

**The Weekly Messenger – April 28, 2024**  
**St. John Chrysostom Albanian Orthodox Church**  
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**This Week Epistle: Philippians 4:4-9**

*Next Week Epistle: Acts 1:1-8*

**Gospel: John 12:1818**

*Gospel: John 1:1-17*

**Upcoming Events:**

**Saturday April 27<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am** Lazarus Saturday & the Baptism of Anita LeFevre

**April 28<sup>th</sup>** Palm Sunday the Entry of our Lord into Jerusalem - Pancake Breakfast

**May 1<sup>st</sup>** Great & Holy Wednesday Holy Unction **6:30 pm**

**May 2<sup>nd</sup>** 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 3<sup>rd</sup>** Great & Holy Friday **10:00 am** decorate Epitaphios,  
**5:00pm** Service Taking down from the Cross **7:00 pm** Lamentations

**May 4<sup>th</sup>** Great & Holy Saturday **11:00 am** First Resurrection Liturgy  
**11:30 pm** Nocturnes, Matins, Paschal Liturgy

**May 5<sup>th</sup>** Holy Pascha/ Agape Vespers **1:00 pm**

**May 12<sup>th</sup>** St Thomas Sunday 2-year Memorial Steven Cosmo

**Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup>** Parish Council Meeting via ZOOM 7:30 pm

**May 19<sup>th</sup>** Myrrh-bearing Women 1-year Memorial Robert Dardaris

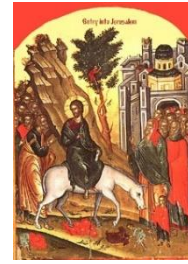
**June 2<sup>nd</sup>** Semi-annual Paish Meeting (originally scheduled for March 17<sup>th</sup>)

**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, Robert Dardaris (1 yr.), Qiriako “Charlie” & Rose Adams, 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 married Jason Xhoxhi & Eleanor Kauffman, Newly Illuminated Anita Ana Le Fevre, her sponsors: Janice Leyden and David Brook, Reader Chris Manosis, Virginia Rubis, 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](mailto: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.

**Monthly Giving for April:** Bottles of Water – any size



**The feast of Christ's triumphal Entry into Jerusalem, Palm Sunday,** is one of the twelve major feasts of the Church. The services of this Sunday follow directly from those of Lazarus Saturday. The church building continues to be vested in resurrectional splendor, filled with hymns which continually repeat the Hosanna offered to Christ as the Messiah-King who comes in the name of God the Father for the salvation of the world.

At the vigil of the feast of Palm Sunday the prophecies of the Old Testament about the Messiah-King are read together with the Gospel accounts of the entry of Christ into Jerusalem. At Matins branches are blessed which the people carry throughout the celebration as the sign of their own glorification of Jesus as Savior and King. These branches are usually palms, or, in the Slavic churches, pussy willows which came to be customary because of their availability and their early blossoming in the springtime.

As the people carry their branches and sing their songs to the Lord on Palm Sunday, they are judged together with the Jerusalem crowd. For it was the very same voices which cried Hosanna to Christ, which, a few days later, cried Crucify Him! Thus, in the liturgy of the Church the lives of men continue to be judged as they hail Christ with the “branches of victory” and enter together with Him into the days of His “voluntary passion.”

**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 Eggs:** Please bring 6 red eggs to share with our parishioners on Holy Friday or Holy Pascha. Red egg dye is available at the candle stand. It is \$4.00 per pack.

**We need Coffee Hour Sponsors June, July and August. Please consider sponsoring a coffee with your family or friends:**

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

**April 28<sup>th</sup> Pancake Breakfast**

**May 5<sup>th</sup> PASCHA no coffee hour**

**May 12<sup>th</sup> Dimitri-Cosmo Family in memory of Steven**

**May 19<sup>th</sup> Dardaris Family in memory of Bob**

**May 26<sup>th</sup> Hot Dog Sale**

**June 2<sup>nd</sup> No Sponsor**

**June 9<sup>th</sup> No Sponsor**

**June 16<sup>th</sup> No Sponsor**

**June 23<sup>rd</sup> Friends of Deacon Steve Stefani**