

The Weekly Messenger – January 19, 2025

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This Week Epistle: Colossians 3:4-11 Gospel: Luke 17:12-19

Next Week Epistle: I Timothy 4:9-15 (32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday) Gospel: Luke 19:1-10

**Since Father Kai will be away for most of January he will begin Home blessings in February**

**2025** If you would like Father Kai to visit your home call 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.*

#### **Upcoming Events:**

**Jan 19<sup>th</sup>** 1 year Memorial James Bendo

**Jan 26<sup>th</sup>** 3-year Memorial Marika Sarkos

**Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>** Bishop Nikodhim will visit our Parish

**Feb 9<sup>th</sup>** Soup-er Bowl Sunday fundraiser for homeless

**Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup>** Women's Day Dance

**Commemorations for the Departed:** Archbishop Nikon, Protopresbyter Arthur Liolin, Chancellor Emeritus of the Albanian Archdiocese, Priftëresha Olga, the victims of the war in the Middle East, the victims in Ukraine, the victims of the fires in Los Angeles, Matuska Jeanne Ann Ciarciaglino, James Bendo (1 yr.), Marika Sarkos (3 yrs.), Steven DiStefano (7 yrs.), Larry Jance (7 yrs.), Philip Kosta (8 yrs.), Deacon Stephen Stefani & those servicemen who have fallen asleep in the Lord in the service of their country.

**Commemorations for the Living:** His Grace, Bishop Nikodhim Archpriest Matthew Tate, the people affected by the war in the Middle East, the people in Ukraine, The people in Los Angeles, Father Joseph Ciarciaglino and his family, Father Kai & Nikolas, Newly Illuminated Kevin Immanuel Begaj, Ilir Gremi, Marjana Kokuri, Marjorie, Lee Constantine Elia, Teri Douris, Ellen Mondlak, Gerald Mondlak, Julius, Stephanos Sarris, Virginia Daka, Dhimitri Ndrecka, 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 All Coffee hour dates have a sponsor.** Thank you so very much!

**Jan 19<sup>th</sup>** Bendo Family in memory of Jim 1 year

**Jan 26<sup>th</sup>** Sarkos/Mondlak Family in memory of Marika 3 years

**Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>** Parishioners bring their special dish to share during coffee hour -Bishop Visit

**Feb 9<sup>th</sup>** Soup-er Bowl Sunday Parishioners bring soup

**The 2025 Coffee Hour Sign-up sheet is posted in the side vestibule. Please pick a date!**

**Or go online to pick a date by clicking [COFFEEHOUR](#)**

**January Giving Napkins**

**Bishop Nikodhim Visit Feb 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>:** Bishop Nikodhim and Father Kai will celebrate Vespers on Saturday, Feb 1<sup>st</sup> @ 5:00 pm and the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 10:00am. For coffee hour we are asking our parishioners to bring their special food or dessert to share with all. Please plan to attend Vespers and the Liturgy, meet and talk with our Bishop

**2024 Contribution Statements:** will be emailed to our parishioners and friends. If you do not have email your statement is at the candle stand. Those statements not picked up will be mailed. If you have any questions about your statement please contact our treasurer, Zach Smith [treasurer@stjcaoc.org](mailto:treasurer@stjcaoc.org) Thank you for your donations!



**Soup-er Bowl Sunday:** We will have our 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Soup-er Bowl Sunday on Feb.9<sup>th</sup> following the Divine Liturgy. We are asking our parishioners to make a homemade soup. We will offer the soup at coffee hour for a small donation. The proceeds will be donated to a nearby homeless shelter.

**Christmas Donations:** Many thanks to our parishioners and friends who made Christmas donations in 2024 or this month! Your generosity is crucial for the future of our parish. We thank you.

**Holy Water is available:** If you were unable to be in church on Sunday January 5<sup>th</sup>, Holy Water is still available. Many thanks to our Sunday school students for filling the bottles last week



**Icon Auction:** Our sincere thanks to our Icon Auction Team; Stephanie Kosta, Peter Ghicondey Sergio Georgi, Colleen Xhoxhi, Linda Croke, Anila Vero, Elisabeth Papa and young Altar Server George who walked with the Icons as they were being bid upon. Great job everyone. We received bids totaling \$18,090.00, one of our best auctions ever! We are very grateful for those who participated in the auction and bid on the Icons. God bless all of you!

**Women's Day Celebration and Dance:** March will be here before we know it. Our annual Women's Day Dance is being held on Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025, 5:30 – 10:30 pm in the Church Hall. A buffet dinner and continuous dancing are included! DJ Sergio will be there with good music and light show. Soda & coffee will be provided B.Y.O.B. Tickets are \$85.00 for adults and \$35.00 for children under 12

**Coffee Hour:** We have many open coffee hour dates in February, 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!

**Welcome to our visitors.** Father Dennis and 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

**Thank you for serving today & Happy Nameday, Hieromonk Danaks (Father Dennis)**