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THE IMAGE...

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

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7TH SUNDAY OF PASCHA—TONE 6
FATHERS OF THE 1ST ECUMENICAL COUNCIL
AFTERFEAST OF ASCENSION

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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

“Thy will be done on earth as it is in
heaven.”

God’s will is done on earth as in heaven
when we do not disparage one another,
and when, not only are we without
jealousy, but we are united one to another
in simplicity and mutual love, peace and
joy, and regard our brother’s progress as
our own and his failure as our loss.

*St. Makarios of Egypt
On Prayer*

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



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

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 has moved 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.



Lend a Plant for Pentecost Decorations

For our celebration of the great feast of the Descent of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost we decorate our temple in green. The temple is adorned with branches & other greenery.

Please consider whether you have any house plants at home (also small trees & bushes in containers 3-5 ft tall) that you would be willing to lend to the church for a few weeks. We will make sure they are watered. Also, we will be filling the church vases and decorating with cuttings from plants, trees, etc. from people's yards.

The goal is to make our temple a glimpse of the garden in paradise where Adam & Eve walked with God in Communion with Him and His creation. God comes and dwells with us offering us paradise.

Plants can be brought in during the week or on Saturday. Cuttings should be brought on Saturday. **We will begin decorating at 5pm.**

Parish Life

Completion of Church School Celebration

Next Sunday we will have games (and bouncy houses) for our children and youth to celebrate the completion of another year of learning about Christ, His Church and our salvation. Parents plan on having your children stay and enjoy the fellowship with each other.



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.



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 6

The angelic powers were at Thy tomb; the guards became as dead men. Mary stood by Thy grave, seeking Thy most pure Body. Thou didst capture hell, not being tempted by it. Thou didst come to the Virgin, granting life. O Lord who didst rise from the dead: glory to Thee!

Ascension — Tone 4

O Christ God, Thou hast ascended in glory, granting joy to Thy disciples by the promise of the Holy Spirit.
Through the blessing they were assured that Thou art the Son of God, the Redeemer of the world!

Fathers — Tone 8

Thou art most glorious, O Christ our God!
Thou hast established the Holy Fathers as lights on the earth.
Through them Thou didst guide us to the true Faith.
O greatly compassionate One, glory to Thee!

KONTAKIA

Fathers — Tone 8

The Apostles' preaching and the Fathers' doctrines have established one Faith for the Church.
Adorned with the robe of truth, woven from heavenly theology,
It defines and glorifies the great mystery of piety.

Ascension — Tone 6

When Thou hadst fulfilled the dispensation for our sake,
and united earth to heaven:
Thou didst ascend in glory, O Christ our God,
not being parted from those who love Thee,
but remaining with them and crying:
"I am with you and no one will be against you!"

PROKEIMENON

Tone 4 — Blessed are Thou, O Lord God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Thy name forever! (Song of the three Holy Children, v. 3)

v: For Thou art just in all that Thou hast done for us! (v. 4)

ALLELUIA

Tone 1 — V. *The Lord, the God of gods, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting (Ps 49:1)*

V. *Gather to me my venerable ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice. (Ps 49:6)*

Today's Worship — Scripture Readings

Epistle — Acts 20: 16-18, 28-36

¹⁶For Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus, so that he might not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hastening to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the day of Pentecost.

¹⁷And from Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called to him the elders of the church. ¹⁸And when they came to him, he said to them:

"You yourselves know how I lived among you all the time from the first day that I set foot in Asia,

²⁸Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God which he obtained with the blood of his own Son. ²⁹I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; ³⁰and from among your own selves will arise men speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them. ³¹Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears. ³²And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. ³³I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. ³⁴You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities, and to those who were with me. ³⁵In all things I have shown you that by so toiling one must help the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

³⁶And when he had spoken thus, he knelt down and prayed with them all.

Gospel — John 17: 1-13

¹When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify thy Son that the Son may glorify thee, ²since thou hast given him power over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom thou hast given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent. ⁴I glorified thee on earth, having accomplished the work which thou gavest me to do; ⁵and now, Father, glorify thou me in thy own presence with the glory which I had with thee before the world was made.

⁶"I have manifested thy name to the men whom thou gavest me out of the world; thine they were, and thou gavest them to me, and they have kept thy word. ⁷Now they know that everything that thou hast given me is from thee; ⁸for I have given them the words which thou gavest me, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from thee; and they have believed that thou didst send me. ⁹I am praying for them; I am not praying for the world but for those whom thou hast given me, for they are thine; ¹⁰all mine are thine, and thine are mine, and I am glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no more in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to thee. Holy Father, keep them in thy name, which thou hast given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. ¹²While I was with them, I kept them in thy name, which thou hast given me; I have guarded them, and none of them is lost but the son of perdition, that the scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³But now I am coming to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves.

Parish Life

Go to RedCrossBlood.org, and use sponsor code "StJohnDamascus"



American Red Cross Blood Drive St John of Damascus Orthodox Church

Hall
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**Monday, June 27, 2022
11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.**

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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 did God lead the people of Israel out of Egypt?
Q. How did God help Israel when they were thirsty and hungry after crossing the Red Sea?
Q. Who was Amalek?
Q. Who other than the Lord gave advice to Moses? What was his relationship to Moses? What advice did he give?

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

Bible Question(s) - Answers

ACCORDING TO THE BIBLE.....

- Q. How old were Moses and Aaron when they spoke to Pharaoh? A. 83 years old
Q. What were the 10 plagues? A. Water turning to blood, frogs, lice, flies, livestock pestilence, boils, hail, locusts, darkness and the killing of firstborn children
Q. What does "Passover" refer to? A. The angel of death "passing over" the houses of Israel that were marked with the blood of the lamb.
Q. What were the Israelites supposed to do with "leftovers" A. Burn it.

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



LOOKING AHEAD

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

Wednesday June 8

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

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

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

Saturday June 11

5:00pm — Decorate Temple for Pentecost

6:00pm—Vigil for Pentecost

Sunday June 12

Following Liturgy —Vespers of Pentecost w/ Kneeling Prayers
Celebration for Graduates & End of Church School Year

Wednesday June 15

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

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

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

Friday June 17

4:30-8:30pm — Celebration for Fr Alexander & Vickie Federoff

Saturday June 18

8:30am-1:30pm — Parish Clean-up Day

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!

Name Days

Matushka Victoria Anderson (old-style) 6/7

Birthdays

Ana Marie Griebing, Aurora Solis 6/6

Vicky Pluta, Birdie (Lucia) Worth, Nino Kapanadze 6/10

Wedding Anniversaries

Elaine Mayol & Sergio Perez 6/9

Kathryn & Nathan Jones 6/11

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