

**he Weekly Messenger – November 2 2025**  
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**This Week Epistle: 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke - Galatians 2:16-20 Gospel: Luke 16:19-31**

*Next Week: 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke - Galatians 6:11-18 Gospel: Luke 8:41-56*

**Upcoming Events:**

**Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>** Memorial Reader Chris Manosis 1 year

**Monday, Nov 3<sup>rd</sup>** Parish Council Meeting 7:45 pm via ZOOM

**Saturday Nov 15<sup>th</sup>** Nativity Fast Begins

**Saturday, Nov 15<sup>th</sup>** Vespers 5:00 pm with Bishop Nikodhim & Philadelphia Brotherhood Clergy

**Nov 16<sup>th</sup>** Bishop Nikodhim visits our Parish for our Nameday Hierarchal Liturgy 10:00 am

**Friday Nov 21<sup>st</sup>** Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple

**Nov 23<sup>rd</sup>** Memorials Helen and Raphael Theokary

**Commemorations for the Departed:** Archbishop Nikon, Protopresbyter Arthur Liolin Chancellor Emeritus of the Albanian Archdiocese, the victims of the war in Gaza and the rest of the Middle East, the victims in Ukraine, Reader Christopher Manosis (1 yr.), Deacon 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, Newly Married Martin Qyra & Jovana Vasili, Newly Illuminated Talulah Rose Krygier, her sponsor, Traci Cosmo, Alexander Cosmo, Kristin Cosmo, Stephan Krygier, Newly Chrismated Colleen Xhoxhi, her sponsor, Linda Notskas, Sergio Xhoxhi, Newborn Katerina Vasiu, Cindy Kamberaj, Edvin Vasiu, Christine Schaeffer, Paul Dimitri, Linda Kosta, Marjana Kokalari, Richard Cotto, 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](mailto:info@stjcaoc.org)*

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

**Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>** The Family of +Reader Chris Manosis

**Nov 9<sup>th</sup>** Nikoleta & George Prifti

**Nov 16<sup>th</sup>** Parishioners bring their specialties

**Nov 23<sup>rd</sup>** Janice & Mike Leyden

**Nov 30<sup>th</sup>** Donna Pappas

**Dec 7<sup>th</sup>** Salavachi & Brahollari Families in Honor Niko & Nikolas Nameday

**Dec 14<sup>th</sup>** Lakuriqi and Gremi Families

**Dec 21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> NO SPONSORS**

**Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup> Vespers 5:00 pm** Bishop Nikodhim will serve Vespers with Father Kai, Father Nick (Ss. Peter & Paul) and other priest from the Philadelphia brotherhood clergy. Following Vespers a lenten dinner will be served in the church hall. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend. This is an excellent opportunity to speak with our Bishop and to get to know him!

**Monthly Giving for November: Bottles of Water***Seventh Sunday of Luke*

**The Raising of Jarius Daughter** At that time, there came to Jesus a man named Jairus, who was a ruler of the synagogue; and falling at Jesus' feet, he besought him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she was dying. As Jesus went, the people pressed round him. And a woman who had had a flow of blood for twelve years, and had spent all her living upon physicians, and could not be healed by any one, came up behind him, and touched the fringe of his garment; and immediately her flow of blood ceased. And Jesus said, "Who was it that touched me?" When all denied it, Peter said, "Master, the multitudes surround you and press upon you, and you say, 'Who touched me?'" But Jesus said, "Someone touched me; for I perceive that power has gone forth from me." And when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling, and falling down before him declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched him, and how she had been immediately healed. And Jesus said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace." While Jesus was speaking, a man from the ruler's house came and said, "Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the Teacher anymore." But Jesus on hearing this answered him, "Do not fear; only believe, and she shall be well." And when Jesus came to the house, he permitted no one to enter with him, except Peter and James and John, and the father and mother of the child. And all were weeping and bewailing her; but Jesus said, "Do not weep; for she is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. But taking her by the hand Jesus called, saying, "Child, arise." And her spirit returned, and she got up at once; and Jesus directed that something should be given her to eat. And her parents were amazed; but he charged them to tell no one what had happened.

**Fall Costume Party was a very good party!** We are very grateful to Paula Bendo for coordinating this party and providing all of the goodies for the kids. We also thank Stephanie Kosta for getting the kids involved in the games and activities. Smiles all around! Thank you to the parents and grandparents who brought their kids. Everyone had a wonderful time!



**Congratulations and Many Years** Talulah Rose Krygier who was baptized on Oct 25<sup>th</sup>. Talulah is the daughter of Kristin Cosmo & Stephan Krygier. Her sponsors were Traci Cosmo and Alexander Cosmo. Talulah is the granddaughter of Donna Dimitri & +Michael Cosmo and Gayle & Steve Krygier. Many years to the Cosmo, Dimitri and Krygier families!

**Nameday Celebration: Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup>**, our parish will celebrate our **94<sup>th</sup> Nameday**. Bishop Nikodhim will visit and celebrate the Divine Liturgy with us. As is our custom we will have a luncheon following the Divine Liturgy. We are asking our parishioners to make their special dish to share with all. As the Nativity Fast begins November 15<sup>th</sup>, we are asking that you do not bring any meat items. Thank you

**Per Shume Vjet! Gezuar!** To our parishioners and friends who celebrate their Nameday in November: 8<sup>th</sup> Archangels Michael, Raphael, 11<sup>th</sup> Martyr Victor, 13<sup>th</sup> St. John Chrysostom, 14<sup>th</sup> Apostle Philip, 25<sup>th</sup> Great Martyr Catherine, 30<sup>th</sup> Apostle Andrew

**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.