

The Weekly Messenger – October 20, 2024
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This Week Epistle: II Corinthians 6:16-18; 7-1 Gospel: Luke 8:26-39

Next Week Epistle: II Corinthians 9:6-11 Gospel: Luke 8:41-56

Upcoming Events:

Oct 20th Semi-annual Parish Meeting during coffee hour

Oct 27th Fall Costume Party during coffee hour

Nov 10th Parish Nameday Celebration

Nov 10th 1:30 pm Baptism of Isla Brown daughter of Ali Shepherd and Rich Brown

Monday, Nov 11th Parish Council meeting via ZOOM 7:30 pm

Friday, Nov 15th Nativity Fast Begins

Thursday, Nov 21st Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple

Thursday, Nov 28th Albanian Flag Day/Independence Day

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, Connie Douris, Marlene Robos, Inspector Jerry Kane (5 yrs.), Vani Theokary (12 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, Archpriest Matthew Tate, the people in Gaza and Israel, the people in Ukraine, Reader Chris Manosis, Paul Dimitri, John Bogdan, 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*

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

Oct 20th Lakuriqi Family

Oct 27th Fall Costume Party - Sunday School

Nov 3rd Janice & Mike Leyden

Nov 10th Parish Nameday – Parishioners

Nov 17th Dimitri-Cosmo Family in memory of +Michael

Nov 24th Kane Family in Memory of Kathrine & Inspector Kane

Nameday Celebration: Sunday, November 10th, our parish will celebrate our 93st 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.

Sunday School News: We have many events scheduled for our Sunday school students. Please bring your children so they can participate! Thank you to our Sunday School Director Ilirjan Papa and our Sunday school teachers.

Sixth Sunday of Luke
THE GADARENE DEMONIAK

At that time, Jesus arrived at the country of the Gadarenes, which is opposite Galilee. And as he stepped out on land, there met him a man from the city who had demons; for a long time, he had worn no clothes, and he lived not in a house but among the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, and said with a loud voice, “What have I to do with you, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beseech you, do not torment me.” For Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. [For many a time it had seized him; he was kept under guard, and bound with chains and fetters, but he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the wilderness.] Jesus then asked him, “What is your name?” And he said, “Legion”; for many demons had entered him. And they begged Jesus not to command them to depart into the abyss. Now a large herd of swine was feeding there on the hillside; and they begged Jesus to let them enter these. So, he gave them leave. Then the demons came out of the man entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned. When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled, and told it in the city and in the country. Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. And those who had seen it told them how he who had been possessed with demons was healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gadarenes asked Jesus to depart from them; for they were seized with great fear; so he got into a boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with Jesus; but Jesus sent him away, saying, “Return to your home, and declare all the God has done for you.” And he went away, proclaiming through the whole city all that Jesus had done for him.

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.*

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 26th @ 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