

he Weekly Messenger – October 26, 2025
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This Week Epistle: 6th Sunday of Luke II Timothy 2:1-10 (St. Demetrius) Gospel: Luke 8:26-39

Next Week Epistle Galatians 2:16-20 (21st after Pentecost) Luke 16:19-31

Upcoming Events:

Saturday, Oct 25th Baptism of Talulah Rose Krygier 9:00 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

Monday, Nov 3rd Parish Council Meeting 7:45 pm via ZOOM

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, Raphael Theokary (5 yrs.), Inspector Jerry Kane (6 yrs.), Ann Gjoka (6 yrs.), Sofia Theokary (16 yrs.), Chrisanthee Dimitri (18 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 Martin Qyra & Jovana Vasili, Newly Illuminated Talulah Rose Krygier, her sponsor, Traci Cosmo, Kristin Cosmo, Stephan Krygier, Newly Chrismated Colleen Xhoxhi, her sponsor, Linda Notskas, Sergio Xhoxhi, Newborn Katerina Vasiu, Cindy Kamberaj, Edwin 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*

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

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

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

Nov 30th Donna Pappas

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

Dec 14th Lakuriqi and Gremi Families

Dec 21st & 28th NO SPONSORS

Monthly Giving for October: Napkins

Sixth Sunday of Luke THE GADARENE DEMONiac

At that time, Jesus arrived at the country of the Gadarenes, which is opposite Galilee. And as he stepped out on land, there met him a man from the city who had demons; for a long time, he had worn no clothes, and he lived not in a house but among the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, and said with a loud voice, “What have I to do with you, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beseech you, do not torment me.” For Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. [For many a time it had seized him; he was kept under guard, and bound with chains and fetters, but he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the wilderness.] Jesus then asked him, “What is your name?” And he said, “Legion”; for many demons had entered him. And they begged Jesus not to command them to depart into the abyss. Now a large herd of swine was feeding there on the hillside; and they begged Jesus to let them enter these. So, he gave them leave. Then the demons came out of the man entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned. When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled, and told it in the city and in the country. Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus, and found the man from week? whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. And those who had seen it told them how he who had been possessed with demons was healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gadarenes asked Jesus to depart from them; for they were seized with great fear; so he got into a boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with Jesus; but Jesus sent him away, saying, “Return to your home, and declare all the God has done for you.” And he went away, proclaiming through the whole city all that Jesus had done for him.

Fall Costume Party. Many thanks to Paula Bendo for once again putting together the Fall Costume (Halloween) Party. Last Sunday, after the meeting Paula, Michele Sarkos, Marion Merkle, Donna Pappas, Anila Vero, Colleen Xhoxhi, Sergio Georgi, Donna Dimitri and Fr. Kai, transformed the church hall into a Halloween Party Room. Ready for the children and adults and a fun time this Sunday!



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.

Semi-annual Parish Meeting was held last Sunday. The business of the parish was discussed. The 2026 budget will be presented in December. Congratulations to our 2026 Parish council Christine Dardaris, Michael Dardaris, Donna Dimitri, Sergio Georgi, Nilda Salavachi, Reem Tarazi, Anila Vero. The council members will be sworn in when Bishop Nikodhim visits on November 16, 2025. Our sincere thanks to our outgoing council members, Davit Jishkarani and Zach Smith. We truly appreciate your years of dedicated service to our parish!



Congratulations and Many Years to Jovana Vasili and Martin Qyra

Jovana & Martin were married last Sunday before a church full of family and friends. Everything was very beautiful!!!