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THE IMAGE...

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

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14TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—TONE 5

REPOSE OF THE HOLY EVANGELIST

JOHN THE THEOLOGIAN

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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 and fill out a visitor card.

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A Word from the Holy Fathers

From where would we get the power to love God if he had not loved us first of all? Jesus says in the Gospel: "You have not chosen me, but I have chosen you." We shall therefore be perfect in love if, following his example, we love him for no other reason than that he first loved us and gave himself for us

—*St. Bede the Venerable*

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Include Something in the Bulletin or Be Included in our Weekly
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E-mails

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with your request.



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

Parish Life

Auxiliary News

The Auxiliary will hold cooking days (making pierogies) on Monday 9/27 starting at 9am.

They will also have a meeting today on 9/19 after services.

If you would like to be a part of this hospitality & cooking/baking ministry now is a great time to start. See Tanya Franchak for more info: tmfranchak@yahoo.com & (619) 818-2311



Orthodox Christianity 101 Class Begins Mon Sept 27

This 14 session class introduces people to the basic teachings and life of the Orthodox Christian Faith. It is excellent for new inquirers, those preparing for baptism and/or chrismation, as well as people who may have grown up in the Church but may desire a refresher in the basics of our Faith.

Tell your friends & friends. All are welcome.

To register email info@stjohnofdamsacus.org or call 858-674-1931



Wed Adult Ed Class The Book of Daniel: Faith in Adversity 7-8:30pm

Fr Michael and participants will be reading and discussing the Book of Daniel and what it shows us about keeping our faith while living in adverse conditions. We will also touch on the prophetic elements in the books.

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.

Church School for Children & Youth 1st & 3rd Sunday of Month Youth Choir 2nd & 4th Sunday of Month

This year our Church School for children and youth on Sundays will be held on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month.

Our children's and youth choir (for those able to read) will be held on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. This will allow enough time to prepare them to sing during our Youth Sunday (1st weekend of December) as well as our Christmas Program.



Sat Adult Ed Class 1:00pm The Names of Jesus

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. While the book is long, each chapter is rather short.

The book is available from multiple sources including a Kindle version at Amazon. 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.

Today's Worship — Hymns

TROPARIA

Resurrection—Tone 5

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word,
co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit,
born for our salvation from the Virgin;
for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh,
to endure death,
and to raise the dead//
by His glorious Resurrection.

St John the Theologian —Tone 2

Beloved Apostle of Christ our God,
hasten to deliver a defenseless people!
He Who allowed you to recline on His breast,
receives you as you bow before Him.
Implore Him, O John the Theologian,
to disperse the persistent threat from the heathens,//
entreating for us peace and great mercy!

KONTAKIA

Resurrection — Tone 5

My Savior and Redeemer
as God rose from the tomb and delivered the earth-born from their chains.
He has shattered the gates of hell,
and as Master,//
He has risen on the third day!

St John the Theologian — Tone 2

You descended into hell, O my Savior,
shattering its gates as Almighty,
resurrecting the dead as Creator,
and destroying the sting of death.
You have delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of man,//
and we cry to You: "O Lord, save us!"

Steadfast Protectress—Tone 6

Steadfast Protectress 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 & to intercede for us, O Theotokos,
For you always protect those who honor you!

FATHER'S (VIRTUAL) CAFÉ

Tuesdays 10:30am — Father's (In-Person & Virtual) Café

This one hour gathering is an opportunity to build fellowship with your fellow brothers and sisters in Christ, ask Fr Michael questions about our Faith &/or our parish over a good cup of coffee or tea (reg or decaf). We begin with prayer, read a short spiritual reflection & talk about whatever comes up.

The link for the meeting is (see also our parish online calendar at www.stjohnofdamascus.org/calender

<https://zoom.us/j/93511691469?pwd=OXo2aFNrZ1k3RnNGcTNyeUJYS1REdz09>

The passcode is **fellowship**

*All links to classes are included on our parish website calendar
www.stjohnofdamascus.org/calender*

Today's Worship — Scripture Readings

Epistle — 2 Cor 1:21-2:4

¹Now the one who establishes us with you in Christ and who has anointed us is God. ²²He has also sealed us and given us the pledge of the Spirit in our hearts. ²³I call God as a witness to my soul, that to spare you I did not come to Corinth. ²⁴It is not that we have lordship over your faith: we are fellow workers with you for your joy, as you stand firm in faith.

But I resolved this for myself: that I would not return to you in sorrow. ²If I cause you distress, who will bring me joy except for you, the very ones whom I grieve? ³Indeed, I wrote to you as I did, so that when I came, I would not have sorrow from the ones who should be my joy; but I trust in you all, that my joy would also be shared by all. ⁴It was out of much affliction and anguish of heart that I wrote to you with many tears, not to cause you distress but to let you know what overflowing love I have for you.

Epistle — 1 John 4: 12-19

¹²No one has seen God at any time, but if we love one another, God remains in us, and his love has reached completion in us.

¹³By this, we know that we remain in God and he in us, because he has given us [a share] of his Spirit. ¹⁴We have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son, the Savior of the world. ¹⁵God remains in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they remain in God. ¹⁶We have known and believed in the love which God has for us: God is love, and whoever remains in love remains in God, and God in him. ¹⁷In this, love has been made perfect among us, so that we may have boldness in the day of judgment, because in this world, we are just as he is.

¹⁸There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear, because fear is connected with punishment. But the one who fears is not yet perfect in love. ¹⁹We love him, because he first loved us.

PROKEIMENON

Tone 5 (*Resurrection*) — Thou, O Lord, shall protect us / and preserve us from this generation forever. (Ps. 11:7)

V. Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any that is godly! (Ps. 11:1a)

Tone 8 (*St John*) — Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth, / and their words to the ends of the universe. (Ps. 18:4)

ALLELUIA

Tone 5 — V. I will sing of Your mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Your truth from generation to generation. (Ps. 88:1-2)

V. For You have said: Mercy will be established forever; Your truth will be prepared in the heavens. (Ps. 88:3)

Tone 1—V. The heavens will praise Your wonders, O Lord; and Your truth in the congregation of the saints. (Ps. 88:5)

Today's Worship — Scripture Readings

Gospel — Luke 5: 1-11

Now it happened, while the multitude pressed on him and heard the word of God, that he was standing by the lake of Gennesaret. ²He saw two boats standing by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them and they were washing their nets. ³Jesus entered into one of the boats, which was Simon's, and asked him to put out a little from the land. He sat down and taught the multitudes from the boat. ⁴When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep, and let down your nets for a catch."

⁵Simon answered him, "Master, we worked all night and took nothing! But at your word, I will let down the net." ⁶When they had done this, they caught a great multitude of fish, and their net was breaking. ⁷They beckoned to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. They came and filled both boats, so [much] that they began to sink. ⁸But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, Lord!" ⁹He and all who were with him were amazed at their catch of fish; ¹⁰and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon.

Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid! From now on, you will be catching people alive."

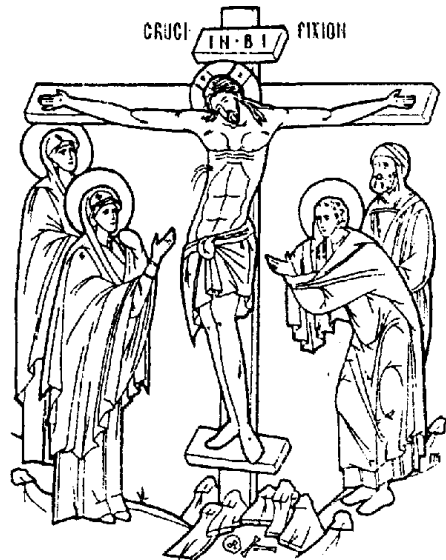
¹¹When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

Gospel — John 19:25-27; 21:24-25

²⁵But there were standing by the cross of Jesus his mother, and his mother's sister (Mary [the wife] of Clopas), and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing there, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold your son!" ²⁷Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour, the disciple took her to his own home.

²⁴This is the disciple who bears witness about these things and who wrote these things.

We know that his testimony is true. ²⁵There are also many other things which Jesus did. If they were all written, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that would be written. Amen.



Parish Life

Father's Café Now In-Person as well as via Zoom Tuesdays 10:30-11:30 (ish)

Our weekly gathering for prayer, reflection & simple fellowship on Tuesdays at 10:30am will now be available for people to attend IN PERSON as well as via Zoom (see online calendar for the link).

This is an opportunity to sit and have a cup of coffee or tea (reg and decaf provided) and ask questions about the Faith or talk about whatever comes to mind (gardening, movies, history, etc.). We say a prayer, read a reflection and let the conversation (and coffee) flow.

Save the Date! Retirement Celebration for Fr Alexander Federoff Jan 16, 2022

With the pandemic occurring at the time of our dear Fr Alexander's retirement, while we did our best to celebrate and thank him for his decades of loving service, we were not able to give him the celebration we would have liked.

His Eminence is coming on January 16 for a more "robust" celebration.

Mark your calendars! More details to come!



CLEAN-UP DAY AT ST. JOHN OF DAMASCUS

Come help trim bushes and clean up the church grounds!

Items to bring:

- heavy-weight trash bags
- electric trimmers
- extension cords
- hand tools
- rakes and brooms
- work gloves
- your own water bottle
- sunscreen

Check with John Klavzar or
Patty Pelachik for more
detailed information

OCTOBER 9, 2021
8:30AM -1:00PM
LIGHT LUNCH AT 1:00PM

Bible Question(s)

ACCORDING TO THE BIBLE.....

**Q. ON WHAT DAY DID GOD CREATE HUMANS?
Q. WHAT WAS DIFFERENT ABOUT HUMANS COMPARED TO
EVERYTHING ELSE IN THE COSMOS?**

**Reflection/Discussion: What do you think this "difference" says about the
purpose God had/has for human beings?**

Answers will be included in next week's bulletin. Stay tuned!

This year every week the bulletin will have a Bible Question connected to the Old Testament. After Christmas a "test" will be included in the bulletin. Whoever completes the "test" (you can use past bulletins to help) and submits it will be entered into a raffle for a gift card to their favorite store and/or restaurant.

Bible Question(s) - Last Week's Questions

ACCORDING TO THE BIBLE.....

**Q. ON WHAT DAY DID GOD CREATE LIGHT? A. 1ST DAY
Q. ON WHAT DAY DID GOD CREATE THE SUN? A. 4TH DAY**

Reflection/Discussion: What do you think this has to say about Who God is and His relationship to the Cosmos (the Church's word referring to all of Creation)? [While many at the time of the Old & New Testaments believed the Sun was a god to be worshipped, the Holy Scriptures make the point that not only did the God of the Cosmos make light before He created the sun, He made the "herbage" to grow (Day 3) before creating the sun. Belief that the sun is a god to be worshipped continued even until the 300 AD and there are some who still believe it today.



LOOKING AHEAD

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

Sunday Sept 26

10:30am — Monthly Memorial Service for Departed—Please submit the names of your beloved departed who have a connection with the month of September to Fr Michael either by email, text, or written note before Liturgy on Sunday.

Monday Sept 27

9:00am — Auxiliary Cooking Day (Pierogies)
7:00pm — Orthodox Christianity 101: Hybrid Format: In-Person at church hall or via zoom (see online calendar for link)

Tuesday Sept 28

10:30:am — Father's Café (In-Person & Zoom: see link on website calendar)

Wednesday Sept 29

7:00pm — Adult Ed: Book of Daniel—Faith in Adversity
Hybrid Format Zoom (see online calendar for link) & In Person

Saturday October 2

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

Monday Oct 4

7:00pm — Orthodox Christianity 101: Hybrid Format: In-Person at church hall or via zoom (see online calendar for link)

Tuesday Oct 5

10:30:am — Father's Café
(In-Person & Zoom: see link on website calendar)

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

Many Years!

Birthdays

Nina Stone, Makayla Kedroff Ward	9/26
Manuel Castañeda	9/27

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

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