

The Weekly Messenger – June 1, 2025

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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 1st Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council

Sat. June 7th Baptism of Alexandra Papuci, daughter of Anisa & Ervin Papuci 10:00 m

June 8th Holy Pentecost and Sunday school graduation

Monday June 9th Parish Council Meeting via ZOOM

June 15th All Saints

June 22nd Sunday of Matthew June 29th Ss. Peter & Paul Nameday

July 14-18 OCA All American Council Phoenix Arizona <https://www.oca.org/aac>

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, Pope Francis, the victims of the war in the Middle East, the victims in Ukraine, Christina Murianka, Virginia Daka, Eileen, Dacon 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, Pope Leo XIV, the people affected by the war in the Middle East, the people in Ukraine, Newborn Reggie Clair Plesati, Sergio & Caleigh Plesati, Chris, Betty Subashi, Ellen Mondlak, Nancy, Lee Constantine Elia, Teri Douris, Julius, Stephanos Sarris, 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*

Coffee Hour: The 2025 Coffee Hour Sign-up sheet is posted in the side vestibule.

Sponsors needed for ALL OF JULY most of August and September

June 1st Parish Council

June 8th Linda Kosta in honor of Olivia's graduation

June 15th Gentian Dano & Family

June 22nd Diane Lescas in Memory of +Ted

June 29th Peter Steffa in honor of his Nameday

July 6th NO SPONSOR

July 13th NO SPONSOR

July 20th NO SPONSOR

July 27th NO SPONSOR

Aug 3rd NO SPONSOR

August 10th Melnik Family in honor of John's 17th birthday

Who's Graduating????? We would love to acknowledge and congratulate our graduates. Send an email to mailto:info@stjcaoc.org We will publish our list next week.

Nick Naum Scholarship Applications: The application is posted on our website

<https://stjcaoc.org/nick-naum-scholarship/> The applications must be submitted by Sunday, June 8th 2025 via email to chairperson@stjcaoc.org Recipients will be notified by June 22, 2025 and the scholarships will be presented on Sunday, July 13, 2025



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.

77th Annual AANO Convention August 9-10, 2025 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! Westin Hotel in Jersey City, NJ <https://www.aano.org/77-annual-convention-1-1-1> or contact Nilda Salavachi



Memorial Day Grave Blessing at Fernwood Cemetery and Lawnview 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. Father Kai then went to Lawnview Cemetery to bless the graves at that

location. Thank you, Father Kai & Father Nick! May our loved one's Memory be Eternal!



Your 2025 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. 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 at 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 2025.

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

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.

June Giving – Bottle Water any size