

The Weekly Messenger – November 10, 2024
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This Week Epistle: Galatians 1:11-19 Gospel: Luke 10:25-37
Next Week Epistle: Galatians 2:16-20 Gospel: Luke 12:16-21

Upcoming Events:

Saturday, Nov 9th 12:00 pm Divine Liturgy mostly in the Albanian Language

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

Tuesday, Nov 12th Vespers Liturgy – St. John Chrysostom 6:00 pm

Friday, Nov 15th Nativity Fast Begins

Wednesday Nov 20th 6:00pm, vespers liturgy for The Entrance of Theotokos to the Temple

Thursday, Nov 21st Entrance of Theotokos into the Temple

Thursday, Nov 28th Albanian Flag Day/Independence Day

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

Dec 15th 40-Day Memorial Reader +Chris Manosis

Commemorations for the Departed: Archbishop Nikon, Protospesbyter Arthur Liolin, Chancellor Emeritus of the Albanian Archdiocese, Priftëresha Olga, the victims of the war in the Middle East, the victims in Ukraine, the Military Veterans in this parish, Reader Christopher Manosis Virginia Watson, Kathrine Costa, Connie Douris, Marlene Robos, Katherine Kane (10 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, 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, the Military Veterans in this parish, Newborn Talulah Rose Krygier, Kristin Cosmo, Stephan & Ziggy Krygier, 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!

Nov 10th Parish Nameday – Parishioners bring their special dish

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

Nov 24th Kane Family in Memory of Kathrine & Inspector Kane **Dec 1st** Pappas Family

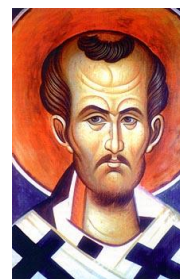
Dec 8th Salavachi-Brahollari Families in honor of Niko & Nikolas Nameday

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

Dec 22nd Stephanie & Victor Sarkissian

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

Eighth Sunday of Luke, Nov. 10th At that time, a lawyer stood up to put Jesus to the test, saying, Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life? He said to him, What is written in the law? How do you read? And he answered, You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself. And he said to him, You have answered right; do this, and you will live. But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, And who is my neighbor? Jesus replied, A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was; and when he saw him, he had compassion, and went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; then he set him on his own beast and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back. Which of these three, do you think, proved neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers? He said, The one who showed mercy on him. And Jesus said to him, Go and do likewise.



Our Patron Saint - Saint John Chrysostom - November 13th Vespers Liturgy, Tuesday, November 12th @ 6:00 pm.

Saint John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople, one of the Three Hierarchs [January 30], was born at Antioch in about the year 347 into the family of a military commander. His father, Secundus, died soon after the birth of his son. His mother, Anthusa, widowed at twenty years of age, did not seek to remarry but rather devoted all her efforts to the raising of her son in Christian piety. The youth studied under the finest philosophers and rhetoricians. But, scorning the vain disciplines of pagan knowledge, the future hierarch turned himself to the profound study of

Holy Scripture and prayerful contemplation. Saint Meletius, Bishop of Antioch (February 12), loved John like a son, guided him in the Faith, and in the year 367 baptized him. After three years John was tonsured as a Reader. When Saint Meletius had been sent into exile by the emperor Valens in the year 372, John and Theodore (afterwards Bishop of Mopsuestia) studied under the experienced instructors of ascetic life, the presbyters Flavian and Diodorus of Tarsus. The highly refined Diodorus had particular influence upon the youth. When John's mother died, he embraced monasticism, which he called the "true philosophy." Soon John and his friend Basil were being considered as candidates for the episcopal office, and they decided to withdraw into the wilderness to avoid this. While Saint John avoided the episcopal rank out of humility, he secretly assisted in Basil's consecration. [READ MORE](#) about St. John Chrysostom on the OCA Website

Nativity Fast: The Nativity Fast is one of four main fast periods throughout the ecclesiastical year. Beginning on **November 15 and concluding on December 24**, the Nativity Fast gives individuals the opportunity to prepare for the Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord and Savior in the Flesh on December 25. By abstaining from certain food and drink, particularly from meat, fish, dairy products, olive oil, and wine, as well as focusing more deeply on prayer and almsgiving, we can find that the primary aim of fasting is to make us *conscious of our dependence upon God*. If you are sponsoring coffee hour during the Nativity Fast kindly try to adhere to foods which conform with the fast.

November Monthly Giving – Bottles of Water