

The Weekly Messenger – May 26, 2024
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This Week Epistle: Acts 9:32-42

Gospel: John 5:1-15

Next Week Epistle: Acts 11:19-30

Gospel: John 4:5-42

CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!
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Upcoming Events:

Saturday, May 25th Presanctified Liturgy 5:00 pm **May 26th** Sunday of the Paralytic

Monday, May 27th 10:00 am Memorial at Fernwood Cemetery

June 2nd Sunday of the Samaritan Woman Semi-annual Paish Meeting (originally scheduled for March 17th) during coffee hour

Saturday, June 1st 3:00 pm Marriage of Samantha Trafford and Josh McDearmon

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 **June 30th** All Saints

Commemorations for the Departed: 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, Katherine Detskas (14 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 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 [CoffeeHourSignup](#)

May 26th Hot Dog Sale

June 2nd No Sponsor

June 16th Bendo Family

June 30th No Sponsor

July 14th No Sponsor

June 9th Adriana & Jani Kolovani

June 23rd Friends of Deacon Steve Stefani

July 7th No Sponsor

July 21st No Sponsor



The Paralytic The fourth Sunday is dedicated to Christ's healing of the paralytic (Jn 5). The man is healed by Christ while waiting to be put down into the pool of water. Through baptism in the church we, too, are healed and saved by Christ for eternal life. Thus, in the church, we are told, together with the paralytic, "to sin no more that nothing worse befall you" (Jn 5.14).

Close to the Sheep's Gate in Jerusalem, there was a pool, which was called the Sheep's Pool. It had five porches, that is, five sets of pillars supporting a domed roof. Under this roof there lay very many sick people with various maladies awaiting the moving of the water. The first person to step in after the troubling of the water was healed immediately

of whatever malady he had.

It was there that the paralytic of today's Gospel was lying, tormented by his infirmity of thirty-eight years. When Christ beheld him, He asked him, "Will you be made whole?" And he answered with a quiet and meek voice, "Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool." The Lord said unto him, "Rise, take up your bed, and walk." And straightaway the man was made whole and took up his bed. Walking in the presence of all, he departed rejoicing to his own house. According to the expounders of the Gospels, the Lord Jesus healed this paralytic during the days of the Passover, when He had gone to Jerusalem for the Feast, and dwelt there teaching and working miracles. According to Saint John the Evangelist, this miracle took place on the Sabbath.

Congratulations to Michelle Dardaris and Joseph Bassett III, on their recent engagement. Michelle is the daughter of Mike and Carolyn Dardaris. The wedding is being planned for 2025. Congratulations to the entire Dardaris and Bassett families. Many Years!

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 <https://www.aano.org/annual-convention> or contact Nilda Salavachi

Memorial Day Grave Blessing at Fernwood Cemetery: Father Kai will be at Fernwood Cemetery on Monday, May 27, 2024 @ 10:00 am, Father Kai will also go to other cemeteries. Please email fr.kai@stjcaoc.org or call Father Kai 484-843-4209 if you would like him to bless a grave at another cemetery.

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

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

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