

The Weekly Messenger – July 6, 2025

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This Week Epistle: Romans 6:18-23 Gospel: Matthew 8:5-13

Next Week Epistle: Titus 3:8-15 Gospel: Matthew 5:14-19

Upcoming Events:

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**

Saturday, Sept 6th Wedding – Michelle Dardaris & Joseph Bassett III

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, Rose Adams (6 yrs.), Lena Costalas (6 yrs.), John Croke (11 yrs.), Castor Notskas (21 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, Newborn William Peter McCloskey, Brittany & Sean McCloskey, Newly illuminated Sergio Georgi, Colleen, Xhoxhi, Cheri, Betty Subashi, Ellen & Gerald 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

July 6th Carolyn & Mike Dardaris

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

Aug 17th No Sponsor

Aug 24th No Sponsor

Aug 31st Paula Bendo

Congratulations to our 2025 Nick Naum Scholarship Recipients: *Xavier Chanoine*, son of Reem Tarazi & Pierre Chanoine, *Alexander Dardaris*, son of Christine & Greg Dardaris, *Olivia Highland*, daughter of Stephanie Kosta, *Juliana Melnik*, daughter of Susan & Vlad Melnik, *Athanasius Mondlak* son of Michele Sarkos & John Mondlak. The scholarships will be presented on July 20, 2025 following the Divine Liturgy. Many Years to the recipients and their proud families and to all those who applied for the scholarship.

Monthly Giving for July: Paper Towels

Forth Sunday after Pentecost: The Season After Pentecost is essentially the part of the year that is left over after everything has been accounted for. The name of this season varies widely from church to church—it can be called Kingomtide, Dominion tide, or Ordinary Time. In most churches, the general theme of the Bible readings and sermons concerns the church's mission in the world. The Season After Pentecost began on June 9, 2025, the day after **Pentecost**. In the eastern Church, it ends on November 14, the beginning of the Nativity Fast.

The main holy days during this season are as follows:

- **All Saints' Day**, The Sunday after Pentecost, the Christian Memorial Day on which all who died for their testimony of Jesus are remembered. *Eastern Christians celebrate Trinity Sunday on Pentecost.*
- **The Transfiguration**, August 6, the commemoration of the Transfiguration of Jesus Christ on Mount Tabor.
- **Dormition of the Theotokos**, August 15, commemoration of the repose of the Theotokos
- **Birth of the Theotokos** September 8th
- **Elevation of the Holy Cross**, 14, commemorates the discovery of the true cross in Palestine in the fourth century

Last Weekend Bishop Nikodhim visited Ss Peter & Paul Albanian Orthodox Church for their

Name Celebration. Vespers were celebrated on Saturday evening followed by fellowship and a documentary movie about Father Aleksander Lipe. You can view the documentary (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=41Iv882mAAG>) His Grace celebrated the Divine Liturgy on Sunday followed by a catered luncheon in the church hall. It is always wonderful when our Bishop visits Philadelphia!

Archdiocesan Youth Council Our Archdiocese is seeking one young person from each parish or community to come together and make decisions about allocating charitable funds on our behalf. Interested individuals must be between the ages of sixteen (16) and twenty-two (22), active in the life and worship of their local Church, and willing to look into and speak up for the things they believe in. Please talk to your pastor and/or parish council and let them know of your interest so that they can forward your name to the chancery.

July Namedays: Per Shume Vjet! Gezuar! To our parishioners and friends who celebrate their Nameday in July: July 8th Great Martyr Procopius, July 17th Great Martyr Marina, July 20th Prophet Elijah, July 24th Great Martyr Christina of Tyre, July 27th St. Panteleimon

Welcome to our visitors. Father Kai and 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.

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>

