

**The Weekly Messenger – November 3, 2024**  
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**This Week Epistle: II Corinthians 11:31-33; 12:1-9 Gospel: Luke 16:19-31**

**Next Week Epistle: Galatians 1:11-19 Gospel: Luke 10:25-37**

**Upcoming Events:**

**Nov 3<sup>rd</sup>** 40-day Memorial Peter Adams

**Nov 10<sup>th</sup>** Parish Nameday Celebration

**Nov 10<sup>th</sup>** 1:30 pm Baptism of Isla Brown daughter of Ali Shepherd and Rich Brown

**Monday, Nov 11<sup>th</sup>** Parish Council meeting via ZOOM 7:30 pm

**Friday, Nov 15<sup>th</sup>** Nativity Fast Begins

**Wednesday Nov 20<sup>th</sup>** 6:00pm, vesperal liturgy for The Entrance of Theotokos to the Temple

**Thursday, Nov 21<sup>st</sup>** Entrance of Theotokos into the Temple

**Thursday, Nov 28<sup>th</sup>** Albanian Flag Day/Independence Day

**Thursday, Dec 5<sup>th</sup>** 6:00 pm vesperal liturgy for St Nicholas

**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, Kathrine Costa, Connie Douris, Marlene Robos, 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, Reader Chris Manosis, 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](mailto:info@stjcaoc.org)*

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

**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

**Nameday Celebration: Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup>**, our parish will celebrate our 93<sup>rd</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.

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke:** Our Lord presents in the person of the rich man those who lose their souls, while in the person of the beggar Lazarus, those who are saved as servants of God. Each person in this world if he wants to be saved, will suffer many things. The reason for this is because deep within the soul there exists sin, sin which, if God does not cure it, remains unhealed. And yet, many souls will leave this world without having been prepared for the eternal life, despite the struggles they happened to undertake and despite the difficult situations through which they have passed.

The impoverished man of the parable sits there and he observes his entire situation; he lives it and is patient. He does not protest, does not resist, neither does he play the victim. He endures, he plays his part. In just such a way, each soul must pin itself down and endure whatever God permits if she wants to possess the spirit of those people who are saved, as the Lord's parable describes. The most difficult of all, the most painful, and that which no one wants to endure, is to see himself, to see himself as he truly is. Precisely at the moment that we accept these things simply and humbly, the light of God will descend upon our soul and we will see our complete poverty. It is difficult for a person to endure this. The secret is for us to want to accept our poverty without grumbling, resisting, or complaining. We do not see a trace of bitterness or complaint from the beggar Lazarus.

How much will God wish for each of us to feel and to say at this moment: "The time has also come for me. All of this **irresponsibility** that I have is finished. I submit to God, I surrender to God, I trust in God, whatever I might happen to suffer."



**Thank You Paula Bendo:** Paula organized and donated all of the candy and prizes for the Fall Costume (Halloween) Party last Sunday. Thank you to Stephanie Kosta for coordinating the games and activities. Thank you to all who brought their children, grandchildren, Godchildren, nieces and nephews. Everyone had a wonderful time! We are very grateful to Paula for continuing the tradition of the Party, which she started many years ago!

**Nameday Celebration: NEXT Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup>**, we will celebrate our 93<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary and Nameday celebration. 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. The Divine Liturgy will begin at 10:00 am at which time we will greet our new Bishop and welcome him to St, John Chrysostom

**Congratulations** Kristin Cosmo and Stephan Krygier on the birth of their daughter Talulah Rose Krygier. Talulah was born Monday, October 28, 2024 (the day after the Fall Costume Party) at 8:20 am weighing 6lbs 14 ozs, 19" long Lula is the granddaughter of Donna Dimitri & +Michael Cosmo and Steve & Gayle Krygier. Mom, Dad, Lula and big brother Ziggy are all doing great! Many Years!

**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.

**November Monthly Giving – Bottles of Water**