

The Weekly Messenger – June 23, 2024
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This Week Epistle: Acts 2:1-11

Gospel: John 7:37-52, 8:12

Next Week Epistle: Hebrews 11:33-40; 12:1-2 Gospel Matthew 9:36; 10:1-8

Upcoming Events:

Saturday June 22nd Saturday of Souls Liturgy @ 9:00 am

June 23rd Pentecost Memorial for +Deacon Stephen Stephanie

June 30th All Saints 40 Day Memorial +Lefteri Lico

July 14th Memorial +Reveka Xhoxhi

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

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, Ted Lescas (7 yrs.) Lily Shallapi (8 yrs.), Linda Dudash (4 yrs.), Mary Legidakes (11 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, 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*

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 23rd Friends of Deacon Steve Stefani June 30th Lico/Papa/Gore Families

July 7th Grabocka Family – Peter’s NAMEDAY

July 14th Jani Xhoxhi and Family in memory of Reveka Xhoxhi

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

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.

Pentecost: The Descent of the Holy Spirit: In the Old Testament Pentecost was the feast which occurred fifty days after Passover. As the Passover feast celebrated the exodus of the Israelites from the slavery of Egypt, so Pentecost celebrated God’s gift of the ten commandments to Moses on Mount Sinai.

In the new covenant of the Messiah, the Passover event takes on its new meaning as the celebration of Christ’s death and resurrection, the “exodus” of men from this sinful world to the Kingdom of God. And in the New Testament as well, the Pentecostal feast is fulfilled and made new by the coming of the “new law,” the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples of Christ.

On Pentecost we have the final fulfillment of the mission of Jesus Christ and the first beginning of the messianic age of the Kingdom of God mystically present in this world in the Church of the Messiah. For this reason, the fiftieth day stands as the beginning of the era which is beyond the limitations of this world, fifty being that number which stands for eternal and heavenly fulfillment in Jewish and Christian mystical piety: seven times seven, plus one.

Once again it must be noted that the feast of Pentecost is not simply the celebration of an event which took place centuries ago. It is the celebration of what must happen and does happen to us in the Church today. We all have died and risen with the Messiah-King, and we all have received his Most Holy Spirit. We are the “temples of the Holy Spirit.” God’s Spirit dwells in us (Rom 8; 1 Cor 2–3, 12; 2 Cor 3; Gal 5; Eph 2–3). We, by our own membership in the Church, have received “the seal of the gift of the Holy Spirit” in the sacrament of chrismation. Pentecost has happened to us.

Who’s Graduating We were having problems with our email. We received information from Lescas, Dano, Bendo and Sarkos. Please send or **RESEND** 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 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. We

Nick Naum Scholarship: The applications for the scholarship have been received and are being reviewed by the committee. Recipients will be notified and the scholarships presented following the Divine Liturgy on a date to be determined in July.

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 June: Paper towels

