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THE IMAGE...

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

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20TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—TONE 3
HOLY 33 MARTYRS OF MELITENE
VEN. LAZARUS THE WONDERWORKER OF MT.
GALESIUS NEAR EPHESUS

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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

O the power of a word and the might of
commands that nothing can resist! O the
life producing touch of the hand that
abolishes death and corruption! These are
the fruits of faith, for the sake of which the
hand of Moses also gave the law to those
of old time.

—*St. Cyril of Alexandria*

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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.



The Humble Touch of Faith

Parish Life

Handmaidens Training

In December we will be restarting our Handmaidens ministry in which our girls help during various part of the service on Sundays. We will have 2 training sessions in November to prepare those interested to participate in this ministry.

The training sessions are Sundays after Divine Liturgy and Church School on Nov 7 and Nov 21.

Be sure to attend at least one of the sessions to be put on the schedule for December. As time goes by we will have other opportunities for others to learn.



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**

Coordinators Needed

- Fellowship/Coffee Hour
 - 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.

Please speak to Fr Michael if you are interested

Thank you, Valerie Lane for volunteering as Greeter Coordinator!



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.



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

Parish Life

Additional Items for Bake Sale

In addition to the items on the flyer/menu our upcoming bake sale also is offering the following flavors of Tea Breads:

- Pumpkin
- Banana
- Orange Nut
- Cranberry Nut



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.

Auxiliary Thanksgiving Ethnic Foods & Bake Sale

Save the Date—Saturday Nov 20 Get Your Orders In!

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

Pre-orders are 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 Needed

The Auxiliary is grateful for all the donations people have been giving. In anticipation of our Christmas Bake Sale, they are still 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

Dates for 2021

FAST SEASONS

Nativity Fast/Advent Nov 15-Dec 24

FAST-FREE WEEKS

After Christmas Dec 26-Jan 4

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.

33 Martyrs — Tone 4

Thy thirty-three holy martyrs, O Lord,
through their sufferings have received
incorruptible crowns from Thee, our God.
For having Thy strength, they laid low their
adversaries,
and shattered the powerless boldness of
demons.//
Through their intercessions, save our souls!

Ven. Lazarus —Tone 8

Thou didst water thy pillar with prayerful vigils
and flowing tears;
Thou broughtest forth fruit a hundredfold with
sighs from the depths of thy soul.
Thou wast a shepherd, granting the requests of
all.//
Entreat Christ God, venerable Lazarus our father,
that our souls may be saved!

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.

33 Martyrs — Tone 8

The radiant choir of martyrs, the light-bearing
company, spiritually descends to us,
enlightening the Church with brilliant rays.
Therefore as we celebrate their honored memory,
we ask Thee, our Savior,//
through their prayers, deliver us from misfortunes
so that we may sing to Thee, "Alleluia!"

Ven Lazarus—Tone 4

With joy the Church of Christ glorifies thee with
psalms
as a most brilliant light, venerable Lazarus.//
Therefore, always pray to Christ that He may
grant forgiveness of transgressions to all!

PROKEIMENON

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)

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)

Today's Worship — Scripture Readings

Epistle — Galatians 1: 11-19

¹¹ [Regarding] the Good News which I preached, I proclaimed this to you, brethren, that it is not of human origin. ¹² I did not receive it from man and I was not taught [this Good News] by man, but it came to me through a revelation of Jesus Christ. ¹³ You have heard about how I used to live in Judaism, how I persecuted the Church of God beyond measure, and how I ravaged it. ¹⁴ I advanced in the Jewish religion beyond many of my own age among my countrymen, as I was more extremely zealous for the traditions of my forefathers. ¹⁵ But when it was the good pleasure of God (who had set me apart from my mother's womb and called me through his grace, ¹⁶ to reveal his Son in me so that I might preach him among the Gentiles), I did not immediately confer with flesh and blood: ¹⁷ I did not go up to Jerusalem to visit those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia. Later on, I returned to Damascus. ¹⁸ Then, after three years, I did go up to Jerusalem to visit Peter, and I stayed with him for fifteen days. ¹⁹ However, I did not see any of the other apostles, except James, 'the Lord's brother.'

Gospel — Luke 8: 41-56

⁴¹ And behold, a man named Jairus came, and he was a ruler of the synagogue. He fell down at Jesus' feet and begged him to come to his house ⁴² because he had an only daughter, about twelve years old, who was dying. But as Jesus went, the crowd pressed against him. ⁴³ There was a woman who had a flow of blood for twelve years and who had spent all she had on physicians, but she could not be healed by any. ⁴⁴ She came behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak. Immediately, the flow of her blood stopped. ⁴⁵ Jesus said, "Who touched me?"

As everyone was denying it, Peter and those with him said, "Master, the people are crowding and pressing against you, <and you ask, 'Who touched me?>' "

⁴⁶ But Jesus said, "Someone has touched me, for

I perceived that power has gone out from me."

⁴⁷ When the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came forth trembling. Falling down before Jesus, in the presence of all the people, she confessed to him why she had touched him, and how she had immediately been healed.

⁴⁸ He said to her, "Daughter, be of good cheer! Your faith has made you well. Go in peace."

⁴⁹ While Jesus was still speaking, someone came from the ruler of the synagogue's house, saying to him, "Your daughter is dead. Do not trouble the Teacher."

⁵⁰ But when Jesus heard it, he answered him, "Do not be afraid! Only believe, and she will be healed."

⁵¹ When Jesus arrived at the house, he did not allow anyone to enter in, except Peter, John, and James, as well as the father of the child and her mother. ⁵² All were weeping and mourning the girl, but Jesus said, "Do not weep! She is not dead, but sleeping."

⁵³ But they mocked him, knowing that she was dead. ⁵⁴ Jesus put them all outside, and taking the girl by the hand, he called, "Child, arise!"

⁵⁵ Her spirit returned, and she immediately got up. He ordered that something to eat should be given to her. ⁵⁶ Her parents were amazed, but he commanded them to tell no one what had been done.

**SAINT JOHN OF DAMASCUS
ORTHODOX CHURCH
AUXILIARY**

ETHNIC FOODS and BAKE SALE

Saturday, November 20, 2021

11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

16903 Espola Road, Poway

Pierogies, 9 varieties!!

Cheese • Potato/Cheese • Sauerkraut • Sweet Cabbage
Prune • Cherry • @ \$8.00 per dozen
Sausage & Cheese • Cheese Steak • Loaded Baked Potato
@ \$9.00 per dozen

Traditional Pelmeni - \$9.00 per bag

Stuffed Cabbage Rolls - \$20.00 per dozen **Quiche** - \$12.00 ea.

Piroshky - \$15.00 per doz. **Georgian Cheese Bread** - \$15.00 ea.

Spanakopita - \$12.00 per doz. **Baklava** - \$15.00 per doz.

Walnut, Poppy Seed and Apricot rolls - \$15.00 ea.

Brownies (Regular or Mint) - \$9.00 per doz. **Cannoli** - \$2.50 ea.

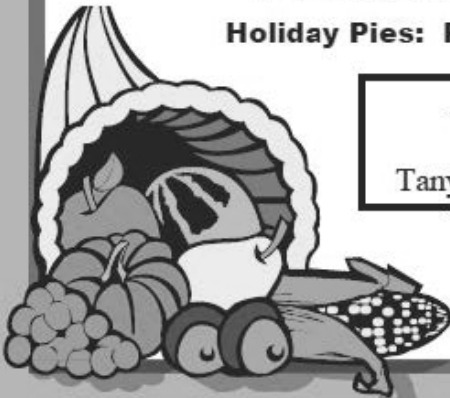
Apple Strudel - \$8.00 ea. **Tea Breads** (Banana, Pumpkin) - \$8.00 ea.

Walnut Cookies - \$9.00 per doz. **Apple Turnovers** - \$2.00 ea.

Russian Tea Cakes - \$6.00 per doz.

Mini Chocolate Cheesecakes - \$2.00 ea.

Holiday Pies: Pecan - \$15.00 ea. **Pumpkin** - \$11.00 ea.



Advance Orders Only! Curbside Pick-Up!

FOR ORDERS, PHONE

Tanya: 619-818-2311 or Mike: 858-344-2981

Save the date!

*Saturday, December 18th is
Our Christmas bake sale*

Our Life in Christ

Bible Question(s)

ACCORDING TO THE BIBLE.....

**Q. HOW, WHEN & WHY DID ABRAM'S NAME CHANGE TO ABRAHAM?
HOW ARE LOT & ABRAHAM RELATED?**

**Q. HOW MANY CHAPTERS IN GENESIS ARE ABOUT ABRAHAM AND HIS
STORY/STORIES?**

**Reflection/Discussion: The Church talks about the "faith of Abraham" a
lot. What are some things Abraham did that showed his faith in 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. ACCORDING TO GENESIS 11, FOR WHAT PURPOSE DID PEOPLE DECIDE TO
BUILD THE GREAT "TOWER OF BABEL"**

A. TO REACH TO HEAVEN AND TO "MAKE A NAME" FOR THEMSELVS.

Q. WHAT WERE THEY TRYING TO AVOID HAPPENING?

**A. TO MAKE A NAME FOR THEMSELVES SO NOT TO BE SCATTERED ALL
AROUND THE EARTH.**

Q. WERE THEY SUCCESSFUL IN AVOIDING IT?

**A. NO. GOD CONFUSED THE LANGUAGES AND THEY ENDED UP SCATTERED ALL
OVER THE EARTH.**



LOOKING AHEAD

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

Monday Nov 8—Synaxis of the Bodiless Powers

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

Tuesday Nov 9

10:30:am — Father's Café: In person & via Zoom
7:00pm—Parish Council Meeting

Saturday Nov 13

4:30:pm — Sadybekov Family Baptism

Sunday Nov 14

Choir Rehearsal (after Liturgy & Youth Choir)

Monday Nov 15—Advent Fast Begins

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

Tuesday Nov 16

10:30:am — Father's Café: In person & via Zoom
11:00am — Diamond Circle "Lunch with Lena, Carlsbad"

Saturday Nov 20

11:00am-2:00pm — Thanksgiving Bake Sale

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

Many Years!

Newly-illuminated Charles Alexander Franchak

Name Days

Archpriest Michael, Michael Geralt, Dale (Michael) Franchak, Michael Kapsimalis, Michael Wesdel—11/8
Victor Anderson 11/11

Birthdays

Nicholas Patrick Geralt 11/9
Zoe Rahal 11/11
Shari Henry, Amy Tarris 11/13

Other

Our Brothers & Sisters In Christ, our Veterans, who served our country faithfully

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

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

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