

The Weekly Messenger – November 17, 2024
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This Week Epistle: Galatians 2:16-20 Gospel: Luke 12:16-21

Next Week Epistle: Galatians 6:11-18 Gospel: Luke 18:18-27

Upcoming Events:

Wednesday Nov 20th 6:00pm, vesperal 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

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, Valentina Rhodes (7 yrs.), Michael Cosmo (7 yrs.), Angelo Douris (11 yrs.), Katherine Dardaris (19 yrs.), Alex Stavrou (38 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, 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, 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 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

Ninth Sunday of Luke: The Lord said this parable: "The land of a rich man brought forth plentifully; and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' And he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns, and build larger ones; and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; take your ease, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you; and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God." As he said these things, he cried out: "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."



Entrance of the Theotokos to the Temple November 21st

The second great feast of the Theotokos is the celebration of her entrance as a child into the Jerusalem Temple which is commemorated on the twenty-first of November. Like the feast of her nativity, this feast of Mary is without direct biblical and historical reference. But like the nativity, it is a feast filled with important spiritual significance for the Christian believer. According to the tradition of the Church, the Theotokos was brought to the Temple at three years of age, where she was consecrated to God and spent her days until she was fourteen or fifteen years old; and then, as a mature maiden, by the common counsel of the priests (since her parents had reposed some three years before), she was betrothed to Joseph.



Nameday Celebration: was the 93rd Anniversary of our Parish. We celebrated the Divine Liturgy together and then went upstairs for a wonderful luncheon provided by our parishioners. Arianna M. and Elisabeth P. were asked by Father Kai to share a reading with our parishioners. They both did a wonderful job! Thank-you to all who attended and all who brought something to share!



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.

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!

Congratulations and Many Years Isla Constantina Brown, daughter of Ali and Richard Brown and little sister of Gus. Isla was baptized last Sunday. Her sponsors were Gia Shepherd and Alex Petsis. Isla Constantina is the granddaughter of Tina & Paul Shepherd.

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/>

November Monthly Giving – Bottles of Water