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THE IMAGE...

(Jn 12:45 & 14:9; Heb 1:3; Col 1:15)

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2ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—TONE 1
SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS OF
NORTH AMERICA

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Welcome!

...to all who have gathered to follow
Jesus Christ & manifest the Kingdom of
God in the Liturgy of His Church. If this is
your first time with us, give us a chance to
get to know you.

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A Word from the Holy Fathers

Sanctity is not just a virtue. It is an
attainment of such spiritual height, that the
abundance of God's grace which fills the
saint overflows on all who associate with
him. Great is the saint's state of bliss in
which they dwell contemplating the Glory of
God. Being filled with love for God and
man, they are responsive to man's needs,
interceding before God and helping those
who turn to them.

St. John of San Francisco

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Sunday of All Saints of North America

ST. JOHN OF DAMASCUS ORTHODOX CHURCH + THE DIOCESE OF THE WEST + THE ORTHODOX CHURCH IN AMERICA

Parish Life

Travel Blessings

With Summer upon us, it is a time when many travel for vacations, family visits, etc.

If you are travelling please let Fr Michael know so you can receive a travel blessing after Divine Liturgy.



**YOU ARE INVITED!
MARK & ANNA RAHAL
COLLEGE GRADUATION PARTY**

Hosted by: George & Maha Rahal
Saturday, July 24 at 1:00 PM PT
St. John Of Damascus Orthodox Church

Please RSVP by 7/16 to Maha Rahal at text/
email to 858-386-3754 by 7/16



**Wed Adult Ed Class
Responding to a Contemporary World
with an Ancient Faith 7-8:30pm**

Fr Michael and participants are discussing how ancient truths relate to contemporary life and situations.

Classes which are discussion based (rather than lecture) are held weekly at 7:00-8:30pm.

People can attend via Zoom (see our parish website calendar). We are planning to have a hybrid model where people can also attend in person.

We will announce if we are able to do the hybrid version during the week's Tuesday e-mail.

Digital Sign Volunteers Needed

Our digital sign is often the first experience of our church for people. John Thayer has been heading up this ministry and is willing to train people to know how to do it.

If you would like to be part of this ministry please email Fr Michael or write your name on the sign-up sheet in the narthex (vestibule) of the church.

We are looking for 2 or 3 volunteers



**Purchase Gift Cards Through Our
Scrip Coordinator & Help our Parish**

Scrip gift cards raise money for St. John's Auxiliary. When you buy Scrip cards, the store makes a donation with NO extra expense. Use the cards for your regular monthly purchases or gifts for loved ones and support our parish's ministry. Cards are available for gas, groceries, Amazon, restaurants and many other stores.

See Carmen Brown after Liturgy for more information or to purchase your cards.

Dates for 2021

FAST SEASONS

Dormition Fast	Aug 1-14
Nativity Fast/Advent	Nov 15-Dec 24

FAST-FREE WEEKS

After Christmas	Dec 26-Jan 4
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Parish Life

TROPARIA

Resurrection — Tone 1

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews; while the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure Body; Thou didst rise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. The powers of heaven therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of Life: Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Thy Kingdom! Glory to Thy dispensation, O Thou who lovest mankind.

All Saints of North America — Tone 8

As the bountiful harvest of Your sowing of salvation, the lands of North America offer to You, O Lord, all the saints who have shone in them. By their prayers keep the Church and our land in abiding peace through the Theotokos, O most Merciful One.

KONTAKIA

Resurrection — Tone 1

As God, Thou didst rise from the tomb in glory, raising the world with Thyself. Human nature praises Thee as God, for death has vanished! Adam exults, O Master! Eve rejoices, for she is freed from bondage, and cries to Thee: Thou art the Giver of Resurrection to all, O Christ!

All Saints of North America — Tone 3

The choir of saints who were well-pleasing to God in the lands of North America now stands before us in the Church and invisibly prays to God for us. With them the angels glorify Him and all the saints of the Church of Christ keep festival with them and together they all pray for us to the pre-eternal God.

Steadfast Protection — Tone 6

Steadfast protection of Christians,
Constant advocate before the Creator:
Do not despise the cry of us sinners,
But in your goodness, come speedily to help us who call on you in faith.
Hasten to hear our petitions and to intercede for us,
O Theotokos,
For you always protect those who honor you!

PROKEIMENA

Tone 1 (*Resurrection*) — Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have set our hope on Thee! (Ps 32/33:22)

v: Rejoice in the Lord, O your righteous! Praise befits the just! (Ps 32/33:1)

Tone 7 (*Saints of North America*) -- Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints. (Ps 115/116:15)

Today's Worship — Scripture Readings

Epistle — Romans 2:10-16

¹⁰ but glory and honor and peace for every one who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek. ¹¹ For God shows no partiality.

¹² All who have sinned without the law will also perish without the law, and all who have sinned under the law will be judged by the law. ¹³ For it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the law who will be justified. ¹⁴ When Gentiles who have not the law do by nature what the law requires, they are a law to themselves, even though they do not have the law. ¹⁵ They show that what the law requires is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness and their conflicting thoughts accuse or perhaps excuse them ¹⁶ on that day when, according to my gospel, God judges the secrets of men by Christ Jesus.

Epistle — Hebrews 11:33-12:2

³³ who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, ³⁴ quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵ Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, that they might rise again to a better life. ³⁶ Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷ They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated— ³⁸ of whom the world was not worthy—wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.

³⁹ And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰ since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

¹ Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ² looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

ALLELUIA

Tone 1 — V. God gives vengeance unto me, and subdues people under me. (Ps. 17:48)

V. He magnifies the salvation of the King and deals mercifully with David, His anointed, and his seed forever. (Ps. 17:51)

Tone 1—V. Rejoice in the Lord and be glad, O you righteous! (Ps. 31:11a)

Today's Worship — Scripture Readings

Gospel — Matthew 4: 18-23

¹⁸ As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. ¹⁹ And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." ²⁰ Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹ And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. ²² Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

²³ And he went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.

Gospel — Matthew 4:25-5:12

²⁵ And great crowds followed him from Galilee and the Decapolis and Jerusalem and Judea and from beyond the Jordan.

¹ Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down his disciples came to him. ² And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: ³ "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴ "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. ⁵ "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. ⁶ "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. ⁷ "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy. ⁸ "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. ⁹ "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. ¹⁰ "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ "Blessed are you when men revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so men persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Our Life in Christ

Prayer for Our Nation

O Master, Lord our God, the Source of life and immortality, the Author of all created things in heaven and on earth, who hast placed all times and seasons in Thy power and hast established all power and authority among men upon the earth, that it might be used to Thy glory and the well being of Thy people, we thank Thee for the great benefits which Thou hast seen fit to pour forth on this nation during the years that are past.

We acknowledge with gratitude that Thou hast not dealt with this land according to the iniquities of the people, neither according to the wickedness which exists in the nation hast Thou given Thy blessings: but in Thine abundant mercy and infinite loving-kindness and compassion Thou hast dealt bountifully with the American nation and hast shown forth great mercy upon us all.

O our Master and Lord, we supplicate at this present time that Thou wilt continue to show mercy upon us and upon this land and its people, that Thou wilt fill our hearts abundantly with gladness and joy that we may do Thy holy will in all things. Give to the leaders of this nation, its president and congress, its governors and judges, its military commanders, all wisdom and guidance and direct them to discharge their duties in the manner commanded by Thee. Grant them reason and understanding, that they may judge justly and act rightly, preserving the commonwealth in harmony and peace. Kindle in their hearts the will to care for the needy, to show kindness on the poor, to aid the homeless, to help the helpless. Grant them to be defenders of the defenseless and terrible to evildoers, gracious to those who are good and worthy to be trusted. Guide them in all things that they may govern the nation and care for its people in righteousness and truth, putting aside all deceit and corruption, that they may maintain the confidence of all people on this land, and all others.

Grant also, O Lord, to the people of this nation the will to do good, to flee from all evil, and to practice all righteousness. Drive from their hearts the lusts of the flesh and all covetous desires. Make them to be respectful of life and sharers of Thy blessings, caring for one another in mercy and truth. Banish all evil from their hearts and all wickedness from their laws, that in every national action and individual deed, they may be servants of Thy will and performers of Thy love.

Our Life in Christ

List of Saints of North America (listed alphabetically)

- Fr. Alexander Hotovitzky, hieromartyr, Missionary of America
- Fr. Alexis of Wilkes-Barre, Missionary, leader of ex-Uniates into Orthodoxy
- Fr. Basil Martysz, Polish Orthodox priest who served parishes in Alaska, Canada, and Pennsylvania
- Fr. Herman of Alaska, first missionary to Alaska
- Metropolitan Innocent of Alaska, missionary bishop to Alaska
- Fr. Jacob Netsvetov, native of the Aleutian Islands who became a priest
- Fr. John Karastamatis of Santa Cruz, Greek Orthodox priest martyred by satanists
- Fr. John Kochurov, first hieromartyr in 1917
- Archbishop John Maximovitch of San Francisco, ROCOR bishop of Shanghai and San Francisco, wonderworker
- Juvenaly of Alaska, Protomartyr of America
- Bishop Mardarije Uskoković, Serbian bishop of North America; founder of St. Sava's Monastery in Libertyville, Illinois
- Bishop. Nikolaj Velimirović, of South Canaan, influential theological writer and a highly gifted orator, rector of St. Tikhon's Seminary in PA
- Peter the Aleut, protomartyr of America, martyred in CA
- Bishop Raphael of Brooklyn, founder of the Antiochian Orthodox Mission in America
- Fr. Sebastian Dabović of Jackson & San Francisco, first American-born Orthodox priest
- Bishop Seraphim (Samoylovich) of Uglich, missionary in Alaska and hieromartyr under the Soviets
- Patriarch Tikhon of Moscow, was bishop of the Aleutians and Alaska, missionary, then Patriarch of Moscow
- Bishop Varnava Nastić, the New Confessor, born in Gary, Indiana



Some being considered for glorification as saints

- Metropolitan Leonty (Turkevich)
- Matushka Olga Michael of Alaska



LOOKING AHEAD

*The following are services & parish events **IN ADDITION** to the usual weekend services (Sat 6pm & Sun 8:30am).*

Tuesday July 6

10:30am — Father's Virtual Café (via Zoom—see website calendar)

Wednesday July 7

7:00pm — Adult Ed: Topic Responding to a Contemporary World with an Ancient Faith

Monday July 12

9:00am—Auxiliary Baking Day

Tuesday July 13

10:30am — Father's Virtual Café (via Zoom—see website calendar)

7:00pm — Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday July 14

7:00pm — Adult Ed: Topic Responding to a Contemporary World with an Ancient Faith (via Zoom — see calendar)

Tuesday July 20

10:30am — Father's Virtual Café (via Zoom—see website calendar)

11:00—Diamond Circle

Wednesday July 21

7:00pm — Adult Ed: Topic Responding to a Contemporary World with an Ancient Faith

For more dates please visit our website: www.stjohnofdamascus.org/calendar

Many Years!

Birthdays

Dale (Michael) Franchak 7/4

Alla K. Cline 7/7

Wedding Anniversaries

Emily & Anthony Lorelli 7/10

Confessions are held on Saturdays after Great Vespers or by appointment with Fr Michael.

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