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THE IMAGE...

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

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18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—TONE 1

HOLY MARTYR ARETHAS &
4299 MARTYRS WITH HIM

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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

Re: Almsgiving — The things themselves do not remain, but their effects do. Therefore we should not be mean and calculating with what we have but give with a generous hand. Look at how much people give to players and dancers—why not give just half as much to Christ?

—*St. John of Chrysostom*

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Include Something in the Bulletin or Be Included in our Weekly (NEWS@StJohnofDamascus.org) E-mails

E-mail info@stjohnofdamascus.org with your request.



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

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 is 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.

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. 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 Protospesbyter 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.

Parish Life

Auxiliary Thanksgiving Ethnic Foods & Bake Sale

Save the Date—Saturday Nov 20

On Saturday Nov 20th from 11:00am—2:00pm our Auxiliary will be having its Thanksgiving Ethnic Foods & Bake Sale.

Pre-orders will be taken by phone, with drive-through pick-up and payment on the day of the event.

All our traditional ethnic foods and freshly made baked goods will be available. A menu flyer with ordering instructions will be emailed and posted soon. We encourage you to order early.

To be added to the Auxiliary's e-mail list and receive this year's menu immediately, send an email to Auxiliary@stjohnofdamascus.org or speak to Mike Wesdell.

Donations for Baking

The Auxiliary is 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



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!

Coordinators Needed

- Fellowship Hour
- Greeters
- Commemoration Loaves Bakers

The responsibilities involve maintaining a calendar of when people are scheduled in these areas and to communicate with the group from time to time. Schedules can be made monthly or quarterly, whichever works best for the person. The Coordinator may but does not NEED to be involved in the actual ministry.

Ministry Coordinator Directory

Below are the people who lead various ministries in our parish. Feel free to contact them to find out how to offer your God-given time and talents to the life of our community.

Adult Ed — Fr Michael

Altar Servers—Subdeacon Ken Telles

Auxiliary President — Tanya Franchak

Candle Stand — Gene Francello

Choir—Carole Shumaik

Church School — Bill Moision

Fellowship/Coffee Hour — TBD

Diamond Circle Seniors — Jim & Patty Pelachik

Greeters — TBD

Handmaidens — Sally Menig & Desiree Geralt

Koliva — Fr Michael

Parish Council President—Patty Pelachik

Prospora — Fr Michael

Readers at Divine Liturgy—Bill Moision

Saturday Adult Ed — Dn George Shumaik

Sunday Commemoration Loaves— TBD

Consider taking part and helping this group make St John's the wonderful lively parish it is. For information on how to contact any of the above please speak with Fr Michael.

Today's Worship — Hymns

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!”

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.

Martyr Arethas —Tone 1

Through the sufferings which Thy holy martyrs
Arethas and his companions endured for Thy
sake, O Lord,
we beseech Thee, O Lover of mankind://
“Heal all of our infirmities!”

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!”

Martyr Arethas — Tone 4

Today the radiant feast of the passion-bearers
Arethas and his companions
comes to us as a herald of joy;//
as we celebrate it, we glorify the Lord on high.

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!

PROKEIMENON

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

V. Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the just! (Ps. 32:1)

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)

Today's Worship — Scripture Readings

Epistle — 2 Cor 9:6-11

⁶Remember this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly. Whoever sows generously will also reap generously. ⁷Let everyone give according to what he determines in his heart; not grudgingly or under compulsion; for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that by having what is needed in everything, you may overflow in every good work. ⁹As it is written:

He has scattered abroad, he has given to the poor.

His righteousness remains forever.

¹⁰Now may he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food also supply and multiply your seed for sowing, and increase the fruits of your righteousness. ¹¹Thus, may you be enriched in everything, so that you may be generous in all things; and through us, this brings thanksgiving to God.

Gospel — Luke 16: 19-31

¹⁹Now there was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen, feasting in luxury every day. ²⁰A certain beggar named Lazarus was laid at his gate, full of sores, ²¹who desired to be fed with the crumbs that fell from the rich man's table. Yes, even dogs came and licked his sores. ²²It happened that the beggar died and that he was carried away by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died, and was buried. ²³In hades, he lifted up his eyes, being in torment, and saw Abraham far off, and Lazarus in his bosom. ²⁴He cried and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, so that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue! For I am in agony in this flame!'

²⁵But Abraham replied, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime, you received your good things, and Lazarus, in the same way, bad things. But now, he is comforted here and you are in anguish. ²⁶Besides all this, between us and you a great gulf is fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot [do so], and that no one may cross over from there to us.'

²⁷He said, 'I ask you therefore, father, that you would send Lazarus to my father's house; ²⁸for I have five brothers, that he might bear witness to them, so that they would not also come to this place of torment.'

²⁹Abraham replied to him, 'They have Moses and the prophets! Let them listen to them!'

³⁰But he said, 'No, father Abraham, but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.'

³¹Then Abraham said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone rises from the dead.' "

Parish Life

Operation Christmas Child Now through Nov 14

Ps 96:23 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 THE ACCOUNT OF THE FLOOD IN THE BOOK OF GENESIS, WHEN THE RAINS STOPPED WHAT KIND OF BIRD FOUND PROOF THAT THE WATERS HAD BEGUN TO RECEDE? WHAT PROOF DID HE BRING BACK?

Q. ACCORDING TO GENESIS 9 WHAT IS THE SIGN OF THE COVENANT THAT GOD MADE WITH NOAH AFTER THE FLOOD?

Reflection/Discussion: Many of the saints refer to the Church as the "Ark of Salvation." What do you think the ark that Noah built has in common with the Church?

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 GEN CHAPTER 4 WHO WAS ADAM & EVE'S "FIRST BORN"? A. CAIN

Q. OF THE 3 SON'S OF ADAM & EVE WHO IS NOAH'S DIRECT ANCESTOR (GENESIS CHAPTER 5)? A. SETH

Reflection/Discussion: Why do you think in the scriptures about the Fall of Mankind (Gen 3) and the Murder of Abel (Gen 4) God asks those who sinned (Adam, Eve and then Cain) what has happened? Doesn't He already know? In these passages as in many many passages of scripture, the Lord always offers the sinner the chance to repent: to own up to what they have done, to admit it reflected a break in his/her relationship with God, and to turn to Him for forgiveness and to be instructed by God how trust in Him and follow the ways of life.



LOOKING AHEAD

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

Monday Oct 25

7:00pm — Orthodox Christianity 101: **Cancelled This Week**

Tuesday Oct 26

10:30:am — Father's Café: In person & via Zoom

Wednesday Oct 27

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

Saturday Oct 30

4:30:pm — Sadybekov Family Baptism

Monday Nov 1

7:00pm — Orthodox Christianity 101:
[In person & via Zoom—see online calendar]

Tuesday Nov 2

10:30:am — Father's Café: In person & via Zoom

Wednesday Nov 3

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

Saturday Nov 6

4:30:pm — Franchak Family Baptism

Monday Nov 8

6:00pm—Akathist to Archangel Michael & the Bodiless Power
7:00pm — Orthodox Christianity 101:
[In person & via Zoom—see online calendar]

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

Many Years!

Birthdays

Katya Sheeler	10/24
Vickie Federoff, Wayne Henry, Artem Bishaev	10/26
Andrew Steven Cooper	10/27

Other

Dn George Shumaik ordination	10/20
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Confessions are held on Saturdays after Great Vespers or by appointment with Fr Michael.

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