

The Weekly Messenger – July 13, 2025
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This Week Epistle: Titus 3:8-15 Gospel: Matthew 5:14-19

Next Week Epistle: James 5:10-20 Gospel: Matthew 9:1-8

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 - **Vespereal Liturgy TUESDAY Aug 5th @ 6:00 pm**

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

Aug 17th 40 day Memorial +Lee Elia

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, Lee Constantine Elia, Wayne Merkle (7 yrs.), George Touros (11 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, Roxane Ghicondey, Cheri, Betty Subashi, Ellen & Gerald Mondlak, Nancy, 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 September & December <https://stjcaoc.org/event-calendar/>

July 13th Council

July 20th Entela Ndrecka & Family

July 27th Fiori & Ilirjan Papa in celebration of Ilirjan & Elias Nameday

Aug 3rd Brahollari Family **August 10th** Melnik Family in honor of John's 17th birthday

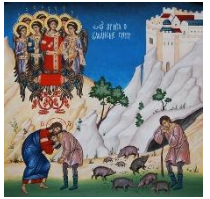
Aug 17th Diane Lescas & Tana Elia in memory of +Lee Elia

Aug 24th No Sponsor

Aug 31st Paula Bendo

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.

5th Sunday After Pentecost: At that time, when Jesus came to the other side, to the country of the Gergesenes, two demoniacs met him, coming out of the tombs, so fierce that no one could pass that way. And behold, they cried out, “What have you to do with us, O Son of God? Have you come here to torment us before the time?” Now a herd of many swine was feeding at some distance from them. And the demons begged him, “If you cast us out, send us away into the herd of swine.” And he said to them, “Go.” So, they came out and went into the swine and behold, the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea, and perished in the waters. The herdsmen fled, and going into the city they told everything, and what had happened to the demoniacs. And behold, all the city came out to meet Jesus; and when they saw him, they begged him to leave their neighborhood. And getting into a boat he crossed over and came to his own city.



Many thanks to our Choir Director/Woodworker Vlad Melnik for making a stand to the Holy Cross that contains a relic. It is so very beautiful and allows the Cross to be placed upright. Thank you, Vlad!

Your Parish Needs Your Help: Consider helping with the Sunday School as a teacher or and 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.

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

Information for to share with the Parish: 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

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

Monthly Giving for July: Paper Towels