

The Weekly Messenger – Feb 18, 2024
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This Week II Corinthians 6:16-18, 7:1 Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28

Nest Week Epistle: II Timothy 3:10-15 Gospel: Luke 18:10-14

Upcoming Events:

Sat. Feb 17th VESPERS @ 5:00 pm

Feb 18th Zaccheus Sunday Memorial Leri Chochua

Friday Feb 23rd Orthodoxy on Tab meeting in the Church Hall @ 6:30 pm

Feb 24th Vespers with Bishop Nikodhim and Father Kai

Feb. 25th Bishop Nikodhim will visit

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

March 3rd Sunday of the Prodigal Son Dorka “Dorothy” Tomassini 3 year Memorial

Saturday, March 9th Saturday of Souls Liturgy 10:00 am

Women’s Day Dance 5:00 pm – 10:30 pm for info & tix Contact Nilda 610-618-6122 or

visit the church website <https://stjcaoc.org>

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

Monday, March 11th Parish Council ZOOM meeting 7:30 pm

March 17th Cheesefare/Forgiveness Sunday Semi-Annual meeting during coffee hour
Jim Bendo 40 Day Memorial

Monday, March 18th Great Lent Begins

March 24th 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), Andi Steffa (7 yrs.), George Notskas (35 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*

If you have news for the Weekly Messenger, please send it to info@stjcaoc.org

Monthly giving for February bottles of water



Canaanite Woman: At that time, Jesus went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and cried, “Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely possessed by a demon.” But Jesus did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, “Send her away, for she is crying after us.” Jesus answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” And he answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s bread and throw it to the dogs.” She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” Then Jesus answered her, “O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire.” And her daughter was healed at that very hour.

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

Feb 18th Ana Melikishvili & Irakli Nadareishvili in memory of Leri Chochua

Feb 25th Parishioners as we welcome Bishop Nikodhim “Pot Luck” Coffee Hour

March 3rd Spiro & Coraluzzi Families in memory of Miss Dorothy

March 10th Vilma Kasapi in memory of Andrea Kasapi and Viktori Xhoxhi

March 17th Bendo Family in memory of Jim

NEXT WEEKEND FEB 24th & 25th Bishop Nikodhim will visit our parish Saturday Vespers @ 5:00 pm and on Sunday, February 25th 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 for coffee hour on Sunday. 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

Orthodoxy On Tap will meet at St. John’s on Friday, February 23rd @ 6:30 in the church hall. Once a month, each chapter meets at a restaurant and has a guest speaker give a presentation about some aspect of the Orthodox faith, followed by informal fellowship. Orthodoxy on Tap is entirely grassroots. It’s not attached to any specific jurisdiction, so everyone feels welcome, whether they’re Eastern Orthodox or Oriental Orthodox. The organization is supported by prayers, parish donations, and contributions from our members. All donations support the renting of the restaurant space and light appetizers or funding for food and supplies for the unique events during fasting seasons.

Women’s Day Celebration and Dance: is being held **on Saturday, March 9th, 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](#)

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.