

The Weekly Messenger – June 22, 2025

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This Week Epistle: Romans 2:10-16

Gospel: Matthew 4:18-23

Next Week Epistle: II Corinthians 11:21-22; 12:1-9 Gospel: Matthew 16:13-19

Upcoming Events:

June 22nd 2nd Sunday of Matthew

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

July 20th Presentation of the Nick Naum Scholarships

Wed., Aug 6th Transfiguration - Vesperal Liturgy TUESDAY Aug 5th @ 6:00 pm

Friday, Aug 15th Dormition of the Theotokos Vesperal Liturgy THURSDAY Aug 14th @ 6:00 pm

Monday, Sept 8th Nativity of the Theotokos

Sept 14th Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Sept 26-27 Albanian Archdiocese Assembly, Farmington Hills, MI

Commemorations for the Departed: 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, Our Fathers, Grandfathers, Godfathers, Christina Murianka, Virginia Daka, Ted Lescas (8 yrs.), Linda Dudash (5 yrs.), Mary Legidakis (12 yrs.), 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, the people affected by the war in the Middle East, the people in Ukraine, Our Fathers, Grandfathers, Godfathers, Newborn William Peter McCloskey, Brittany & Sean McCloskey, Newly illuminated Sergio Georgi, Colleen, Xhozhi, Cheri, Betty Subashi, Ellen Mondlak, Nancy, Lee Constantine Elia, Teri Douris, 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 most of August, September & December

June 22nd Diane Lescas in Memory of +Ted

June 29th Peter Steffa in honor of his Father, + Dr. Peter L. Steffa's Nameday & birthday

July 6th NO SPONSOR

July 13th Sarkos Family

July 20th Entela Ndrecka & Family

July 27th Fiori & Ilirjan Papa

Aug 3rd Brahollari Family

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

Congratulations and Many Years Sergio Georgi- Sergio was baptized last Sunday following the Divine Liturgy. His sponsor was Donna Dimitri. Wishing Sergio and Colleen and their family all the best!

June Giving – Bottle Water any size

2nd Sunday After Pentecost The Gospel of Matthew 4:18-23: At that time, as Jesus walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left their boat and their father and followed him. And he went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.



The Canonization of Righteous Olga of Kwethluk, also known as Matushka Olga Michael, will take place in Kwethluk and Anchorage, Alaska, from June 19-22, 2025. This event marks the formal canonization of the first North American woman and the first Yup'ik person to be recognized as a saint in the Orthodox Church in America (OCA). Metropolitan Tikhon will preside over the services, which will include a Primatial All-Night Vigil and Divine Liturgy in Kwethluk on June 19-20, followed by a banquet. The celebration will continue in Anchorage with another All-Night Vigil, Liturgy, and banquet on June 21-22. Our Bishop Nikodhim is in Alaska for this very important event. For information about the livestream of the services visit: <https://www.oca.org/news/headline-news/schedule-for-the-canonization-of-righteous-olga-of-kwethluk>

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

The Annual Albanian Archdiocesan Assembly will be held at St. Thomas Church in Farmington Hills, MI. September 26 & 27, 2025. Please contact Father Kai or Donna Dimitri if you would like to attend. For more information <https://albanianarchdiocese.org/>

Your Parish Needs Your Help: Consider helping with the Sunday School as a teacher or aid. We have so many children in our Parish and they should have the opportunity to learn about their faith in Sunday school. Please contact our Sunday School Director, Ilirjan Papa. We would like to have more parishioners participate with our Parish Council. Contact Father Kai if you have any questions or would like to serve.

Each Sunday during the Divine Liturgy prayers are said for the departed and for the living, those who are newly baptized, chrismated, those who are sick. We have a list of the recently departed which we use for the commemorations for the departed each week. If you would like to add your loved one to any prayer list, please email their name and we will add them. info@stjcaoc.org We also welcome information of family events; births, graduations, anniversaries, birthdays, etc., to share with our church family

Please remember to make your 2025 pledge and if you bid on Icons to send in the amount you bid. If you have any questions please contact our treasurer, Zach Smith <mailto:treasurer@stjcaoc.org>