

The Weekly Messenger – Feb 25, 2024

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

Next Week Epistle: I Corinthians 6:12-20 Gospel: Luke 15:11-32

WELCOME BISHOP NIKODHIM

Upcoming Events:

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

Saturday, 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

Saturday, March 2nd Vespers 5:00 pm

March 3rd Sunday of the Prodigal Son Dorka “Dorothy” Tomassini 2-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

Sat. March 16th 2:30 pm Baptism Sophie & Paris Gorre, children of Elira & Nertil Gorre

March 17th Cheesefare/Forgiveness Sunday Jim Bendo 40 Day Memorial

Semi-Annual Parish meeting during coffee hour

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, Robert Steffon, Leri Chochua, James Bendo, Paul Stavrou, Carl Nowmos, William Rubis, Viktor Shyti, Rudina Dodbiba, William Messner (Bill Bortner’s uncle), 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 Ciarcigliano, the people in Gaza and Israel, the people in Ukraine, Reader David Brook, Reader Chris Manosis, Paulette Steffa, 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*

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Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee The focus here is on the two men who went to the Temple to pray—one a pharisee who was a very decent and righteous man of religion, the other a publican who was a truly sinful tax-collector who was cheating the people. The first, although genuinely righteous, boasted before God and was condemned, according to Christ.

The second, although genuinely sinful, begged for mercy, received it, and was justified by God (Lk 18.9). The meditation here is that we have neither the religious piety of the pharisee nor the repentance of the publican by which alone we can be saved. We are called to see ourselves as we really are in the light of Christ’s teaching,



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!

DJ Sergio will be playing your favorite songs and has set up an extraordinary light show in the church hall. Soda & coffee will be provided B.Y.O.B.

Tickets are \$85.00 for adults and \$35.00 for children under 12 [TICKETS](#)

Your 2024 Pledge: We are encouraging our parishioners to pledge online via our website: <https://stjcaoc.org/pledge/> We gladly accept credit card donations online as well as payments made automatically from your checking account. We also have pledge cards available at the candle stand if you prefer to submit a physical card rather than go online. Our goal for 2024 is \$60,000.00. Please help us meet our goal.

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

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

March 24th NO SPONSOR

March 31st NO SPONSOR

Updated Parish Directory In the next couple of months we will be asking you for updated information and photos for our Parish Directory. It has been over four years since the last directory was published and much information has changed. Please help us by providing your information for the directory in a timely manner.

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.

Our sincere thanks to Bishop Nikodhim for visiting our parish today!

Monthly giving for February bottles of water

