

he Weekly Messenger – November 9, 2025

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This Week Epistle: 7th Sunday of Luke - Galatians 6:11-18 Gospel: Luke 8:41-56

Next Week Gospel St. Matthew Romans 10:11-11:2 Epistle: Matthew 9:9-13

Upcoming Events:

Nov 9th Cindy Kamberaj and her newborn daughter, Katerina Vasiu will be churched
2026 Parish Council will be sworn in following the Divine Liturgy

Saturday Nov 15th Nativity Fast Begins

Saturday, Nov 15th Vespers 5:00 pm with Bishop Nikodhim & Philadelphia Brotherhood Clergy
A light dinner will be provided in the church hall following Vespers

Nov 16th Bishop Nikodhim visits our Parish for our Nameday Hierachal Liturgy 10:00 am

Saturday, Nov 21st Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

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, Katherine Kane (11 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, Newborn Katerina Vasiu, Cindy Kamberaj, Edvin Vasiu, Newly Married Martin Qyra & Jovana Vasili, Newly Illuminated Talulah Rose Krygier, her sponsor, Traci Cosmo, Alexander Cosmo, Kristin Cosmo, Stephan Krygier, 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.

Nov 9th Janice & Mike Leyden	Nov 16th Parishioners bring their specialties
Nov 23rd Nikoleta & George Prifti	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	



Thank you, Grigor Papakroni, for raising \$52.00 by selling pepperoni sticks during coffee hour last Sunday. Grigor was assisted by Elisabeth Papa. They went table to table to sell the items. Congratulations to our young entrepreneurs for thinking of our Church and Sunday school. They are our future. Thanks so much to those who helped buying the sticks!

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.

Nativity Fast: The Nativity Fast is one of four main fast periods throughout the ecclesiastical year. Beginning on **November 15 and concluding on December 24**, the Nativity Fast gives individuals the opportunity to prepare for the Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord and Savior in the Flesh on December 25. By abstaining from certain food and drink, particularly from meat, fish, dairy products, olive oil, and wine, as well as focusing more deeply on prayer and almsgiving, we can find that the primary aim of fasting is to make us *conscious of our dependence upon God*. If you are sponsoring coffee hour during the Nativity Fast kindly try to adhere to foods which conform with the fast.

Saturday, November 15th 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!

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. As the Nativity Fast begins November 15th, we are asking that you do not bring any meat items. Thank you

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.