

The Weekly Messenger – April 6, 2025
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This Week Epistle: Hebrews 9:11-14 Gospel: Mark 10:32-45
Next Week Epistle: Philippians 4:4-9 Gospel: John 12:1-18

Upcoming Events:

Saturday, April 5th Vespers @ 5:00 pm

April 6th St Mary of Egypt 3 yr. Memorial +Dorothy Tomassini

Saturday April 12th Lazarus Saturday 10:00 am Divine Liturgy & Sunday school retreat

April 13th Palm Sunday The Entry of our Lord into Jerusalem – coffee hour -Pancake Breakfast

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE:

Wednesday, April 16th Great & Holy Wednesday Holy Unction 6:30 pm

Thursday, April 17th Great & Holy Thursday 12 Gospels 6:30 pm

Friday, April 18th Great & Holy Friday **10:00 am** decorate Epitaphios, **5:00pm** Taking down from the Cross **7:00 pm** Lamentations

Saturday, April 19th Great & Holy Saturday **11:00 am** 1st Resurrection Liturgy **11:30 pm**

Nocturnes, Matins Paschal Liturgy

April 20th Agape Vespers 1:00 pm

April 27th St Thomas Sunday Memorial +Ana Stergjo and 2 yr Memorial +Robert Dardaris

May 4th Myrrh-bearing Women 3 yr Memorial +Steve Cosmo

Commemorations for the Departed: Archbishop Anastasios of Tirana, Durrës and All Albania, Archbishop Nikon, Protopresbyter Arthur Liolin, Chancellor Emeritus of the Albanian Archdiocese, Priftëresha Olga, the victims of the war in the Middle East, the victims in Ukraine, Ana Stergjo, Jeannie Sapnas (7 yrs.), Lefteria Dhimitri (11 yrs.), Vrisidah Zoto (12), William Satir (20 yrs.), Deacon Stephen Stefani & those servicemen who have fallen asleep in the Lord in the service of their country.

Commemorations for the Living: His Grace, Bishop Nikodhim Archpriest Matthew Tate, the people affected by the war in the Middle East, the people in Ukraine, Hieromonk Danaks (Father Dennis), Ellen Mondlak, Michele Holl, Nancy, Marjorie, Lee Constantine Elia, Teri Douris, Julius, Stephanos Sarris, Virginia Daka, Dhimitri Ndrecka, 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*

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.

April Giving – Bottle Water – Any Size



The Fifth Sunday of Great Lent recalls the memory of **Saint Mary of Egypt**, the repentant harlot. Mary tells us, first of all, that no amount of sin and wickedness can keep a person from God if he truly repents. Christ himself has come “to call sinners to repentance” and to save them from their sins (Lk 5.32). In addition, Saint Mary tells us that it is never too late in life—or in Lent—to repent. Christ will gladly receive all who come to him even at the eleventh hour of their lives. But their coming must be in serious and sincere repentance.

The Last Presanctified Liturgy Wednesday, April 9th night @ 6:00pm. We will have Lenten (Pot Luck) dinner and fellowship in the church hall following the Pre-sanctified Liturgy.

LAZARUS SATURDAY RETREAT for children and adults April 12th the Divine Liturgy will begin @ 10:00. Father Kai will conduct the Liturgy on the Solea and explain what he is doing during the Liturgy. It is most informative. If you and your children would like to participate in the Lazarus Saturday Retrea,t please email info@stjcaoc.org We will make Meshe, do some crafting and have pizza for lunch.
All Welcome

Next Sunday April 13th is Palm Sunday: We will celebrate the Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am. Palms will be distributed! Our Annual Pancake Breakfast will be served.It will be wonderful to be together for this Holy Day

Please mark your calendars, Friday April 18, 2025 10:00 am We need volunteers to come to church to decorate the Epitaphion. Bring a friend – many hands make light work! Fiori Papa will coordinate the purchase of the flowers. Please contact her if you have any questions.

Coffee Hour: The 2025 Coffee Hour Sign-up sheet is posted in the side vestibule. Please pick a date! Or go online to pick a date by clicking [COFFEEHOUR](#)

April 6th Coraluzzi/Spiro Families in Memory of +Dorothy Tomassini

April 13th Pancake Breakfast

April 20th Pascha – No Coffee Hour

April 27th Kolovani & Xhoxhi families in memory of +Ana Stergjo

May 4th Dimitri-Cosmo Family in memory of +Steven Cosmo

Red Egg Dye is available at the candle stand. It is \$4.00 per pack. We have been told that if you use brown eggs the dye will appear darker.

April Namedays: Per Shume Vjet! Gezuar! Lazarus Saturday - St. Lazarus, Palm Sunday – Kyriako, April 13– St. Martin the Confessor, Sunday after Pascha– St. Thomas, April 23 - Great Martyr George, April 24 – St. Elizabeth April 25 - Apostle & Evangelist Mark

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