

The Weekly Messenger – April 14, 2024
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This Week Epistle: Hebrews 6:13-20

Next Week Epistle: Hebrews 9:11-14

Gospel Mark 9:17-31

Gospel: Mark 10:32-45

Upcoming Events:

Saturday, April 13th Vespers @ 6:00 pm

April 14th St. John Climacus

Saturday, April 20th Vespers @ 6:00 pm

April 21st St Mary of Egypt

Saturday April 27th Lazarus Saturday & the Baptism of Anita LeFevre during the Liturgy

April 28th Palm Sunday the Entry of our Lord into Jerusalem - Pancake Breakfast

May 1st Great & Holy Wednesday Holy Unction 6:30 pm

May 2nd Great & Holy Thursday 9:00 am Liturgy of Last Supper this Liturgy establishes the Holy Eucharist
Thursday evening Reading of the 12 Gospels 6:30 pm

May 3rd Great & Holy Friday 10:00 am decorate Epitaphios,

5:00pm Service Taking down from the Cross

7:00 pm Lamentations

May 4th Great & Holy Saturday 11:00 am First Resurrection Liturgy

11:30 pm Nocturnes, Matins, Paschal Liturgy

May 5th Holy Pascha/ Agape Vespers 1:00 pm

May 12th St Thomas Sunday 2-year Memorial Steven Cosmo

Monday, May 13th Parish Council Meeting via ZOOM 7:30 pm

May 19th Myrrh-bearing Women 1-year Memorial Robert Dardaris

June 2nd Semi annual Paish Meeting (originally scheduled for March 17th)

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, Virginia, Daniel Coraluzzi (8 yrs.), Andrew Subashi (16 yrs.), Thomas Dimitri (28 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 Grace, Bishop Nikodhim, Father Joseph Ciarciaglino, the people in Gaza and Israel, the people in Ukraine, Newly Illuminated Sophie Gabriela Gorre, Newly Illuminated Paris Maximus Goore, Elira & Nertil Gorre, Arteida & Barry, Reader Chris Manosis, Virginia Rubus, Teri Douris, Ellen Mondlak, Gerald Mondlak, Eugene, 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*

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.

The Fourth Sunday of Lent is dedicated to Saint John of the Ladder

commemorates our Righteous Father John Climacus. He is called Climacus due to his authorship of the great spiritual work The Ladder of Divine Ascent. His commemoration is designated by the Church on one of the Sundays of Lent as his life and writings affirm him as a supreme bearer and proponent of Christian asceticism. The ascetic example of this great Saint of the Church inspires us in our Lenten journey.

[ReadMore](#) on the OCA Website.



LAZARUS SATURDAY RETREAT for children(?) April 27th the Divine Liturgy will begin @ 10:00 and will incorporate the Baptism of Anita LeFevre. Anita has been coming to St. John Chrysostom for a number of months and after very prayerful consideration has decided to be baptized in the Orthodox Faith. While the Divine Liturgy and the Baptism are scheduled, we are undecided on whether or not to have our Annual Lazarus Saturday Retreat for our children. The Sunday school continues to struggle with few children and few adult teachers. Since COVID we haven't really had a sustained Sunday school program. If you and your children would like to participate in a Lazarus Saturday Retreat please email <mailto:info@stjcaoc.org> If we do not have enough people interested in participating, we will not have the retreat.

Nick Naum Scholarship Applications: The application is posted on our website <https://stjcaoc.org/nick-naum-scholarship/> The applications must be submitted by Wednesday, June 5, 2024 via email to <mailto:chairperson@stjcaoc.org> Do not send the application via regular mail USPS. Recipients will be notified by June 19, 2024. The date for the presentation of the scholarship will be announced. The following are members of the Nick Naum Scholarship Committee: Diane Coraluzzi, Carolyn Dardaris, Sandi Fiss, Stephanie Kosta, Nicole Ferrara, Reem Tarazi.

Red Egg Dye is available at the candle stand. It is \$4.00 per pack. We also have new coffee/tea mugs in the bookcase in the church hall. See Linda Notskas to purchase a mug.

April Namedays: Per Shume Vjet! Gezuar! Lazarus Saturday - St. Lazarus, Palm Sunday – Kyriako, April 13– St. Martin the Confessor, Sunday after Pascha– St. Thomas, April 23 - Great Martyr George, April 24 – St. Elizabeth April 25 - Apostle & Evangelist Mark

We need Coffee Hour Sponsors for the last Sunday in March and April please consider sponsoring a coffee with your family or friends:

sign-up on the sheet or click this link [CoffeeHourSignup](#)

April 14th Barbara Blum

April 21st NO Sponsor

April 28th Pancake Breakfast

May 5th PASCHA no coffee hour

May 12th Dimitri-Cosmo Family in memory of Steven

May 19th Dardaris Family in memory of Bob

May 26th Hot Dog Sale

Monthly Giving for April: Bottles of Water – any size