

The Weekly Messenger – October 6, 2024  
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This Week Epistle: II Corinthians 4:6-15 Gospel: Luke 7:11-16

Next Week Epistle: Titus 3:8-15 Gospel: Luke 8:5-15

**Upcoming Events:**

Saturday, Oct 5<sup>th</sup> 5:00 pm Vespers

Oct 6<sup>th</sup> 40-day Memorial +Theodhora Shyti

Oct 7<sup>th</sup> Parish Council Meeting via ZOOM @ 7:30 pm

Oct 13<sup>th</sup> 1 year Memorial +Zhaneta Pellumbi

Tuesday, Oct 17<sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm Vespers 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

**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, Theodhora Shyti, Mary C. Dimitri (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, the people in Gaza and Israel, the people in Ukraine, Reader Chris Manosis, 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 6<sup>th</sup> Shyti family in memory of Theodhora Shyti

Oct 13<sup>th</sup> Prifti/Petui Family

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

**Sunday school** is entering the 4<sup>th</sup> week. WE NEED YOUR KIDS!!! If you have any questions, please contact Ilirjan Papa [sundayschooldirector@stjcaoc.org](mailto:sundayschooldirector@stjcaoc.org)  
We are still looking for additional volunteers to assist with the program. Contact Ilirjan.

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

**3rd Sunday of Luke - Jesus Raises the Widow's Son:** Our Lord Jesus and His disciples went to a city called Na'in. Many people followed Him. When He got near the city gate, a dead man was being carried out in an open coffin. The man's mother and many people from Na'in were following. The mother was very sad because first her husband had died and now her only son died, too. She did not have anyone left to provide for her. When Jesus saw the woman, He was sad about what had happened. He told the woman not to cry. Then, He touched the open coffin. The people who were carrying it stood still. Jesus said, "Young man, I say to you, arise!" The dead man sat up and even started to talk! Jesus took the young man to his mother. All the people were amazed because of the miracle they saw. They praised and thanked God.

**Parishioner News:** A very Happy Birthday to Diane Lescas who recently celebrated her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday, Betty Subashi who celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday and Janice Leyden who will celebrate her 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday. We wish them continued good health and Many Years!



**October 17<sup>th</sup>, Vespers 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>

**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.

**Father Kai will be away October 21-24 to24:** Father Kai has been asked by Bishop Nikodhim to attend a Canon Law Conference in Chicago. If something comes up you may still contact Father Kai and he will make whatever arrangements are needed. 484-843-4209.

**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!

**Desserts for the Halloween Party:** We are looking for volunteers to bring in some desserts for the Halloween Party. Please let Paula Bendo know if you are able to assist.

**Nameday Celebration: Sunday, November 10th,** 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.