

**The Weekly Messenger – October 5, 2025**  
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**This Week Epistle: 2nd Sunday of Luke II Corinthians 6:16-18; 7:1 Gospel: Luke 6:31-3**

**Next Week Epistle: Sunday of the 7th Council Titus 3:8-15 (Holy Fathers) Gospel: Luke 8:5-15**

**Upcoming Events:**

**Saturday, Oct 4<sup>th</sup>** Vespers 5:00 pm

**Oct 5<sup>th</sup>** 3-yr Memorial Jonathan Rhodes

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

**Oct 12<sup>th</sup>** Chrismation - Colleen Ryan-Xhoxhi

**Oct 19<sup>th</sup>** 10 year Memorial Jorgjia Kashari

Semi Annual Parish Meeting during coffee hour

Wedding - Jovana Vasili & Martin Qyra 2:00 pm

**Saturday, Oct 25<sup>th</sup>** Baptism of Talulah Rose Krygier 10:00 am daughter of Kristin Cosmo & Stephan Krygier

**Oct 26<sup>th</sup>** Fall Costume Party during coffee hour

**Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>** 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, Jonathan Rhodes (3 yrs.), Marlene Robos (1 yrs). Jorgjia Kashari (10 yrs.), Mary C. Dimitri (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 married Michelle Dardaris & Joseph Bassett III, The Dardaris & Bassett Families, 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.

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

**Oct 5<sup>th</sup>** Fr. Dennis & Sarah in memory of Jonathan

**Oct 12<sup>th</sup>** Sergio & Colleen in honor of Colleen's Chrismation

**Oct 19<sup>th</sup>** Kashari Family in Memory of Jorgjia

**Oct 26<sup>th</sup>** Jola & Gjergji Gjogu

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

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

**Matins begin at 9:00 am every Sunday. In church & livestreamed**  
**Great Vespers return Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 5:00 pm**

**Second Sunday of Luke**

Jesus went to a city called Nain, and many of his disciples and a great crowd went with him. As he drew near to the gate of the city, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a large crowd from the city was with her. And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." And he came and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And Jesus said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." And the dead man sat up, and began to speak. And Jesus gave him to his mother. Fear seized them all; and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" and "God has visited his people!"

**Monthly Giving for September: Paper towelsoffee Hour open dates:** We do not have coffee hour sponsors for the following dates: **November 30<sup>th</sup> December 21<sup>st</sup> December 28<sup>th</sup>**

Please coordinate with a friend or family member and sponsor a coffee hour!

**Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm** we will have our Fall Church Clean-up. We need your help as we have all of the needed cleaning supplies, we need people to use them! This is an excellent way for student to earn community service hours. Please mark your calendar and come lend a hand!



**Archdiocesan Assembly** Thank you to our delegates: Father Kai, Sergio Georgi, Kevin Begaj, Marion Merkle and Donna Dimitri for representing our Parish at the Assembly in Farmington Hills, MI. Thank you to those who also attended the Assembly, Paula Bendo, Linda Croke, Linda Notskas, Colleen Xhoxhi. The delegates and observers will report on the Assembly at our Semi-Annual meeting on October 19, 2025.

**Happy Birthday to Longtime Parishioner Linda Notskas!** Linda has been active at St. John Chrysostom since..... well a very long time. We are blessed to have Linda as a member of our church family. Happy 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday Linda, Many Years!!!

**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 next week.

**October Namedays** **Për shumë vjet! Gëzuar!** 3<sup>rd</sup> St. Dionysius, 6<sup>th</sup> Thomas the Apostle, 13<sup>th</sup> Martyr Antigonas, 18<sup>th</sup> St. Luke the Evangelist, 19<sup>th</sup> St. Cleopatra, 26<sup>th</sup> St. Demetrius

**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.



**Dining room set & breakfront cabinet FREE**  
The furniture belongs to Niko & Luiza Salavaci and is ready for pickup. Contact Nilda Salavachi if you are interested. 610-618-6122

