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THE IMAGE...

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

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21ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—TONE 4
HOLY & ALL-PRAISED APOSTLE PHILIP

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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

"To every thoughtful person there is a benefit" ... and Christ implied more than this when he said, "He that seeks finds."⁴ This is why I no longer wonder how it was that Philip followed Christ.Philip, not having learned anything from anyone but Christ who said to him only this, "Follow me," immediately obeyed and did not go back. In fact, he even became a preacher to others. For he ran to Nathanael and said to him,

—*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.



Holy Apostle Philip

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.



Adopt a Poway Family

Our local Poway Unified School District is once again coordinating an "Adopt a Family" program for local families.

This year St John's is adopting two families (each with 4 children).

Information about purchasing items for these families can be found on the bulletin board in the church hall.

If you have a questions, please contact Ken Telles.

Dates for 2021

FAST SEASONS

Nativity Fast/Advent Nov 15-Dec 24

FAST-FREE WEEKS

After Christmas Dec 26-Jan 4

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



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 Christmas Project Socks & Toothbrushes the Homeless

Our children and youth are collecting socks and toothbrushes for the homeless right here in San Diego County.

There is a Christmas tree in the hall which we will decorate with the items.

Please particiapte .

Today's Worship — Hymns

TROPARIA

Resurrection—Tone 4

When the women disciples of the Lord
learned from the angel the joyous message of
Thy Resurrection,
they cast away the ancestral curse
and elatedly told the apostles:
“Death is overthrown!
Christ God is risen, //
granting the world great mercy!”

St John of Damascus —Tone 8

Teacher of Orthodoxy, piety, & purity!
Enlightener of the universe!
& divine inspiration to monastics
by your teachings we are all enlightened,
& by your spiritual music, O all-wise John of
Damascus,
pray to Christ our God for the salvation of our
souls!

Apostle Philip —Tone 3

Holy Apostle Philip,
entreat the merciful God //
to grant our souls forgiveness of transgressions!

KONTAKIA

Resurrection — Tone 4

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!

Apostle Philip — Tone 8

Thy disciple, friend and imitator of Thy passion,
the God-preaching Philip, proclaimed Thee to the
universe.
By his prayers deliver Thy Church from her
enemies;
through the Theotokos protect every city, O most
merciful Christ!

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,

PROKEIMENA

Tone 4 (*Resurrection*) — O Lord, how manifold are Thy works; / in wisdom hast Thou made them all.
(Ps. 103:26)

V. Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord, my God, Thou art very great! (Ps. 103:1)

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

ALLELUIA

Tone 4 — V. Go forth, prosper and reign, for the sake of meekness, righteousness and truth!
(Ps. 44:3b)

V. For Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest iniquity. (Ps. 44:6)

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

Today's Worship — Scripture Readings

Epistle — Galatians 2: 16-20

¹⁶ yet knowing that no one is justified by the works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, we believed in Christ Jesus, so that we might be justified by faith in Christ, and not by the works of the law, because no one will be justified by the works of the law. ¹⁷ But if, even though we desired to be justified in Christ, we were found to be sinners, does that mean that Christ is a servant of sin? Certainly not! ¹⁸ Indeed, if I build up again those things which I [once] destroyed, I show that I am breaking the law. ¹⁹ For I, through the law, died to the law, so that I might live to God. ²⁰ I have been crucified with Christ, and it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. I now live this life in the flesh, but I live [it] by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and who gave himself up for me.

Epistle — 1 Corinthians 4:9-16

⁹ I think that God has displayed us, the apostles, last of all, like men sentenced to death, because we are made a spectacle to the world, both to angels and people. ¹⁰ We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You have honor, but we have dishonor. ¹¹ Even to this present hour, we hunger and thirst, we are naked, beaten, and [we] wander from place to place! ¹² We work hard, with our own hands. When people curse us, we bless [in return]. When we are persecuted, we endure. ¹³ When we are defamed, we try to conciliate. We are made as the filth of the world, as the dirt wiped off by all, even until now. ¹⁴ I do not write these things to shame you, but to admonish you as my beloved children. ¹⁵ For although you have ten thousand tutors in Christ, yet [you do] not [have] many fathers. For in Christ Jesus, I became your father through the Good News. ¹⁶ I beg you therefore, be imitators of me.

Today's Worship — Scripture Readings

Gospel — Luke 10: 25-37

²⁵Behold, an expert in the law stood up and put him to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?"

²⁶Jesus answered, "What is written in the law? How do you read it?"

²⁷The man answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself."

²⁸Jesus said to him, "You have answered correctly. Do this, and you will live."

²⁹But the lawyer, desiring to justify himself, asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

³⁰Then Jesus answered, "A certain man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho when he fell into the hands of robbers. They stripped him of his clothes and beat him. Then they went away, leaving him half dead. ³¹By chance, a certain priest was going down that way. But when the priest saw him, he passed by on the other side. ³²In the same way, a Levite also came to the place, but when he saw the beaten man, he [also] passed by on the other side. ³³Now a certain Samaritan was traveling and arrived at the spot where the man was. When the Samaritan saw the wounded man, he was moved with compassion, ³⁴came to him, and wrapped his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. He placed the man on his own animal and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵On the next day, when he was leaving, he took out two denarii and gave them to the host, saying to him, 'Take care of him. Whatever you spend beyond that, I will pay you back when I return.' ³⁶Now which one of these three do you think seemed to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?"

³⁷The lawyer replied, "The one who showed mercy on him!"

Then Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

Gospel — John 1:43-51

⁴³On the next day, being determined to go out into Galilee, Jesus met Philip and said to him, "Follow me!" ⁴⁴Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵Philip found Nathaniel and said to him, "We have found the one of whom Moses in the law and the prophets, wrote: Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph!"

⁴⁶Nathanael asked him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?"

Philip replied, "Come and see!"

⁴⁷As Jesus saw Nathaniel coming to him, he said about him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!"

⁴⁸Nathanael asked Jesus, "How do you know me?"

Jesus answered and said to him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you."

⁴⁹Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are King of Israel!"

⁵⁰Jesus said to him, "Because I told you, 'I saw you underneath the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these!" ⁵¹He said to Philip, "Amen, amen, I tell you; hereafter, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

**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.

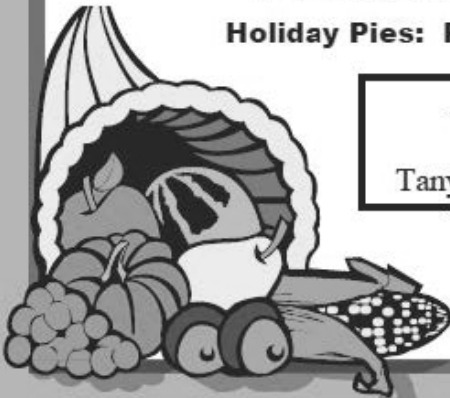
Apple Strudel - \$8.00 ea. **Tea Breads** (Banana, Pumpkin) - \$8.00 ea.

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. WHICH CHAPTER RECORDS THE LAST OCCURRENCE OF GOD SPEAKING TO ABRAHAM? WHAT THREE BLESSINGS DOES GOD PROMISE HIM?

Q WHOM DID ABRAHAM SEND TO FIND A WIFE FOR HIS SON, ISAAC? WHY DID ABRAHAM SEND THAT PERSON TO HIS "HOME COUNTRY"? HOW MANY CAMELS DID THE PERSON TAKE ON THE JOURNEY?

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. HOW, WHEN & WHY DID ABRAM'S NAME CHANGE TO ABRAHAM?

**A. GOD CHANGED IT WHEN HE ESTABLISHED THE COVENANT WITH ABRAHAM THROUGH CIRCUMCISION TO REVEAL HE WOULD BE THE "FATHER OF MANY"
HOW ARE LOT & ABRAHAM RELATED?**

A. ABRAHAM IS LOT'S UNCLE (LOT IS THE SON OF ABRAHAM'S BROTHER)

**Q. HOW MANY CHAPTERS IN GENESIS ARE ABOUT ABRAHAM AND HIS STORY/
STORIES? A. 14**

Reflection/Discussion: The Church talks about the "faith of Abraham" a lot. What are some things Abraham did that showed his faith in God?

A. Left his home on a promise, built 2 altars to God, was circumcised, offered the best of his flock to God as a sacrificial offering, trusted God about offering his son, accepted when God changed his and his wife's names, etc.



LOOKING AHEAD

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

Sunday Nov 14

Choir Rehearsal (after Liturgy & Youth Choir)
Auxiliary Meeting

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

Monday Nov 22

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

Tuesday Nov 23

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

Saturday Nov 27

4:30:pm — Sadybekov Family Baptism

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

Many Years!

Newly-illuminated Charles Alexander Franchak

Name Days

Philip Kedroff 11/14

Birthdays

Huyen Do (Sarah) Jollie, Elizabeth Ann Lorelli, Natalya Yershova 11/17
Sasha Sheeler 11/18
Steve Zmina, Sr. 11/20

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

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