

October 10, 2021



THE IMAGE...

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

www.stjohnofdamascus.org

Publication of St. John of Damascus Orthodox Church, Poway, CA

16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—TONE 7

HOLY FATHERS OF THE
7TH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

+

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.

+

A Word from the Holy Fathers

When you begin to read or listen to the
Holy Scriptures, pray to God thus: "Lord
Jesus Christ, open the ears and eyes of my
heart so that I may hear Thy words and
understand them, and may fulfill Thy will."
Always pray to God like this, that He might
illumine your mind and open to you the
power of His words. Many, having trusted
in their own reason, have turned away
into deception.

—*St. Ephraim the Syrian*

+

Include Something in the Bulletin or Be
Included in our Weekly

(NEWS@StJohnofDamascus.org)

E-mails

E-mail info@stjohnofdamascus.org
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 Mon 11 beginning at 9am.

We are also looking for donations of:

Flour, Sugar & Shelled Walnuts

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 Mondays 7pm

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@stjohnofdamascus.org or call 858-674-1931



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

Fr Michael and participants are 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 7

By Thy Cross Thou didst destroy death.
To the thief Thou didst open Paradise.
For the Myrrhbearers Thou didst change weeping
into joy,
and Thou didst command Thy disciples, O Christ
God,
to proclaim that Thou art risen, //
granting the world great mercy.

St John of Damascus — Tone 4

Let us the faithful sing praises to John,
worthy of great honor the composer of hymns.
The star & teacher of the Orthodox Faith,
the defender of its doctrine.
Through the might of the Lord's Cross he
overcame heretical error!
Now he is fervent in prayer to Christ God,
to grant forgiveness of our sins.

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 7

The dominion of death can no longer hold men
captive,
for Christ descended, shattering and destroying
its powers.
Hell is bound, while the Prophets rejoice and cry:
"The Savior has come to those in faith; //
enter, you faithful, into the Resurrection!"

Fathers — Tone 6

The Son Who shone forth from the Father
was ineffably born, two-fold in nature, of a
woman.
Having beheld Him, we do not deny the image of
His form,
but depict it piously and revere it faithfully.
Thus, keeping the True Faith, //
the Church venerates the icon of Christ Incarnate.

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!

Today's Worship — Scripture Readings

Epistle — 2 Corinthians 6: 1-10

Now how can any of you dare go to court before the unrighteous (and not before the saints) when there is a matter against a neighbor? ²Do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And if the world is [to be] judged by you, are you unworthy to judge the smallest matters? ³Do you not know that we will judge angels? How much more, then, things that pertain to this life?

⁴And now, if you need to judge things pertaining to this life, why do you place yourselves under judges who are irrelevant in the Church? ⁵I say this to move you to shame. Is there not even one wise man among you who would be able to decide between his brothers? ⁶Yet, [I hear of] lawsuits among the brethren, and that in front of unbelievers! ⁷Now therefore, this is already a defeat for you, that you have lawsuits one with another. Why not rather be wronged? Why not rather be defrauded? ⁸No, but you yourselves do wrong and defraud, and [you do] that against your brethren!

⁹Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the Kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor male prostitutes, nor sodomites, ¹⁰nor the greedy, nor thieves, nor drunkards, nor slanderers, nor swindlers, will inherit the Kingdom of God.

Epistle — Hebrews 13:7-16

⁷Remember those who rule over you, who have spoken the word of God to you, whose faith follow, considering the outcome of their conduct.

⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. ⁹Do not be carried about with various and strange doctrines. For it is good that the heart be established by grace, not with foods which have not profited those who have been occupied with them.

¹⁰We have an altar from which those who serve the tabernacle have no right to eat. ¹¹For the bodies of those animals, whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest for sin, are burned outside the camp.

¹²Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered outside the gate.

¹³Therefore let us go forth to Him, outside the camp, bearing His reproach. ¹⁴For here we have no continuing city, but we seek the one to come.

¹⁵Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name. ¹⁶But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

PROKEIMENON

Tone 7 (*Resurrection*) — The Lord shall give strength to His people. / The Lord shall bless His people with peace. (Ps. 28:11)

V. Offer to the Lord, O you sons of God! Offer young rams to the Lord! (Ps. 28:1a)

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)

ALLELUIA

Tone 7 — V. It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Thy Name, O Most High. (Ps. 91:1)

V. To declare Thy mercy in the morning, and Thy truth by night. (Ps. 91:2a)

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 — Luke 7: 11-16

¹¹Soon afterwards, Jesus went to a city called Nain. Many of his disciples, along with a great multitude, went with him. ¹²Now when Jesus drew near to the gate of the city, behold, a dead person was being carried out, who was the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. Many people of the city were with her. ¹³When the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her, and said to her, "Do not cry." ¹⁴He came near and touched the coffin, and the bearers stood still. He then said, "Young man, I tell you, arise!" ¹⁵And the dead man sat up, and began to speak. Jesus then gave him to his mother.

¹⁶They were all filled with awe and glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" and, "God has visited his people!"

Gospel — John 17:1-13

¹ Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: "Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You, ² as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him.

³ And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. ⁴ I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do. ⁵ And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.

⁶ I have manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word. ⁷ Now they have known that all things which You have given Me are from You. ⁸ For I have given to them the words which You have given Me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came forth from You; and they have believed that You sent Me.

⁹ I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours. ¹⁰ And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them.

¹¹ Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are.

¹² While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name. Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is lost except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³ But now I come to You, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves.

Our Life in Christ

Operation Christmas Child Now through Nov 14

Ps 996:23 says declare glory among the nations.

Our Auxiliary is participating in Operation Christmas Child. It is a long standing project that brings joy to children around the world at Christmas time. Children hear the story of Jesus' Nativity and literally receive SHOEBOXES full of little gifts. They are filled, packaged and shipped all over the world to children who are in need.

Join us this year in collecting unwrapped small toys, t-shirts, little stuffed animals, crafts, coloring books/crayons, combs, etc to give to children around the world. (See flyers in the Narthex for details).

Sun Nov 14 is the deadline to bring all the items here to the church.

Collection Boxes are in the social hall as you enter on the left.



Dates for 2021

FAST SEASONS

Nativity Fast/Advent Nov 15-Dec 24

FAST-FREE WEEKS

After Christmas Dec 26-Jan 4

Christmas Giving Opportunities this Fall & Winter

Various groups in our parish will be coordinating various charity collections and projects this Fall and Winter in connection with our preparations for Christmas.

- The Auxiliary is inviting us all to participate in Operation Christmas Child. This will end on Nov 14.
- Ken Telles is coordinating us adopting 2 families here in Poway. Details will be forthcoming. This will end Dec 5th.
- Our Church School kids are also planning a charitable project that will begin during Advent and lead up closer to Christmas.

Glory to God that we have all these groups with hearts desiring to give and not just receive during this advent & Christmas!

Keep a look out for details and plan on helping out with one or all of these efforts!



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
info@stjohnofdamascus.org**

Our Life in Christ

Bible Question(s)

ACCORDING TO THE BIBLE.....

Q. IN CHAPTER 3 DO ADAM & EVE TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEIR ACTIONS? WHO DOES EVE SAY IS RESPONSIBLE? WHO DOES ADAM SAY IS RESPONSIBLE?

Q. AT THE END OF CHAPTER 3 WHAT KEEPS ADAM & EVE FROM THE GARDEN & THE TREE OF LIFE?

Reflection/Discussion: Why do you think it was important to God that Adam & Eve not eat of the tree of life and live forever after they had broken their relation with God?

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. IN GENESIS CHAPTER 2 WHAT TASKS DID GOD GIVE TO ADAM?
A. TO TEND & KEEP THE GARDEN, TO NAME THE BIRDS & ANIMALS**

**Q. ACCORDING TO THE BIBLE WERE ADAM & EVE MARRIED?
A. YES. THE BIBLE REFERS TO EVE AS ADAM'S WIFE.**

Reflection/Discussion: Why do you think Eve was created from Adam's rib, rather than another part of his body such as his head or foot? To show that she was not to be "below" him (his foot), or "above" him (his head) but the two would be for each other to do God's will as one flesh.



LOOKING AHEAD

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

Monday Oct 11

9:00am — Auxiliary Baking Cooking Day

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

Tuesday Oct 12

10:30:am — Father's Café

(In-Person & Zoom: see link on website calendar)

Wednesday Oct 13

7:00pm — Adult Ed: Book of Daniel—Faith in Adversity
In person & via Zoom (see online calendar for links)

Saturday Oct 16

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

Monday Oct 18

7:00pm — Orthodox Christianity 101: In-Person at church hall & via Zoom (see online calendar for link)

Tuesday Oct 19

10:30:am — Father's Café Hybrid Format: In-Person at church hall or via zoom (see online calendar for link)

11:00am — Diamond Circle

7:00pm — Parish Council Meeting (via Zoom)

Wednesday Oct 20

7:00pm — Adult Ed: Book of Daniel—Faith in Adversity
In person & via Zoom (see online calendar for links)

Saturday Oct 23

1:00pm — Adult Ed: Names of Jesus (via Zoom)

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

Many Years!

Birthdays

David Ezekiel Boyles 10/15

Wedding Anniversaries

Nicholas & Alexandria Franchak 10/12

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

PARISH CONTACT INFO:

Church: 16903 Espola Rd Poway — **Mailing Address:** PO Box 28291 San Diego, CA 92198

Web: www.stjohnofdamascus.org

Email: info@stjohnofdamascus.org — **Phone:** (858) 674-1931

Priest: V. Rev. Michael Anderson, Rector

Email: powaypadre@stjohnofdamascus.org — **Phone:** (858) 717-2172

Attached Clergy: V. Rev. Alexander Federoff, Retired & Dn. George Shumaik

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