

**The Weekly Messenger – June 16, 2024**  
**St. John Chrysostom Albanian Orthodox Church**  
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**This Week Epistle: Acts 20:16-18, 28-36**

**Gospel: John 17:1-13**

*Next Week Epistle: Acts 2:1-11*

*Gospel John 7:37-52; 8:12*

**Upcoming Events:**

**June 16<sup>th</sup>** Fathers of the Ecumenical Council Father's Day!

**Saturday June 22<sup>nd</sup>** Saturday of Souls Liturgy @ 10:00 am

**June 23<sup>rd</sup>** Pentecost Memorial for +Deacon Stephen Stephanie

**June 30<sup>th</sup>** All Saints 40 Day Memorial +Lefteri Lico

**July 14<sup>th</sup>** Memorial +Reveka Xhoxhi

**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, newly departed Martin, newly departed Lefteri Lico, newly departed Frederick Graziani, Rosemary Notskas (8 yrs.), Hugh Ledford (8 yrs.), Spiro Dimitri(32 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 Ciarciaolino, the people in Gaza and Israel, the people in Ukraine, Our Mothers, newly illuminated Zigmunt Cosmo Krygier, his Godparents, Laura Johnson & Alexander Cosmo, Kristin Cosmo, Stephen Krygier, newly married Samantha Trafford & Josh McDearmon, Chris Manosis, 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](mailto:info@stjcaoc.org)*

**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](#)

**June 16<sup>th</sup>** Bendo Family

**June 23<sup>rd</sup>** Friends of Deacon Steve Stefani

**June 30<sup>th</sup>**

Lico/Papa/Gore Families

**July 7<sup>th</sup>** Grabocka Family – Peter's Nameday

**July 14<sup>th</sup>** Jani Xhoxhi and Family in memory of Reveka Xhoxhi

**July 21<sup>st</sup>** Ilirjan & Fiori Papa in honor of Elias & Ilirjan Nameday

**July 28<sup>th</sup> No Sponsor**

**Aug 4<sup>th</sup> No Sponsor**

**Aug 11<sup>th</sup>** Melnik Family in honor of John's 16<sup>th</sup> Birthday

**Aug 18<sup>th</sup> No Sponsor**

**Aug 25<sup>th</sup>** Hot Dogs

**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 June: Paper towels**



**Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council** On the seventh Sunday of Pascha, we commemorate the holy God-bearing Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council. The Commemoration of the First Ecumenical Council has been celebrated by the Church of Christ from ancient times. The Lord Jesus Christ left the Church a great promise, “I will build My Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it” (Mt. 16:18). Although the Church of Christ on earth will pass through difficult struggles with the Enemy of salvation, it will emerge victorious. The holy martyrs bore witness to the truth of the Savior’s words, enduring suffering and death for confessing Christ, but the persecutor’s sword is shattered by the Cross of Christ.

**Who’s Graduating We have only received information from 2 families?????** Please send information about the graduates in your family, College, High School, 8th Grade, pre-school, etc. We would love to acknowledge and congratulate our graduates. Send an email to [info@stjcaoc.org](mailto:info@stjcaoc.org) Include the name of the graduate and the school from which they graduated. For 8th grade let us know what high school they will be attending next year, HS grads if they are attending college, the name of the college, or career path. College graduates, their degree and plans for the future. We would also like the proud parents and grandparents’ names.

**Your 2024 Pledge:** We are encouraging our parishioners to pledge online via our website: <https://stjcaoc.org/pledge/> or make a donation <https://stjcaoc.org/donate/> We gladly accept credit card donations online as well as payments made automatically from your checking account. If you do send a check, please be sure to look at your bank account to make sure the check has cleared. To date we have received 50 pledges totaling \$41,896.00 We need your pledge to pay expenses the church incurs. The full-time priest’s salary, the gas & electric bills, insurance etc. The bills you pay for your home the church pays to keep our spiritual home, in good order. We need your help! Thank you to those who made their pledge for 2024.

**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.

**Pascha 2024** We received donations totaling \$8,480.00 for Pascha. We are most grateful to our parishioners and friends for their generosity. These donations help use maintain our beautiful church. A list of those who donated has been prepared. If your name is not on the list, please let us know as we may not have received your donation due to the USPS sporadic delivery to the church. Our sincere thanks to everyone!

**Father's Day** is a time for people to celebrate the men in their lives. For children, it is a day to show appreciation for their fathers and father-figures. For adults, it is a day to show much they love and appreciate the hard work of the fathers and husbands in their lives.



**Happy Father Day to our Fathers, Grandfathers, Godfathers and father figures!**