

he Weekly Messenger – October 12, 2025
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This Week Epistle: Sunday of the 7th Council Titus 3:8-15 (Holy Fathers) Gospel: Luke 8:5-15

Next Week Epistle: 3rd Sunday of Luke II Corinthians 11:31-33; 12:1-9 Gospel: Luke 7:11-16

Upcoming Events:

Saturday, Oct 11th Church Fall Clean-up 2:00 pm – 5:00pm This is a good way for students to earn community service hours. **Vespers at 5:00 pm**

Oct 12th Chrismation - Colleen Ryan-Xhoxhi

Saturday Oct 18th Vespers 5:00 pm

Oct 19th 10-year Memorial Jorgjia Kashari

Semi Annual Parish Meeting during coffee hour

Wedding - Jovana Vasili & Martin Qyra 2:00 pm

Saturday, Oct 25th Baptism of Talulah Rose Krygier 10:00 am daughter of
Kristin Cosmo & Stephan Krygier

Saturday Oct 25th Vespers 5:00 pm

Oct 26th Fall Costume Party during coffee hour

Nov 2nd Memorial Reader Chris Manosis 1 year

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, Zhaneta Pellumbi (2 yrs.), Barbara Lescas Salter (4 yrs.), Sotir Grabocka (8 yrs.), Jorgjia Kashari (10 yrs.), Katherine Bisaga (12 yrs.), 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 Michelle Dardaris & Joseph Bassett III, The Dardaris & Bassett Families, 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***

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

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

Oct 12th Sergio & Colleen in honor of Colleen's Chrismation

Oct 19th Kashari Family in Memory of +Jorgjia

Oct 26th Jola & Gjergji Gjogu

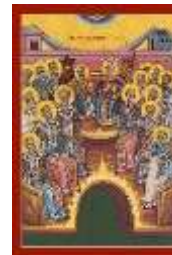
Nov 2nd The Family of +Reader Chris Manosis

Nov 9th Nikoleta & George Prifti

Nov 16th Parishioners bring their specialties

Nov 23rd Janice & Mike Leyden

Hour open dates: We do not have coffee hour sponsors for the following dates: **November 30th**
December 21st December 28th Please coordinate with a friend or family member and sponsor a coffee hour!



Seventh Ecumenical Council: On the Sunday that falls on or immediately after the eleventh of this month, we chant the Service to the 350 holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council, which gathered in Nicaea in 787 under the holy Patriarch Tarasius and during the reign of the Empress Irene and her son, Constantine Porphyrogenitus, to refute the Iconoclast heresy, which had received imperial support beginning with the Edict issued in 726 by Emperor Leo the Isaurian. Many of the holy Fathers who condemned Iconoclasm at this holy Council later died as Confessors and Martyrs for the holy Icons

during the second assault of Iconoclasm in the ninth century, especially during the reigns of Leo the Armenian and Theophilus.

Semi- Annual Parish Meeting, Sunday, October 19, 2025 during coffee hour We will discuss the business of the church and elect our 2026 Parish Council. The agenda will be emailed this week.

Annual Fall Costume Party: Sunday, October 26, 2025. Come to church in your Halloween costume! The party begins during coffee hour. Fun activities will be available for kids of all ages. Many thanks to Paula Bendo for coordinating this event! We will set up for the party Sunday, October 19th following the Semi-Annual meeting.

Nameday Celebration: Sunday, November 16th, our parish will celebrate our 94th 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. More details about Bishop Nikodhim's will be posted in the next few weeks.

Your 2025 Pledge: We are encouraging our parishioners to pledge online via our website: <https://stjcaoc.org/pledge/> or make a donation <https://stjcaoc.org/donate/> We gladly accept credit card donations online as well as payments made automatically from your checking account. If you do send a check, please be sure to look at your bank account to make sure the check has cleared. We continue to have problems with mail delivery at church. Thank you to those who have made their 2025 pledge.

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, 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.

Monthly Giving for October: Napkins