

The Weekly Messenger – January 28, 2024
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This Week Epistle: I Timothy 4:9-15 Gospel: Luke 19:1-10

Nest Week Epistle: II Corinthians 4:6-15 Gospel: Matthew 22:35-46

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 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 27th Divine Liturgy 10:00 am St. John Chrysostom Archbishop of Constantinople

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

Sat. Feb 10th VESPERS @ 5:00 pm Feb 11th Soup-er Bowl Sunday

Monday, Feb 12th Parish Council Meeting 7:30 pm via ZOOM

Sat. Feb 17th VESPERS @ 5:00 pm

Feb 24th Vespers with Bishop Nikodhim and Father Kai

Feb. 25th Bishop Nikodhim will visit

Saturday, March 2nd 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, James Bendo, William Rubis, Viktor Shyti, William Messner (Bill Bortner's uncle), Bessie Satir (3 yrs.), Pandora Bendo (6 yrs.), Deacon Stephen Stefani & those servicemen & women who have fallen asleep in the Lord in the service of their country.

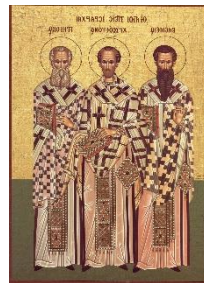
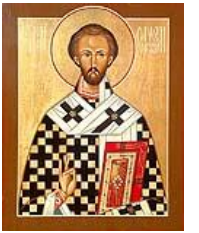
Commemorations for the Living: His Grace, Bishop Nikodhim, Father Joseph Ciarciaglino, the people in Gaza and Israel, the people in Ukraine, Newly married Justin & Elizabeth Kane, Newly illuminated Edmund David Lewis-Hanson, Amy Lewis, Wes Hanson, Zach Smith, Elena Shomos, Virginia Rubus, Teri Douris,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

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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Synaxis of the Three Hierarchs: Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian and John Chrysostom: During the eleventh century, disputes raged in Constantinople about which of the three hierarchs was the greatest. Some preferred Saint Basil (January 1), others honored Saint Gregory the Theologian (January 25), while a third group exalted Saint John Chrysostom (November 13).

Dissension among Christians increased. Some called themselves Basilians, others referred to themselves as Gregorians, and others as Johnites.

By the will of God, the three hierarchs appeared to Saint John the Bishop of Euchaita (June 14) in the year 1084, and said that they were equal before God. "There are no divisions among us, and no opposition to one another."

They ordered that the disputes should stop, and that their common commemoration should be celebrated on a single day. Bishop John chose **January 30** for their joint Feast, thus ending the controversy and restoring peace.

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

Jan 28th Hot Dog Sale

Feb 4th Satir Family in Memory of +Bessie

Feb 11th Souper Bowl Sunday

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

Congratulations to Justin & Elizabeth Kane who were married on January 8, 2024.

Justin and Elizabeth are college students who have been attending the Divine Liturgy at St. John Chrysostom for the past number of months. Justin has served in the Altar with Father Kai. Many Years Justin & Elizabeth!

Soup-er Bowl Sunday: We will have our 9th Annual Soup-er Bowl Sunday on Feb.11th 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 24th for 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. 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.

Monthly giving for January – Napkins