

The Weekly Messenger – July 7, 2024
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This Week Epistle: Galatians 3:23-29; 4:1-5 Gospel: Matthew 4:18-23
Next Week Epistle: Titus 3:8-15 Gospel: Matthew 5:14-19

Upcoming Events:

July 14th Memorial +Reveka Xhoxhi and 40-day Memorial for Viktor Shyti

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, Lena Costalas (5 yrs.), John Croke (10 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 Ciarcaglino, 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*

Each Sunday during the Divine Liturgy prayers are said for the departed and for the living, those who are newly baptized, chrismated, those who are sick. We have a list of the recently departed and some not so recent which we use for the commemorations for the departed each week. If you would like to add your loved one to the list, please email their name and date of death and we will add them. <mailto:info@stjcaoc.org> We also welcome information of family events; births, graduations, anniversaries, birthdays, etc., to share with our church 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.

Monthly Giving for July: Napkins

2nd Sunday After Pentecost The Gospel of Matthew 4:18-23: At that time, as Jesus walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left their boat and their father and followed him. And he went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.

On the second Sunday after Pentecost, each local Orthodox Church commemorates all the saints, known and unknown, who have shone forth in its territory. Accordingly, the Orthodox Church in America remembers the saints of North America on this day.

St. John's Sunday School Program: We are in desperate need of a Director and Teachers. If no one steps forward it will be very difficult to have a Sunday school Program. If you or someone you know can help, please contact Fr; Kai 484-843-4209 <mailto:fr.kai@stjcaoc.org>



Last Saturday & Sunday Bishop Nikodhim visited Ss. Peter & Paul for their Feastday Celebrations. It is always wonderful to see His Grace and celebrate the Divine Liturgy. Father Kai and Father Dennis concelebrated the Divine Liturgy. Father Dennis was made a Father Confessor by Bishop Nikodahim. Congratulations Fathe Dennis and Many Years!



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

July 7th Parish Council

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 No Sponsor

Aug 4th No Sponsor

Aug 11th Melnik Family in honor of John's 16th Birthday

Aug 18th No Sponsor

Aug 25th Hot Dogs

July Namedays: Per Shume Vjet! Gezuar! To our parishioners and friends who celebrate their Nameday in July: July 8th Great Martyr Procopius, July 17th Great Martyr Marina, July 20th Prophet Elijah, July 24th Great Martyr Christina of Tyre, July 27th St. Panteleimon

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.

