The Weekly Messenger – June 2, 2024 St. John Chrysostom Albanian Orthodox Church 237 North 17th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103 Father Kakhaber Kurtanidze (Father Kai) 484-843-4209 <u>fr.kai@stjcaoc.org</u> Website: <u>https://stjcaoc.org/</u> Email address: <u>info@stjcaoc.org</u>

This Week Epistle: Acts 11:19-30Gospel: John 4:5-42Next WeekEpistle: Acts 16:16-32Gospel: John 9:1-38CHRIST IS RISEN!INDEEDHE IS RISEN!KRISHTI U NGJALL!VERTET U NGJALL!

Upcoming Events:

Saturday, June 1st 3:00 pm Marriage of Samantha Trafford and Josh McDearmon June 2nd Sunday of the Samaritan Woman Semi-annual Paish Meeting (originally scheduled for March 17th) during coffee hour

June 9th Sunday of the Blind Man Thursday, June 13th Ascension Liturgy 9:00 am June 16th Fathers of the Ecumenical Council June 23rd Pentecost Memorial for Deacon Stephen Stephanie

June 30th All Saints

<u>Commemorations for the Departed</u>: Archbishop Nikon, Protopresbyter Arthur Liolin, Chancellor Emeritus of the Albanian Archdiocese, Priftëresha Olga, the victims in Gaza and Israel, the victims in Ukraine, newly departed Lefteri Lico, Newly departed Frederick Graziani, Evangeline Prifti (1 yrs.), Michael Theokary (6 yrs.), Dorothy Dardaris (21 yrs.), Deacon Stephen Stefani & those servicemen & women who have fallen asleep in the Lord in the service of their country.

<u>Commemorations for the Living</u>: His Grace, Bishop Nikodhim, Father Joseph Ciarciaglino, 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, newly married Jason Xhoxhi & Eleanor Kauffman, Newly Illuminated Anita Ana Le Fevre, her sponsors: Janice Leyden and David Brook, Reader 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*

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 CoffeeHourSignupJune 2nd Quirias Family in memory of ChristinaJune 9th Adriana & Jani KolovaniJune 16th Bendo FamilyJune 23rd Friends of Deacon Steve StefaniJune 30th No SponsorJuly 7th No SponsorJuly 14th No SponsorJuly 21st No Sponsor

The fifth Sunday after Easter deals with the woman of Samaria with whom Christ spoke at Jacob's Well (Jn 4). Again, the theme is the "living water" and the recognition of Jesus as God's Messiah (Jn 4.10–11; 25–26). We are reminded of our new life in Him, of our own drinking of the "living water," of our own true worship of God in the Christian messianic age "in Spirit and in Truth" (Jn 4.23–24). We see as well that salvation is offered to all: Jews and Gentiles, men and and sinners

women, saints and sinners.

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. See you there! Go to <u>https://www.aano.org/annual-convention</u> or contact Nilda Salavachi



Memorial Day Grave Blessing at Fernwood Cemetery: Father Kai, Father Nick (Ss. Peter & Paul Albanian Orthodox Church) and about 20 parishioners were at Fernwood Cemetery on Memorial Day for the blessing of the graves. Thank you, Father Kai & Father Nick! May our loved ones Memory be Eternal!



<u>Nick Naum Scholarship</u> has been posted on our website, <u>https://stjcaoc.org/nick-naum-scholarship/</u> Please go to the website to complete the application and submit it via email.

<u>Who's Graduating????</u> 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 <u>mailto:info@stjcaoc.org</u>



<u>Thank you to Linda Kosta & Linda Notskas</u> for donating these beautiful flower arrangements. They are the stands in front of the Solea.

Congratulations to Kristin Cosmo & Stephan Krygier

whose son, Zygmunt Cosmo Krygier, was baptized Saturday May 25, 2024. Ziggy's Godparents are Alexander Cosmo & Laura Johnson. He is the grandson of Donna Dimitri and +Michael Cosmo. Many Years to the Cosmo, Krygier, Dimitri Families.



<u>Per Shume Vjet, Gezuar!</u> To our parishioners who celebrate their Namedays in June: June 1 Martyr Justin the Philosopher, June 27 St. Joanna Myrrh bearer, June 29 Ss Peter & Paul, June 30 All Saints

<u>Welcome to our visitors</u>. 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