

The Weekly Messenger – December 1, 2024
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This Week Epistle: Ephesians 2:4-10 Gospel: Luke 18:35-43
Next Week Epistle: Ephesians 2:14-22 Gospel: Luke 13:10-17

Upcoming Events:

Dec 1st 40-Day Memorial Katherine Costa

Wednesday, Dec 4th Parish Council Meeting via ZOOM 7:30 pm

Thursday, Dec 5th 6:00 pm vesperal liturgy for St Nicholas

Saturday Dec 7th Decorate the church for Christmas @ 3:00 pm followed by Vespers

Dec 15th 40-Day Memorial Reader +Chris Manosis

Dec 22nd Sunday School Christmas Pageant following the Divine Liturgy
and a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus during coffee hour.

Tuesday, Dec 24th Christmas Eve Vesperal Liturgy @ 4:00 pm

Wednesday Dec 25th Christmas Divine Liturgy 10:00am

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, Reader Christopher Manosis, Virginia Watson, Kathrine Costa, Connie Douris, Marlene Robos, Mary Croke (9 yrs.), Marci Moore (11 yrs.), Gregory Bendo (10 yrs.), Hariklia Kiki Notskas (26 yrs.), Deacon Stephen Stefani & those servicemen who have fallen asleep in the Lord in the service of their country.

Commemorations for the Living: His Grace, Bishop Nikodhim Archpriest Matthew Tate, the people affected by the war in the Middle East, the people in Ukraine, Newly Illuminated Isla Constantina Brown, Ali, Kevin & Gus Brown, Gia Shepherd, Alex Petsis, Newborn Talulah Rose Krygier, Kristin Cosmo, Stephan & Ziggy Krygier, Paul Dimitri, John Bogdan, 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!

Dec 1st Pappas Family

Dec 8th Salavachi-Brahollari Families in honor of Niko & Nikolas Nameday

Dec 15th Family of +Reader Chris Manosis in his memory

Dec 22nd Stephanie & Victor Sarkissian in Memory of +Rosemary & +Louis Notskas

Dec 29th Andonetta Theokary in memory of her parents, brothers & sister

Saturday, December 7th @ 3:00 pm: We will gather at church to decorate the Christmas tree in the church and the tree in the church hall. We hope you can bring your children and/or grandchildren and Godchildren to decorate the trees and then stay for Vespers at 5:00 pm.

2024 Pledge Drive - As we enter the final month of the year, we are falling short of our goal of \$65,000.00 pledges. To date \$43,236.00 has been pledged. Of that we have received \$38,972.00. This is a little more than one half of our goal with 30 days left in the year. We have received 57 pledges. We have many more than 57 families who call St. John Chrysostom Albanian Orthodox Church their church. We are asking you financially support your church by making a pledge in 2024. If you have any questions please contact our treasurer, Zach Smith, treasurer@stjcaoc.org or any member of Parish Council. Thank you to the 57 families who have made their 2024 pledge!

Christmas Card Alert: We are asking our parishioners to send Christmas cards to those who are not able to come to church and those who are ill. If you have someone who could use some holiday cheer, please send us their name & address. A list will be available at the candle stand or you can request the list of names by emailing: info@stjcaoc.org

Christmas Sock and Underwear Drive: Linda Croke and Linda Notskas are collecting socks and underwear for the homeless. A box will be located in the vestibule near the candle stand. Please drop off a package of socks or underwear or both!

Sunday school: December 22nd following the Divine Liturgy, the Sunday school will present their annual Christmas Pageant. The most precious kids in the Philadelphia area attend St. Johns and this is a must-see event. Bring your kids, your grandkids, nieces, nephews and your camera. You don't want to miss the pageant. Santa and Mrs. Clause will visit in the church hall during coffee hour.

Father Kai takes a vacation After not taking any time off last year Father Kai will be taking a vacation from December 26th – January 23, 2025. He will be visiting his family and friends in Georgia (the country, not the state). Hieromonk Danaks (Father Dennis Rhodes) will serve the Divine Liturgy the Sundays Father Kai is away.

Annual Icon Auction: January 5th & 12th 2025. We ask that you return the Icon so that we can prepare for the 2025 Auction. A list of Icons available for bids will be on our website. Even if you are not able to attend the Icon Auction you can still submit a bid or make a donation in honor of your patron saint. If you bid on an Icon in 2024 and have not made your donation there is still time. Please send a check or go online [DONATE](#) Thank you!

Parish Directory: We would like to update our Parish Directory, last updated in 2019. Please go to this link and upload a photo of you and your family. If there have been additions to your family or an address or phone number change you can make that notation in the message section. <https://stjcaoc.org/add-family-photos/>

Per Shume Vjet Gezuar! Dec 4 Great Martyr Barbara, Dec 6 St. Nicholas, Dec 12 St. Spiridon, Dec 15 St. Eleutherios, Dec 17 Holy Prophet Daniel, Dec 23 St. Naum, Dec 25 Christmas Day, Sunday after Christmas St. Joseph the Betrothed, St. David the King, Dec 27 St. Stephen the Protomartyr.

December Monthly Giving – Your Christmas Donation