

The Weekly Messenger – April 21, 2024
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This Week Epistle: Hebrews 9:11-14

Next Week Epistle: Philippians 4:4-9

Gospel Mark 10:32-45

Gospel: John 12:1-18

Upcoming Events:

Saturday, April 20th 10:00 am Service *The Akathist to the Most-holy Theotokos.*

April 21st St Mary of Egypt **Wednesday, April 24th** Last Presanctified Liturgy 6:00 pm

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, Lluka Thodhori (4 yrs.), Brent Ledford (8 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, 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 Fifth Sunday of Great Lent recalls the memory of Saint Mary of Egypt, the repentant harlot. Mary tells us, first of all, that no amount of sin and wickedness can keep a person from God if he truly repents. Christ himself has come “to call sinners to repentance” and to save them from their sins (Lk 5.32). In addition, Saint Mary tells us that it is never too late in life—or in Lent—to repent. Christ will gladly receive all who come to him even at the eleventh hour of their lives. But their coming must be in serious and sincere repentance.

LAZARUS SATURDAY RETREAT for children and adults 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 decided to be baptized in the Orthodox Faith. Father Kai will conduct the Liturgy on the Solea and explain what he is doing during the Liturgy. It is most informative. If you and your children would like to participate in the Lazarus Saturday retreat please email info@stjcaoc.org We will make Meshe, do some crafting and have pizza for lunch. All Welcome!

Please mark your calendars, Friday May 3, 2024 10:00 am We need volunteers to come to church to decorate the Epitaphion. Bring a friend – many hands make light work!

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.

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 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

June 2nd No Sponsor

June 9th No Sponsor

Monthly Giving for April: Bottles of Water – any size