

The Weekly Messenger – Feb 11, 2024

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This Week Epistle: II Corinthians 6:1-10 Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

Nest Week Epistle: II Corinthians 6:16-18, 7:1 Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28

#### Upcoming Events:

Sat. Feb 10<sup>th</sup> VESPERS @ 5:00 pm

Feb 11<sup>th</sup> Soup-er Bowl Sunday

Monday, Feb 12<sup>th</sup> Parish Council Meeting 7:30 pm via ZOOM

Sat. Feb 17<sup>th</sup> VESPERS @ 5:00 pm

Feb 18<sup>th</sup> Memorial Leri Chochua

Feb 24<sup>th</sup> Vespers with Bishop Nikodhim and Father Kai

Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> Bishop Nikodhim will visit

Feb 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Publican & Pharisee There will also be a 40 Day Memorial Viktor Shyti

March 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Prodigal Son

Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup> Saturday of Souls Liturgy 10:00 am

Women's Day Dance 5:00 pm – 10:30 pm See Nilda Salavachi

March 10<sup>th</sup> Meatfare/Last Judgement Memorials Andrea Kasapi & Viktori Xhoxhi

March 17<sup>th</sup> Cheesefare/Forgiveness Sunday

Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup> Great Lent Begins

March 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Orthodoxy

**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, Leri Chochua, James Bendo, Paul Stavrou, Carl Nowmos, William Rubis, Viktor Shyti, Rudina Dodbiba, William Messner (Bill Bortner's uncle), Nancy Gregory (9 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 married Justin & Elizabeth Kane, Newly illuminated Edmund David Lewis-Hanson, Amy Lewis, Wes Hanson, Zach Smith, Elena Shomos, 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](mailto:info@stjcaoc.org)*

**Coffee Hour Sponsor:** sign-up on the sheet or click this link [CoffeeHourSignup](#)

Feb 11<sup>th</sup> Souper Bowl Sunday Parishioners share soup to raise money for the homeless

Feb 18<sup>th</sup> Alfred Coni & Margarita Sevi in honor of Alfred's Nameday, Shën Harrallambi

Feb 25<sup>th</sup> Parishioners as we welcome Bishop Nikodhim "Pot Luck" Coffee Hour

March 3<sup>rd</sup> No Sponsor

March 10<sup>th</sup> Vilma Kasapi in memory of Andrea Kasapi and Viktori Xhoxhi

**Home Blessings:** It is very important for Father Kai to visit and bless your home in 2024. Call Father Kai 484-843-4209 or, email [fr.kai@stjcaoc.org](mailto:fr.kai@stjcaoc.org) If Father Kai does not answer your call leave a message with your name, address and phone number. He will contact you to arrange a date and time for his visit. *What to have ready for your home blessing: An Icon, candle, small bowl for Holy Water, List of family names to be prayed for one column living, one column departed.*

**Bishop Nikodhim will visit our parish** on Saturday February 24<sup>th</sup> for Vespers @ 5:00 pm and on Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup> for the Divine Liturgy. 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

**Women's Day Celebration and Dance:** is being held on Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 5:00 – 10:30 pm in the Church Hall. A buffet dinner and continuous dancing are included! Soda & coffee will be provided B.Y.O.B. Tickets are \$85.00 for adults and \$35.00 for children under 12 [TICKETS](#)

**Holy Water is available:** If you were unable to be in church past few weeks Holy Water is still available. The Holy Water is located on the table in the side vestibule. Please bring a container for the Holy Water.

**Coffee Hour:** We have many open coffee hour dates in March, April, May, June, July, August, Sept, October. Please take a look at the signup sheet in the side vestibule or online and sponsor a coffee hour. It is perfectly fine to bring whatever you like to share at coffee hour. Danish, bagels, cookies, It is not necessary to bring sandwiches or a hot meal. The purpose of coffee hour is **fellowship**. The snacks/food provided by our parishioners is a bonus!

**Your 2024 Pledge:** We are encouraging our parishioners to pledge online via our website: <https://stjcaoc.org/pledge/> or make a donation <https://stjcaoc.org/donate/> We gladly accept credit card donations online as well as payments made automatically from your checking account. If you do send a check, please be sure to look at your bank account to make sure the check has cleared. We have ongoing problems with mail deliver at church. Thank you to those who made a pledge in 2023.

**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.

*If you have news for the Weekly Messenger, please send it to [info@stjcaoc.org](mailto:info@stjcaoc.org)*

**Monthly giving for February bottles of water**