

The Weekly Messenger – July 14, 2024
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This Week Epistle: Titus 3:8-15 **Gospel: Matthew 5:14-19**
Next Week Epistle: Romans 6:18-23 **Gospel Matthew 8:5-13**

Upcoming Events:

July 14th Memorial +Reveka Xhoxhi and 40-day Memorial for Viktor Shyti (6 months)

Monday, July 15th Parish Council ZOOM meeting 7:30 pm

Tuesday, Aug 6th Transfiguration

Thursday, Aug 15th Dormition of the Theotokos

Friday, Sept 20th Archdiocesan Assembly @ Ss. Peter & Paul Albanian Orthodox Church

Saturday, Sept 21st Archdiocesan Divine Liturgy @ Ss. Peter & Paul Albanian Orthodox Church

Commemorations for the Departed: Archbishop Nikon, Protopresbyter Arthur Liolin, Chancellor Emeritus of the Albanian Archdiocese, Priftëresha Olga, Archpriest John Scollard, the victims in Gaza and Israel, the victims in Ukraine, Maurice Robert, Helen Bilanin, Reveka Xhoxhi, Viktor Shyti (6 months), Wayne Merkle (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 Ciarcigliano, the people in Gaza and Israel, the people in Ukraine, newly married Samantha Trafford & Josh McDearmon, Chris Manosis, Lee Constantine Elia, Tatiana, Rosalyn Rawls, Virginia Rubis, 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*

We need Coffee Hour Sponsors for August and Sept. Please sponsor a coffee with your family or friends: sign-up on the sheet or click this link [CoffeeHourSignup](#)

July 14th Jani Xhoxhi and Family in memory of Reveka Xhoxhi & Shyti Family in memory of Viktor

July 21st Ilirjan & Fiori Papa in honor of Elias & Ilirjan Nameday **July 28th** Betty Subashi

Aug 4th No Sponsor **Aug 11th** Melnik Family in honor of John's 16th Birthday

Aug 18th No Sponsor **Aug 25th** Hot Dogs

Pledge Reminder: Even though it is summer time and many people go away, the church remains open and the Divine Liturgy is celebrated every Sunday. The "bills" do not take a summer vacation! If you haven't made your 2024 Pledge, please do it now! Go to our [WEBSITE](#) make a donation via [PAYPAL](#) or a or drop off a check at the candle stand. Thank you!

Monthly Giving for July: Napkins

The Third Sunday After Pentecost: Seek First His Kingdom and His Righteousness

Our Lord Jesus Christ was teaching about what is really important. He said, "Your eyes are like a light for your body. If you look at bad things, your whole body can be bad. But if you look at things that are good, your whole body is bright and light. "No one can serve God and money. People will either love God best or love money and earthly things best. It is better to love God most of all. "I tell you, don't worry about what you eat, drink, or wear. Think about birds—they don't store up food! But God provides for them, doesn't He? Think about flowers—they don't sew or shop, but God dresses them in their beautiful clothes. If God takes care of little things like grass, won't He take even better care of you? "So, don't worry about your food, drink, or clothes. Your Father in Heaven already knows that you need them. He will provide them for you if you pray and come to church and do what is right. That is what is most important."



Congratulations to the 2024-2025 Nick Naum Scholarships recipients:

Alexander Dardaris, son of Christine & Greg Dardaris, grandson of +Bob Dardaris and +Maurice & Joyce Robert.

Gregory Dardaris, son of Christine & Greg Dardaris, grandson of +Bob Dardaris and +Maurice & Joyce Robert.

Olivia Grabocka, daughter of Valentina & Peter Grabocka, granddaughter of +Sotir & Olimbi Grabocka;

Juliana Melnik, daughter of Susan & Vlad Melnik, granddaughter of +Peter & Elizabeth Melnik, Barbara & Barry Kolvek.

Elias Mondlak, son of Michele Sarkos & John Mondlak grandson of +Marika & Lewis Sarkos and Ellen & Gerald Mondlak.

The scholarships will be presented following the Divine Liturgy on August 11, 2024. Many Years to the recipients and their proud families!



Congratulations and Many Years to the Papakroni Family

Grigor Harallamb was baptized in Albania on June 29th. Grigor is the son of Vasil and Erlina Papakroni. Grigor is big brother to Teodor. The Papakroni Family regularly attends church and Vasil has been chanting and helping in the altar. We are so happy for the entire Papakroni Family!

76th Annual AANO Convention August 2-4 2024 Join us as we come together to honor our shared traditions, forge new connections, and celebrate Albanian culture. Don't miss this opportunity to connect, celebrate, and create lasting memories with fellow Albanians from near and far. Info <https://www.aano.org/annual-convention> or contact Nilda Salavachi.