

The Weekly Messenger – September 29, 2024
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This Week Epistle: II Corinthians 1:21-24; 2:1-4 Gospel: Luke 6:31-

Next Week Epistle: II Corinthians 4:6-15 Gospel: Luke 7:11-16

Upcoming Events:

Saturday, Sept 28th 5:00 pm Vespers

Sept 29th Memorial +Jonathan Rhodes 2 yrs and +Harry Mallios 1 yr.

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, the victims in Gaza, and Israel, the victims in Ukraine, Theodhora Shyti, Harry Mallios (1 yr.), Jonathan Rhodes (2 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, Father Joseph Ciarciaglino, 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*

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

Sept 29th Father Dennis & Sarah in memory of +Jonathan Rhodes

Oct 6th Shyti family in memory of Theodhora Shyti

Oct 13th Prifti/Petuqi Family

Oct 20th Lakuriqi Family

Oct 27th Fall Costume Party - Sunday School

Nov 3rd Janice & Mike Leyden

Nov 10th Parish Nameday - Parishioners

Sunday school is entering the 4th week. WE NEED YOUR KIDS!!! If you have any questions, please contact Ilirjan Papa sundayschooldirector@stjcaoc.org
We are still looking for additional volunteers to assist with the program. Contact Ilirjan.

2024 Stewardship/Pledges - Please Pledge Today! We have received 52 pledges totaling \$32,096.00. Our goal is \$65,00.00. We have a lot of ground to cover to reach our goal. Help you parish and pledge today! If you have any questions, contact our Treasurer, Zach Smith treasurer@stjcaoc.org Thank you to those who have made their 2024 Pledge!

Reminder: to submit your donation if you made a bid and received an Icon in 2024.

Second Sunday of Luke

Jesus went to a city called Nain, and many of his disciples and a great crowd went with him. As he drew near to the gate of the city, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a large crowd from the city was with her. And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, “Do not weep.” And he came and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And Jesus said, “Young man, I say to you, arise.” And the dead man sat up, and began to speak. And Jesus gave him to his mother. Fear seized them all; and they glorified God, saying, “A great prophet has arisen among us!” and “God has visited his people!”



We are happy to very successful at Ss. Peter & Paul Sat the 21st. Father tonsured Hiermonk (Eugene) Shkurti and the meeting went very



report we attended a Archdiocesan Assembly Church Friday Sept 20 & Dennis Rhodes was Danaski. Father Juxhin was ordained into the business portion of the smoothly! Many thanks to



our delegates, Father Kai, Anila Vero, Linda Notskas, alternate Linda Croke, members of the Archdiocesan Council; Nilda Salavachi and Donna Dimitri and our parishioners who attended the meeting and ordinations. Reader David Brook, Spartak Brahollari, Marion Merkle, Reem Tarazi, Colleen Xhoxhi.

We look forward to next year’s assembly which will be held at St. Thomas in Farmington Hills, MI. Photos: Father Juxhin, Bishop Nikodhim, Livia Shkurti, Hieromonk Danaski and Linda Notskas, Bishop Nikodhim. Please go to the Albanian Archdiocesan website for more information about the assembly <https://albanianarchdiocese.org/>

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!

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.

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.