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# THE IMAGE...

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

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4TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—TONE 3  
FATHERS OF THE FIRST 6 ECUMENICAL  
COUNCILS

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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**

Do not listen gleefully to gossip at your  
neighbor's expense or chatter to a person  
who likes finding fault. Otherwise you will  
fall away from divine love and find yourself  
cut off from eternal life.

*St. Maximos the Confessor  
On Love*

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## 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



**Keep Informed**  
**Receive Weekly E-mails**  
**About Parish Life**

We are an active community with a lot going on. These days it is especially helpful to keep up to date on things taking place in our parish.

We have an email group  
"News@stjohnofdamascus.org"

It is all those who are interested in the activities of St. John of Damascus Orthodox Church. Members receive periodic notifications of special events, parish meetings and weekly newsletters.

**To be included E-mail Fr Michael at**  
**powaypadre@stjohnofdamascus.org**

### Car/Truck Blessings—Sun July 18 after Liturgy

As we did last year, in anticipation of the feast of St Elijah on July 20, next Sunday July 18 we will bless cars and trucks after Divine Liturgy. In this time of travel and increased traffic, it is a much needed blessing!



**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.



**Blessed Icons of St Anna**

We have been blessed to receive more icons of St Anna, the Ancestor of the Lord from Fr John Parker. The paper icons have been blessed on the icon at the monastery and have been anointed with the myrrh from her as well as from the weeping icon of the Theotokos in PA that Fr John told us about during his visit.

If you would like an additional icon, please let me know. Please remember that, as these are blessed, they should be treated with reverence and not just a "collectable."

## Today's Worship — Hymns

### TROPARIA

#### Resurrection - Tone 3

Let the heavens rejoice!  
Let the earth be glad!  
For the Lord has shown strength with His arm.  
He has trampled down death by death.  
He has become the first born of the dead.  
He has delivered us from the depths of hell,  
and has granted to the world//  
great mercy.

#### Fathers —Tone 8

Thou art most glorious, O Christ our God,  
Who hast established the Holy Fathers as  
lights on the earth.  
Through them Thou hast guided us to the True  
Faith.//  
O greatly compassionate One, glory to Thee!

### KONTAKIA

#### Resurrection — Tone 3

On this day Thou didst rise from the tomb, O  
Merciful One,  
leading us from the gates of death.  
On this day Adam exults as Eve rejoices;  
with the Prophets and Patriarchs//  
they unceasingly praise the divine majesty of  
Thy power.

#### Fathers — Tone 8

The Apostles' preaching and the Fathers'  
doctrines have established one Faith for the  
Church.  
Adorned with the robe of truth, woven from  
heavenly theology,//  
It defines and glorifies the great mystery of  
piety.

#### 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 3** (*Resurrection*) — Sing praises to our God, sing praises! / Sing praises to our King, sing praises! (Ps. 46:6)

V. Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy! (Ps. 46:1)

**Tone 4** (Song of the Three Holy Children) - Blessed art Thou, O Lord God of our fathers, / and praised and glorified is Thy Name forever! (Song of the Three Holy Children, v. 3)

## Today's Worship — Scripture Readings

### Epistle — Romans 6: 18-23

<sup>18</sup> Having been released from sin, you became slaves of righteousness.

<sup>19</sup> I speak in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh. Indeed, as you used to offer your members as slaves of impurity and ever-increasing wickedness, now offer your members as slaves of righteousness for sanctification. <sup>20</sup> For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness.

<sup>21</sup> What fruit did you obtain at that time by those things which now shame you? The end result of those things is death! <sup>22</sup> But now, being made free from sin and having become enslaved to God, you have your fruit of sanctification, and the result of eternal life.

<sup>23</sup> The wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

### Epistle — Hebrews 13: 7-16

<sup>7</sup> Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God; consider the outcome of their life, and imitate their faith. <sup>8</sup> Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever. <sup>9</sup> Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings; for it is well that the heart be strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not benefited their adherents. <sup>10</sup> We have an altar from which those who serve the tent have no right to eat. <sup>11</sup> For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. <sup>12</sup> So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood. <sup>13</sup> Therefore let us go forth to him outside the camp and bear the abuse he endured. <sup>14</sup> For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city which is to come. <sup>15</sup> Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. <sup>16</sup> Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

### ALLELUIA

**Tone 3** — V. In Thee, O Lord, have I hoped; let me never be put to shame! (Ps. 30:1a)

V. Be a God of protection for me, a house of refuge in order to save me! (Ps. 30:2b)

**Tone 1** — V. The Lord, the God of gods, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting. (Ps. 49:1)

## Today's Worship — Scripture Readings

### Gospel — Matthew 8: 5-13

<sup>5</sup> When Jesus came into Capernaum, a centurion came to him, imploring him <sup>6</sup>and saying, "Lord, my servant is lying in the house paralyzed, grievously tormented." <sup>7</sup> Jesus answered, "I will come and heal him." <sup>8</sup> But the centurion replied, "Lord, I am not worthy that you should come under my roof! Only say the word and my servant shall be healed." <sup>9</sup> For I am also a man under authority, having soldiers under my own authority. I tell this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and if I tell another, 'Come,' he comes. Or if I tell my servant, 'Do this,' he does it!"

<sup>10</sup> When Jesus heard this, he marveled and said to those who followed, "Amen, I tell you that I have never found so great a faith, not even in Israel!" <sup>11</sup> I tell you that many will come from the east and the west, and will sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the Kingdom of Heaven. <sup>12</sup> But the children of the Kingdom will be thrown out into the outer darkness and there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." <sup>13</sup> Jesus said to the centurion, "Go your way. Let it be done for you as you have believed." And his servant was healed in that hour.

### Gospel — John 17:1-13

<sup>1</sup> When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify thy Son that the Son may glorify thee, <sup>2</sup> since thou hast given him power over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom thou hast given him. <sup>3</sup> And this is eternal life, that they know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent. <sup>4</sup> I glorified thee on earth, having accomplished the work which thou gavest me to do; <sup>5</sup> and now, Father, glorify thou me in thy own presence with the glory which I had with thee before the world was made.

<sup>6</sup> "I have manifested thy name to the men whom thou gavest me out of the world; thine they were, and thou gavest them to me, and they have kept thy word. <sup>7</sup> Now they know that everything that thou hast given me is from thee; <sup>8</sup> for I have given them the words which thou gavest me, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from thee; and they have believed that thou didst send me. <sup>9</sup> I am praying for them; I am not praying for the world but for those whom thou hast given me, for they are thine; <sup>10</sup> all mine are thine, and thine are mine, and I am glorified in them. <sup>11</sup> And now I am no more in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to thee. Holy Father, keep them in thy name, which thou hast given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. <sup>12</sup> While I was with them, I kept them in thy name, which thou hast given me; I have guarded them, and none of them is lost but the son of perdition, that the scripture might be fulfilled. <sup>13</sup> But now I am coming to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves.

## Our Life in Christ—Questions & Answers

### Gensing Around the Church & Question about the Great Entrance

***“I notice when the priest censes the icons around the church some people turn to follow the priest and others stay facing front. Which is proper?”***

There are different pious traditions that exist in the church when it comes to liturgical actions like the one you mention. However, even with these differences there is always a common thread that must exist between them.

Some people have been taught that when the priest censes the icons around the church we should turn and follow him with our attention, recognizing the presence of the holy ones represented in the icons with us as he censes. Others have been taught that our attention is to remain forward toward the altar at all times, recognizing that our focus must remain on Christ.

It is not possible to dictate which of these is more “proper” since both are long-standing traditions that have been passed down through pious and faithful families. Both are based upon solid understandings of what it means to be a member of Christ’s Church and heirs to His Kingdom.

However, regardless of which we choose, we must remember the truth revealed in the other. If we turn and follow the priest as he censes we must do so without turning our back to the altar, as it is the meeting place of Heaven and Earth. We should follow the priest until that point when our back would face the altar and then turn back toward the altar and then continue with the priest as he finishes. Likewise, if we remain standing forward, we must be sure not to ignore the presence of the holy saints that are alive in Christ and truly present with us during the service.

In either case, we must **never** use such instances as an opportunity for judgment or pride, thinking that we “know better” or that others are “misinformed” or not as pious as we imagine our self to be.



***“I hear some people saying something at the very end of the Great Entrance to the priest. What are they saying and is it something we are all supposed to say?”***

During the Great Entrance when the priest exclaims, “You and all Orthodox Christians, may the Lord God remember in His Kingdom...” some faithful will respond to the priest “May the Lord God remember your priesthood in His Kingdom, always now and ever and unto ages of ages.” It is a tradition that is part of the ongoing conversation that takes place between the priest and the faithful throughout the divine services of the Church. It falls into the same spirit as when the priest says, “Peace be unto all” and the people respond, “And to your spirit.”

While, in this instance it is not a formalized part of the service and is therefore not “required”, it is a response made by the faithful to the priest out of love and prayerful concern for his soul and the ministry he performs.

***Have a question or a topic you would like to know more about? Whether it is a simple question or a desire to learn more about a topic, write it down & give it to one of the greeters or email it to Fr Michael.***

*The question will be answered in one of three ways:*

- 1. In the bulletin*
- 2. In a short presentation after Divine Liturgy*
- 3. In a workshop that will be scheduled, for which people may sign-up.*

## Parish Life

### Auxiliary News—Come & Get It! Cabbage Rolls & Pierogies

The Auxiliary has been hard at work and we now get to benefit from their efforts AND support their ministry which supports our church.

Stuffed cabbage rolls and pierogies (huge variety) are available for sale. Speak to someone after Liturgy to pick up dinner for this week!



### Sat Adult Ed Class 1:00pm The Names of Jesus—Sat July 17

Our Saturday Adult Education Series is discussing the book “The Names of Jesus – Discovering the Person of Jesus Christ Through Scripture” by Protopresbyter Thomas Hopko. Father Hopko discusses the more than 50 names and titles given within scripture to our Lord and God and Savior, Jesus Christ – 5 of which you have just read!

Deacon George facilitates the discussion via the Zoom format at 1:00PM on Saturdays The book is long, but each chapter is rather short. This coming week’s “Names” are:

The book is available from multiple sources including a Kindle version at Amazon. Eight copies are also available at the St John’s Bookstore for \$20.

You can also listen to the original podcasts at:

<https://www.ancientfaith.com/podcasts/namesofjesus>

Filter from “Old to New” to see the episodes as listed in the book.

### 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



### Volunteer Needed to Format QUARTERLY Parish Council Newsletter

The Parish Council is preparing a quarterly newsletter to help keep parishioners up to date on the work of the Council and offering parishioners an opportunity to share things with the community. Leo Hayes is coordinating this effort soliciting and gathering the articles. ***We need someone to format the articles into a newsletter format.*** If you are interested in helping in this QUARTERLY publication please speak to Leo or myself.



### Church School Volunteers Needed

Our existing church school teachers need support and help. Please consider volunteering as a teacher or helper for our church school classes next year. See Bill Moision or Fr Michael if you are interested.



## LOOKING AHEAD

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

### Sunday July 18

After Divine Liturgy—Blessing of Vehicles

### Tuesday July 20

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

11:30am—Diamond Circle

7:00pm — Parish Council Meeting

### Wednesday July 21

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

### Saturday July 24

1:00pm — Adult Ed: Names of Jesus (via Zoom see online calendar for link)

### Monday July 26

9:00am—Auxiliary Baking Day

### Tuesday July 27

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

### Wednesday July 28

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](http://www.stjohnofdamascus.org/calendar)*

## Many Years!

### Name Days

Alina (Macrina) Panasenko	7/19
Dmitriy (Dmitriy Klepinin) Panasenko	7/20

### Birthdays

Laurie Eivet	7/18
Katrina Griebing	7/21
Konstantin Worth, Landon Henry	7/23

### Wedding Anniversaries

James & Patricia Pelachik	7/21
Masha & Jason Jones	7/22

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

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