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# THE IMAGE...

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

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34TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—TONE 1  
SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN & THE PHARISEE  
BEGINNING OF THE LENTEN TRIODION

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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

Only the priest, not even the angels, has been given by God the right of forgive sins in confession. And God has allowed the priest to be also the sinful man...For the sinful priest will best understand the sinful man.

—*St John 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.



The Pharisee went up to the temple with a proud and empty heart; the Publican bowed himself in repentance.

They both stood before Thee, O Master: the one, through boasting, lost his reward, but the other, with tears and sighs, won Thy blessing: Strengthen me, O Christ our God, as I weep in Thy presence since Thou art the Lover of man!

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

## Parish Life

### Parish Annual Meeting—Sun Feb 20

Our Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Sun Feb 20 after Liturgy. That Sunday we will have our traditional **potluck** so everyone is well fed and ready to hold annual elections for Parish Council, adopt the 2022 Budget, adopt a new set of By-laws for the Parish as required by the Diocese, and hear about and have the opportunity to ask questions about various ministries and activities in the parish. Materials will be sent via email to all voting members a couple weeks prior to the meeting to enable people to come to the meeting prepared.



### Blood Drive—Need 25 Commitments

As many of you may have heard there is a significant shortage of blood donations currently. We are investigating hosting a blood drive in response. We need at least 25 people committed to giving blood to host the drive. Once we have that number of people we can schedule the event. Please consider signing up. There is a form on the Calendar/Schedules bulletin board in the hall.

**Current count:** 11      **Need:** 14 more



### List of Voting Members Posted in Hall

As our annual parish meeting is coming up we are posting the list of voting members of the parish in the church hall so people can double check to see if they are listed.

Materials (reports, etc.) for the meeting have been sent to voting members. If you did not receive them and thought you should have, please contact Fr Michael.

### Elections for Parish Council, Auditor, Parish Representative

Our Parish Annual Meeting is approaching. If you are a voting member and a regular participant in the Sacraments and would like to be considered to serve as a Parish Council Member, Auditor or Parish Representative please see Fr Michael.



### Monthly Collections

As we continue to restore many of the beloved practices of our parish we are reinstating our monthly Sunday collections:

- 2nd Sunday of the Month—Seminarian at St Herman's Seminary in Alaska
- 3rd Sunday of the Month—Charities (local needs, IOCC, Project Mexico, etc.)

The basket will be placed out for the veneration of the cross at the end of Liturgy. Please plan on contributing as you can.



### OT Bible Question “Test” Results Are In!

We had wonderful participation in our Bulletin Bible Question Test. We received a dozen completed tests across three age categories. It is with joy to announce our winners!

Children — Tessa Stavrou  
Youth — Kelvin Brown  
Adults — Kathryn Jones

Winners, please see Fr Michael about choosing your gift card.

Congratulations to our winners and to everyone who gained a bit more knowledge of our Holy Scriptures by participating!

## Parish Life

### Diamond Circle Trip to Safari Park Tues Feb 15

This month's Diamond Circle gathering will be at our nearby SD Wildlife Safari Park. February is FREE for Seniors 65+.

People will gather at the church hall at 10am and leave for the park at 10:30 so those who would like to can car pool. Parking is \$15.

If you are attending please speak with Patty or Jim Pelachik TODAY.

### Dates for 2022

#### **MOVABLE FEASTS**

Palm Sunday	April 17
Pascha	April 24
Ascension	June 2
Pentecost	June 12

#### **FASTS**

After Meatfare	Feb 28-Mar 6
Great Lent	Mar 7-April 17
Holy Week	April 18-23
Apostles Fast	June 20-28
Dormition Fast	August 1-14
Nativity Fast/Advent	Nov 15-Dec 24

#### **FAST-FREE WEEKS**

Publican & Pharisee	Feb 13-19
Bright Week	April 24-30
After Pentecost	June 12-18
After Christmas	Dec 25-Jan 4

### 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

Church Sign Messages—John Thayer

Fellowship/Coffee Hour — Linda Kedroff

Diamond Circle Seniors — Jim & Patty Pelachik

Greeters — Valerie Lane

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— Fr Michael

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.

### Annual Donation Letters Distributed

Our Treasurer, Dennis Stavrou, has sent out all the recognitions letters for everyone's donations for 2021. If you have questions please contact him at [Treasurer@stjohnofdamascus.org](mailto:Treasurer@stjohnofdamascus.org)

## 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 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!

### KONTAKIA

#### **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.

#### **Publican & Pharisee —Tone 4**

Let us flee from the pride of the Pharisee!  
Let us learn humility from the Publican's tears!  
Let us cry to our Savior:  
“Have mercy on us,//  
O only merciful One!”

### PROKEIMENA

**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)*

## Today's Worship — Scripture Readings

### Epistle—1 Timothy 3: 10-15

My son, Timothy,

<sup>10</sup>You, however, have paid close attention to my teaching, conduct, purpose, faith, patience, love, steadfastness, <sup>11</sup>persecutions, and sufferings.

You know what happened to me at Antioch, Iconium, and Lystra. I endured those persecutions and the Lord delivered me out of them all!

<sup>12</sup>Yes, all those who desire to lead godly lives in Christ Jesus will be persecuted. <sup>13</sup>But wicked impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving others, being themselves deceived. <sup>14</sup>As for you, remain in what you have learned, which is what you firmly believe, knowing from whom you have learned them. <sup>15</sup>From infancy, you have known the Holy Scriptures which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith, which is in Christ Jesus.

### Gospel — Luke 18: 10-14

The Lord spoke this parable,

<sup>10</sup>“Two men went up into the temple to pray; one was a Pharisee, and the other was a Publican.

<sup>11</sup>The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed like this: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like the rest of men, dishonest, unrighteous, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. <sup>12</sup>I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I earn.’ <sup>13</sup>But the tax collector, standing far aside, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven. Instead, he beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ <sup>14</sup>I tell you, this man, rather than the other, went down to his house justified. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

### 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)*

# Our Life in Christ

## Sundays Leading to the Cross & Pascha

### JOURNEY TO PASCHA 2022

Triodion weeks



Fast free  
February 13  
Sunday  
of the Publican  
and Pharisee

Normal Fast Week  
February 20  
Prodigal Son  
Returns



Meatfare  
February 27  
(Farewell to meat today)

The Last  
Judgement

Cheesefare March 6  
(Farewell to cheese today)  
Adam and Eve cast  
from Paradise  
Forgiveness Sunday



### Great Lent Begins with forgiveness vespers



First Sunday of Lent  
March 13  
Triumph  
of Orthodoxy

Second Sunday  
of Lent  
March 20  
Sunday of  
St. Gregory Palamas



Third Sunday of Lent  
March 27  
Sunday  
of the Holy Cross  
Half way to Pascha

Fourth Sunday  
of Lent  
April 3  
Sunday of  
Saint John of the  
Ladder



Fifth Sunday of Lent  
April 10  
Sunday of  
St. Mary of Egypt



Palm Sunday  
April 17  
Great and  
Holy Week  
Entry of Our Lord  
into Jerusalem



Great and Holy Friday  
April 22  
Great and  
Holy Friday  
Jesus dies on  
the Cross

### GREAT AND HOLY PASCHA

April 24 No fast



Bright Week  
Great and Holy Pascha

## **Our Life in Christ**

### **Preparing for Your House Blessing**

#### **Sanctification of the home**

The blessing of homes with holy water maintains the spiritual association between the 'home or family church' and the parish, as well as again providing for the sharing of God's spiritual gifts. This annual blessing is not as elaborate as the blessing of the new dwelling, but because of this it should not be overlooked, for it is in this way that the grace of God is extended to individual dwellings.

The sanctification of the home takes place with prayer and the sprinkling of holy water. The priest, at this annual visit, asks God to have mercy on the house, to rid it of every evil and to fill it with every blessing. Everyone of the house, prays together for the living and the dead of the family, and all who live and have lived in the house. They all sing the hymn of salvation and process from room to room while the priest blesses the house.

#### **Preparation**

Traditions of the ceremony differ according to local custom, but these general guidelines should be observed:

- A candle with an icon and some holy water should be placed in a suitable place, such as kitchen or dining room table, or a home altar.
- Also, a list of first names for whom prayers are to be offered, including members of the family and all those living in the house. The list should have a clear distinction between the living and the dead.
- If it is the practice to give the priest a gift, it should not be placed with the holy objects on the table. It can be prepared in advanced, but given at the conclusion of the service.

#### **The ceremony**

When the priest comes, all who are present in the house should gather around the icon with the candle. They should, if they are able to join in, say the Trisagion Prayers and sing of the Troparion of the Feast of Epiphany. Then a family member leads the priest through the house with the candle. As he goes, he sprinkles holy water, and prays for a blessing upon each room and the activity that goes on there. When they have gone through the entire house, the family gathers again around the table and the priest blesses each person present.

**Following the feast of Theophany until the beginning of Great Lent  
(Jan. 6 - Mar 6) Fr. Michael will be blessing homes.  
Please contact Fr. Michael to arrange a date and time.**

*The voice of the Lord upon the waters cries out, saying,  
'Come all of you, receive the Spirit of wisdom,  
the Spirit of understanding, the Spirit of the fear of God,  
of Christ who has appeared'.*

*— from the Great Blessing of the Waters*



## LOOKING AHEAD

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

### January 6-March 5

Annual House Blessings—Contact Fr Michael to Schedule

### Feb 13-19

Fast Free Week of Publican & Pharisee

### Monday Feb 14

7:00pm — Adult Ed: Orthodox Christianity 101  
In-person & Via Zoom (see online calendar for link)

### Tuesday Feb 15

10:00am — Diamond Circle Trip to Safari Park  
7:00pm — Parish Council Meeting

### Wednesday Feb 16

7:00pm — Adult Ed: Who's Who in the Canon of St Andrew  
(Old Testament)

In-person & Via Zoom (see online calendar for link)

### Saturday Feb 19

1:00pm — Adult Ed Book Study: The Names of Jesus (Via Zoom)

### Sunday Feb 20

Parish Annual Meeting—POTLUCK

### Monday Feb 21

7:00pm — Adult Ed: Orthodox Christianity 101  
In-person & Via Zoom (see online calendar for link)

**For more dates & links please visit our website: [www.stjohnofdamascus.org/calendar](http://www.stjohnofdamascus.org/calendar)**

## Many Years!

### Name Days

Leo Keeling 1/18

### Wedding Anniversary

Kyra and Josh Toth 1/15

### Birthdays

Emilija Vuskovich 1/13

Leo Hayes 1/14

Alex Darjania 1/16

Iryna Sheeler 1/17

Sally Elizabeth Shumaik Menig, William George Hubler 1/19

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

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