

The Weekly Messenger – October 27, 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

Saturday, Oct 26th 11:00 am Set up for the fall costume party

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 of the war in the Middle East, the victims in Ukraine, Kathrine Costa, Connie Douris, Marlene Robos, Raphael Theokary (4 yrs.), Ann Gjoka (5 yrs), Sofia Theokary (15 yrs.), Chrisanthee Dimitri (17 yrs.), Deacon Stephen Stefani & those servicemen 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 affected by the war in the Middle East, 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 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

Seventh Sunday of Luke

The Raising of Jarius Daughter At that time, there came to Jesus a man named Jairus, who was a ruler of the synagogue; and falling at Jesus' feet, he besought him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she was dying. As Jesus went, the people pressed round him. And a woman who had had a flow of blood for twelve years, and had spent all her living upon physicians, and could not be healed by any one, came up behind him, and touched the fringe of his garment; and immediately her flow of blood ceased. And Jesus said, "Who was it that touched me?" When all denied it, Peter said, "Master, the multitudes surround you and press upon you, and you say, 'Who touched me?'" But Jesus said, "Someone touched me; for I perceive that power has gone forth from me." And when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling, and falling down before him declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched him, and how she had been immediately healed. And Jesus said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace." While Jesus was speaking, a man from the ruler's house came and said, "Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the Teacher anymore." But Jesus on hearing this answered him, "Do not fear; only believe, and she shall be well." And when Jesus came to the house, he permitted no one to enter with him, except Peter and James and John, and the father and mother of the child. And all were weeping and bewailing her; but Jesus said, "Do not weep; for she is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. But taking her by the hand Jesus called, saying, "Child, arise." And her spirit returned, and she got up at once; and Jesus directed that something should be given her to eat. And her parents were amazed; but he charged them to tell no one what had happened.

Last Sunday we conducted our Semi-annual Parish Meeting: Congratulations to our 2025 Parish Council: Christine Dardaris, Donna Dimitri, Sergio Georgi, Davit Jishkariani, Zach Smith, Reem Tarazi, Anila Vero. The 2025 Budget was presented and approved by those attending the meeting. The draft minutes from the meeting will be sent in the next few weeks. All Parish Council meetings and Semi-Annual Parish meeting are posted on our website. Printed copies of the budget are available in the church hall. If you have any questions please contact any member of Parish Council.

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.*

Thank you, Tom Moore, for mounting our church sign on the front wall of the church. The sign had been ripped out of the base about one month ago. Nice job Tom! Much Appreciated!

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