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THE IMAGE...

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

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5TH SUNDAY OF PASCHA—TONE 4
SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN

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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

Now if a woman from Samaria is so eager to learn something profitable; if she stays with Christ though not yet knowing Him, what pardon shall we obtain?... We know Him... yet are unable to endure anything that is said, but are jaded in our knowledge.

ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM HOMILY ON JOHN

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

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

CHRIST SPEAKS WITH THE SAMARITAN WOMAN



Parish Life

Wednesday Evening Adult Ed Resumes Topic: Images of the Kingdom of God in the Prophet Isaiah

Beginning on Wednesday May 18 we will resume our weekly adult education class. Our next topic will be images of the Kingdom of God in the Book of Isaiah.

Every wonder what the Kingdom of God will be like? Come and learn what God showed the Prophet Isaiah!

The class will be held in person in the Church Hall and via Zoom. You can find the Zoom link on our parish calendar:

<https://stjohnofdamascus.org/calendar/>



Father's Café Now on Wednesday In-Person as well as via Zoom 10:30-11:30 (ish)

Our weekly gathering for prayer, reflection & simple fellowship is moving to Wednesdays. It is at 10:30am is 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.

Fr Alexander's & Vickie's Celebration Sun Nov 6 & Fri June 17

The formal celebration with His Eminence Archbishop Benjamin will take place on Sun Nov 6 with a Hierarchical Divine Liturgy followed by banquet luncheon.

Taking advantage of Summer weather & a fast-free Friday we will also have a more **casual luau-style party in the church hall on Friday June 17 4:30-8:30pm**. There will be a delicious Hawaiian buffet, live music and indoor as well as outdoor seating.

RSVP by June 3 to
auxiliary@stjohnofdamascus.org



Blood Drive—June 27 Make Your Appointment

Join us to help save lives with the Red Cross! Lend an arm at the blood drive on June 27! More time slots have been added around noon and late afternoon. Go to [RedCrossBlood.org](https://www.redcrossblood.org), and use sponsor code "StJohnDamascus" or direct link: <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=StJohnDamascus>

Justin Wong can continue to schedule appointments in person. Also let him know if you can lend a hand on the day of the drive.

Parish Life

Auxiliary Cooking Days in May

The Auxiliary will be cooking the following days in the church hall.

Tuesday May 26— nut rolls

Tuesday May 31— cabbage rolls

Please consider and helping (training is offered for new folks. See Tanya for details



Support our Parish Through the Auxiliary's Scrip Program

Purchase gift cards for your regular expenses through St John's Auxiliary Scrip Program (gas stations, grocery stores, retail stores, etc) & at no extra cost to you the parish will receive a percentage of your purchase.

See Carmen Brown after Liturgy to purchase gift cards.



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**

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

Electric 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 Vice-President—Patty Pelachik

Prospora — Fr Michael

Readers at Divine Liturgy—Bill Moision

Saturday Adult Ed — Dn George Shumaik

Security Committee — John Thayer

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.

Today's Worship — Hymns & Scripture Readings

TROPARIA

Resurrection — Tone 4

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

Midfeast — Tone 8

In the middle of the feast, O Savior,
fill my thirsting soul with the waters of piety as
Thou didst cry to all:
“If anyone thirst, let him come to Me and drink!”//
O Christ God, Fountain of our life, glory to Thee!

KONTAKIA

Samaritan Woman — Tone 8

The Samaritan Woman came to the well in faith;
she saw Thee, the Water of wisdom and drank
abundantly.//
She inherited the Kingdom on high, and is ever
glorified!

Midfeast — Tone 4

Christ God, the Creator and Master of all,
cried to all in the midst of the feast of the Law:
“Come and draw the water of immortality!”
We fall before You and faithfully cry://
“Grant us Your mercies, for You are the Fountain
of our life!”

PROKEIMENON

Tone 3 — Sing praises to our God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises! (*Ps 46/47:6*)
v: Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy! (Ps 46/47:1)

ALLELUIA

Tone 4 (*Samaritan Woman Sunday*) — *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)

Epistle — Acts 11:19-26, 29-30

¹⁹ Now those who had been scattered abroad by the oppression that arose in connection with Stephen had traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch, and they were only proclaiming the word to Jews. ²⁰ But some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, spoke to the Hellenists and preached the Lord Jesus when they arrived in Antioch. ²¹ The hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number believed and turned to the Lord. ²² News of these things came to the ears of the Church which was in Jerusalem. So, they sent out Barnabas to go as far as Antioch. ²³ When he arrived and saw the grace of God, he rejoiced. He encouraged them all to remain close to the Lord with a resolute heart. ²⁴ Indeed, Barnabas was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and faith, and many people were added to the Lord.

²⁵ Then Barnabas went out to Tarsus to look for Saul, ²⁶ and when he found him, he brought him to Antioch. So it was that for a whole year, they assembled with the Church and taught many people. The disciples were first called Christians in Antioch.

²⁹ According to their ability, each one of the disciples determined to send relief to the brethren who lived in Judea.

³⁰ This is indeed what they did, sending their gift to the presbyters through the hands of Barnabas and Saul.

Today's Worship — Scripture Readings

Gospel — John 4:5-42

⁵ And so, he arrived at a city of Samaria called Sychar, near the parcel of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph; ⁶ and Jacob's well was there. Jesus, tired from his journey, sat down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. ⁷ A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me [something] to drink." ⁸ (For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food). ⁹ The Samaritan woman then said to him, "How is it that you, being a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) ¹⁰ Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water!" ¹¹ The woman replied, "Sir, you have nothing to draw [water] with, and the well is deep! Where then do you get that living water? ¹² Are you greater than our father Jacob who gave us the well and drank of it himself, as did his children and his livestock?" ¹³ Jesus replied, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again! ¹⁴ But whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. Not only this, the water that I will give him will become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life." ¹⁵ The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or come here to draw [water]!" ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." ¹⁷ The woman answered, "I have no husband." Jesus replied, "You said well, 'I have no husband,' ¹⁸ for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband. This you have said truthfully."

¹⁹ The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet! ²⁰ Our ancestors expressed adoration in this mountain, and you [Jews] say that Jerusalem is the place where people should express adoration." ²¹ Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, a time is coming when neither in this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you express adoration to the Father. ²² You express adoration to what you do not know. We express adoration to what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³ But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will express adoration to the

Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such [people] to express adoration to him. ²⁴ God is a spirit, and those who express adoration to him must express adoration in spirit and truth." ²⁵ The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming, (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." ²⁶ Jesus replied, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you." ²⁷ Just then, his disciples arrived. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, yet no one said, "What are you looking for?" or, "Why do you speak with her?" ²⁸ Then the woman left her water jar, went away into the city, and said to the people, ²⁹ "Come, see a man who told me everything I have ever done! Could this be the Christ?"

³⁰ The people [then] went out of the city, and were coming to him. ³¹ Meanwhile, the disciples urged him, saying, "Rabbi, eat!" ³² But he told them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." ³³ The disciples then said to one another, "Has anyone brought him something to eat?" ³⁴ Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of the one who sent me, and to accomplish his work. ³⁵ Do you not say, 'There are still four months until the harvest comes?' Behold, I tell you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields! They are already white for the harvest! ³⁶ And the one who reaps is receiving his wages and gathering fruit to eternal life; so that both the one who sows and the one who reaps may rejoice together! ³⁷ For in this, the saying is true, 'One sows, and another reaps.' ³⁸ I sent you to reap that for which you have not labored. Others have labored, and you have entered into [the rewards of] their labor."

³⁹ Many of the Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the word of the woman who had testified, "He told me everything that I did!" ⁴⁰ For this reason, when the Samaritans came to him, they begged him to stay with them. So, he stayed there two days, ⁴¹ and many more believed because of his word. ⁴² Then they said to the woman, "Now we believe, not because of what you said, but because we have heard for ourselves and [we] know that this is indeed the Savior of the world, the Christ."

Parish Life

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Our Life in Christ

This year every week the bulletin will have a Bible Question connected to the Old Testament. After Pentecost 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)

ACCORDING TO THE BIBLE.....

- Q. How old were Moses and Aaron when they spoke to Pharaoh?
Q. What were the 10 plagues?
Q. What does "Passover" refer to?
Q. What were the Israelites supposed to do with "leftovers"

Answers will be included in next week's bulletin. Stay tuned!

Bible Question(s) - Answers

ACCORDING TO THE BIBLE.....

- Q. WHAT IS THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN MOSES & AARON? A. THEY ARE BROTHERS***
Q. DID GOD SPEAK TO AARON OR JUST MOSES? A. GOD SPOKE TO AARON TELLING HIM TO GO INTO THE WILDERNESS TO MEET MOSES.
Q. WHAT IS AARON'S ROLE IN GOD'S PLAN WITH MOSES? A, TO SPEAK FOR MOSES SINCE MOSES WAS WEAK OF VOICE & SLOW OF TONGUE
Q. DID ISRAEL'S SITUATION GET BETTER OR WORSE AFTER MOSES & AARON SPOKE WITH PHAROAH THE FIRST TIME? HOW? A. WORSE. PHAROAH MADE THE ISRAELITES GET HAY TO MAKE BRICKS.



LOOKING AHEAD

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

Tues May 24-Thurs May 25

Fr Michael Travels to Diocesan Council Meeting in San Francisco

Thursday May 26

9:00am — Auxiliary Baking/Cooking Day

Tuesday May 31

9:00am — Auxiliary Baking/Cooking Day

Wednesday June 1

10:30am — Father's Café (NOW ON WEDNESDAYS)

In Person in Church Hall & via Zoom (see online calendar for link)

6:00pm — **Great Vespers for Ascension**

7:00pm—Adult Ed: Images of the Kingdom of God in the Book of Isaiah (In Person & via Zoom—see online calendar for link)

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

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

Many Years!

<i>Name Days</i>		<i>Wedding Anniversaries</i>	
Phyllis (Photini) Brown	5/22	Fr Elias & Mary Velonis	5/28
Vicky Pluta, Carole (Victoria) Shumaik,			
Grace (Victoria) Cooper	5/25		
<i>Birthdays</i>			
Levan Darjania, Jacob Samuel Gammo		5/24	
Dasha Bishaev, Maya Bishaev		5/26	
Grayson Henry		5/27	
Dn George Shumaik		5/28	

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