Edict issued in 726 by Emperor Leo the Isaurian. Many of the holy Fathers who condemned Iconoclasm at this holy Council later died as Confessors and Martyrs for the holy Icons

during the second assault of Iconoclasm in the ninth century, especially during the reigns of Leo the Armenian and Theophilus.

**Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, Vespertal Liturgy 6:00 pm.** For the Holy Apostle and Evangelist St. Luke.

The Holy Apostle and Evangelist Luke, was a native of Syrian Antioch, a companion of the holy Apostle Paul (Phil. 1:24, 2 Tim. 4:10-11), and a physician enlightened in the Greek medical arts. Hearing about Christ, Luke arrived in Palestine and fervently accepted the preaching of salvation from the Lord Himself. As one of the Seventy Apostles, Saint Luke was sent by the Lord with the others to preach the Kingdom of Heaven during the Savior's earthly life (Luke 10:1-3). After the Resurrection, the Lord Jesus Christ appeared to Saints Luke and Cleopas on the road to Emmaus. Read more: <https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2024/10/18/102993-apostle-and-evangelist-luke>



**Parish Directory:** With your help we would like to update our Parish Directory. The Directory was last updated 5 years ago. The past directory is saved digitally so the updating would involve phone calls and emails to our parishioners to obtain their most recent info. If we have a few volunteers this can be accomplished in a relatively short time. The directory is distributed to our parishioners. Please contact Father Kai or any member of Parish Council if you are able to help with this project.

**Semi- Annual Parish Meeting, Sunday, October 20, 2024 during coffee hour**

If you would like to serve on Parish Council, please contact Father Kai or Donna Dimitri. We will elect members of Parish Council for the 2025 term, the 2025 budget will be presented. Updates on the status of our parish priest and plans for the future. The agenda for the meeting will be emailed.

**Annual Fall Costume Party: Sunday, October 27, 2024.** Come to church in your Halloween costume! The party begins during coffee hour. Hot dogs, baked macaroni and cheese along with other treats will be served. Fun activities will be available for kids of all ages. Many thanks to Paula Bendo for coordinating this event! We will set up for the party Saturday, Oct 26<sup>th</sup> @ 11 am.

**Desserts for the Halloween Party:** We are looking for volunteers to bring in some desserts for the Halloween Party. If you are able to bring something please let Paula Bendo know.

**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.

**October Monthly Giving – Snacks for Sunday School**

