

The Weekly Messenger – January 21, 2024  
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Epistle: Colossians 3:4-11 Gospel: Luke 17:12-19

**Home Blessings:** Father Kai wants 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.*

**Upcoming Events:**

Sat. Jan 20<sup>th</sup> VESPERS @ 5:00 pm Jan 21<sup>st</sup> 2-year Memorial +Marika Sarkos

Sat. Jan 27<sup>th</sup> Divine Liturgy 10:00 am St. John Chrysostom Archbishop of Constantinople

Sat, Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> VESPERS @ 5:00 pm Feb 4<sup>th</sup> 3-yr Memorial +Bessie Satir

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

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

Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> Women's Day Dance 6:30 pm – 10:30 pm

**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, William Rubis, William Messner (Bill Bortner's uncle), Marika Sarkos (2 yrs.), Steven DiStefano (6 yrs.), Larry Jance (6 yrs.), Deacon Stephen Stefani & those servicemen & women who have fallen asleep in the Lord in the service of their country.

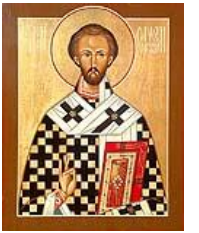
**Commemorations for the Living:** His Grace, Bishop Nikodhim, Father Joseph Ciarciaglino, the people in Gaza and Israel, the people in Ukraine, Newly illuminated Edmund David Lewis-Hanson, Amy Lewis, Wes Hanson, Zach Smith, Elena Shomos, Virginia Rubus, Teri Douris, Ellen Mondlak, Gerald Mondlak, Karen, Eugene, Jim Bendo, 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)*

**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.

**Saturday, January 27, 2024 @ 10:00 am Divine Liturgy -Translation of the relics of Saint John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople**

Saint John Chrysostom, the great ecumenical teacher and hierarch, died in the city of Comana in the year 407 on his way to a place of exile. He had been condemned by the intrigues of the empress Eudoxia because of his daring denunciation of the vices of those ruling over Constantinople.

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

Jan 21<sup>st</sup> Sarkos/Mondlak Family in memory of +Marika

Jan 28<sup>th</sup> Hot Dog Sale

Feb 4<sup>th</sup> Satir Family in Memory of +Bessie

Feb 11<sup>th</sup> Souper Bowl Sunday

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

**2023 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!

**Christmas Donations:** Many thanks to our parishioners and friends who made Christmas donations in 2023 or this month! Your generosity is crucial for the future of our parish. We thank you.

**Soup-er Bowl Sunday:** We will have our 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Soup-er Bowl Sunday on Feb.11<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.

**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. A piece of exciting news: David Brook, who currently assists Father Kai in the Altar will be tonsured as a Reader by Bishop Nikodhim during the Liturgy, We are all very happy for David and look forward to him becoming a Tonsured Reader!

**SOCK AND UNDERWEAR DRIVE TO CONTINUE** It's not too late to donate socks or underwear for the homeless. The box is in the vestibule. Collecting through the end of January.

**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 January – Napkins**