

he Weekly Messenger – October 19, 2025

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

Next Week Epistle: II Timothy 2:1-10 (St. Demetrios) Gospel: Luke 8:26-39

Upcoming Events:

Saturday Oct 18th Vespers 5:00 pm

Oct 19th 10-year Memorial Jorgia Kashari

Semi Annual Parish Meeting during coffee hour

Wedding - Jovana Vasili & Martin Qyra 3:00 pm

Tuesday, Oct 21st 4:00 pm Vespers with Father Kai, Deacon Tikhon & Temple Students

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

Saturday Nov 15th Nativity Fast Begins

Nov 15th & 16th Bishop Nikodhim visits our Parish for our Nameday

Friday Nov 21st Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple

Nov 23rd 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, Jorgia Kashari (10 yrs.), Sotir Grabocka (8 yrs), Katherine Costa (1 yr.), Vani Theokary (13 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 Chrismated Colleen Xhoxhi, her sponsor, Linda Notskas, Sergio Xhoxhi, Newborn Katerina, 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**

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

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

Oct 19th Kashari Family in Memory of +Jorgia

Nov 2nd The Family of +Reader Chris Manosis

Nov 16th Parishioners bring their specialties

Nov 30th NO SPONSOR

Dec 7th Salavachi & Brahollari Families in Honor Niko & Nikolas Nameday

Dec 14th Lakuriqi and Gremi Families

Oct 26th Jola & Gjergji Gjogu

Nov 9th Nikoleta & George Prifti

Nov 23rd Janice & Mike Leyden

Dec 21st & 28th NO SPONSORS

3rd Sunday of Luke - Jesus Raises the Widow's Son: Our Lord Jesus and His disciples went to a city called Na'in. Many people followed Him. When He got near the city gate, a dead man was being carried out in an open coffin. The man's mother and many people from Na'in were following. The mother was very sad because first her husband had died and now her only son died, too. She did not have anyone left to provide for her. When Jesus saw the woman, He was sad about what had happened. He told the woman not to cry. Then, He touched the open coffin. The people who were carrying it stood still. Jesus said, "Young man, I say to you, arise!" The dead man sat up and even started to talk! Jesus took the young man to his mother. All the people were amazed because of the miracle they saw. They praised and thanked God.

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.

Congratulations and Many Years Colleen Ryan-Xhoxhi who was Chrismated last Sunday. Colleen's sponsor (Kumbarja) is Linda Notskas. The Chrismation was incorporated into the Divine Liturgy so all present were able to welcome Colleen to our Orthodox faith.



Thank you: Carolyn & Mike Dardaris, Christine Dardaris, Linda Croke, Marion Merkle, Anila Vero, Elias & Thanos Mondlak, Donna Dimitri for helping with our Church Fall Clean-up Day. We trimmed the bushes outside, cleaned the altar area, the front stairwells, the bathrooms, the kitchen and the storage room. Your hard work was very appreciated!

Congratulations and Many Years Cindy Kamberaj and Edvin Vasiu who became first time parents with the birth of their daughter Katerina. Cindy, Edvin and Katerina were in church last Sunday. They will be churched in the next few weeks.
Beautiful baby!

Painting the inside of the Church the project, spearheaded by Sergio Georgi and Anila Vero and our painter, Gentian Marku is moving along. The church looks beautiful. What a difference a coat of paint makes!

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