

The Weekly Messenger – July 27, 2025
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This Week Epistle: II Timothy 2:1-20 Gospel: Matthew 9:27-35

Next Week Epistle: I Corinthians 1:10-17 (8th after Pentecost) Gospel: Matthew 14:14-22

Upcoming Events:

Sat. July 26th Baptism of Martin Qyra 3:00 pm

July 27th Baptism of Jovana Vasili 1:00 pm

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**

Aug 17th 40- day Memorial +Lee Elia

Saturday, Sept 6th Wedding – Michelle Dardaris & Joseph Bassett III 4:00 pm

Monday, Sept 8th Nativity of the Theotokos

Sept 14th Exaltation of the Holy Cross

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

Oct 19th Wedding - Jovana Vasili & Martin Qyra 2:00 pm

Commemorations for the Departed: Archbishop Nikon, Protopresbyter Arthur Liolin, Chancellor Emeritus of the Albanian Archdiocese, Priftëresha Olga, the victims of the war in Gaza and the rest of the Middle East, the victims in Ukraine, Kim Burdumy, Ellen Mondlak, Lee Constantine Elia,), 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 Gaza and the rest of the Middle East, the people in Ukraine, Roxane Ghicondey, Cheri, Betty Subashi, 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.

<https://stjcaoc.org/event-calendar/>

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

NO SPONSORS SEPT 7, 14, 21, 28

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**

7th Sunday of Matthew: At that time, when Jesus was passing by, two blind men followed him, crying aloud and saying, “Have mercy on us, Son of David.” When He entered the house, the blind men came to him; and Jesus said to them, “Do you believe that I am able to do this?” They said to Him, “Yes, Lord.” Then Jesus touched their eyes, saying, “According to your faith be it done to you.” And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly charged them, “See that no one knows it.” But they went away and spread his fame through all that district. As they were going away, behold, a dumb demoniac was brought to Jesus. And when the demon had been cast out, the dumb man spoke; and the crowds marveled, saying, “Never was anything like this seen in Israel.” But the Pharisees said, “He casts out demons by the prince of demons.” And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every infirmity of the people.



Congratulations to our 2025-2026 Nick Naum Scholarship

Recipients: Xavier Chanione, Alex Dardaris, Olivia Highland, Juliana Mondlak, Athanasios Mondlak (not in picture). Each recipient received a check for \$2000.00. Thank you to our Scholarship Committee pictured, Sandi Fiss, Diane Coraluzzi, Kevin Fiss, Caroline Fiss, not pictured, Michelle Dardaris, Nicole Pappas, Carolyn Dardaris. If anyone would like to join the Nick Naum Scholarship Committee contact Father Kai.

Coffee Hour open dates: We do not have coffee hour sponsors for the following dates:

- Aug 24th
- Sept 7th, Sept 14th, Sept 21st, 28th
- Nov 30th
- Dec 14th, Dec 21st, Dec 28th Please coordinate with a friend or family member and sponsor a coffee hour!

Father Kai: Please remember Father Kai is available to bless you home or come for a visit to your home or if someone is ill, a visit to the hospital or assisted living facility. Father Kai does not know about many of our shut-ins so he cannot visit them. We need you to let him know who would like a visit. Contact Father Kai 484-843-4209 or <mailto:fr.kai@stjcaoc.org>

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.

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