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THE IMAGE...

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

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8TH SUNDAY OF PASCHA—TONE 7

HOLY PENTECOST

FEAST OF THE HOLY TRINITY

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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

"However good prayer, fasting, vigil and all the other Christian practices may be, they do not constitute the aim of our Christian life. Although it is true that they serve as the **indispensable** means of reaching this end, **the true aim of our Christian life consists of the acquisition of the Holy Spirit of God.** As for fasts, and vigils, and prayer, and almsgiving, and every good deed done for Christ's sake, are the means of acquiring the Holy Spirit of God.

*St. Seraphim of Sarov
On Acquisition of the Holy Spirit*

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



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.

Parish Clean-up Day (Outside & Inside) Sat 6/18—8:30am-1:30pm

One of the great gifts the Lord has given us as a community is the very places we have to gather to worship Him and build are relationships with the Father, the Son & the Holy Spirit, the Saints and each other. How we treat these consecrated buildings and property is directly connected to all these relationships.

Please join us on Saturday June 18 and help with some periodic cleaning of our landscaping as well as organizing/re-organizing things in the church and the hall. Even if you can only come for an hour or 2, it will help!



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.

Parish Life

Completion of Church School Celebration

Today 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**

Fathers' Day Luncheon Next Sunday

In celebration of Fathers' Day, next week will have a special luncheon for all our Fathers, Godfathers, Stepfathers, Grandfathers & Foster Fathers.

Please plan on joining us!.



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

Pentecost — Tone 8

Blessed are Thou, O Christ our God;
Who hast revealed the fishermen as most wise
by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit
through them Thou didst draw the world into
Thy net.//
O Lover of mankind, Glory to Thee!

KONTAKIA

Pentecost — Tone 8

When He came down and confused the
tongues, the Most High divided the nations;
but when He distributed the tongues of fire, He
called all people to unity.//
Therefore, with one voice we glorify the most-
Holy Spirit.

PROKEIMENON

Tone 4 (Pentecost) — Their proclamation has gone out into all the Earth
and their words to the ends of the universe! (Psalm 18/19:4)

v: The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament
proclaims His handiwork (v. 1)

ALLELUIA

Tone 1 — V. By the Word of the Lord the heavens were made; and all their host by the Spirit
of His mouth. (Ps. 32:6)

V. The Lord looked down from heaven, and saw all the sons of men. (Ps. 32:13)

Today's Worship — Scripture Readings

Epistle — Acts 2: 1-11

2 Now when the day of Pentecost came, they were all with one accord [gathered] in the same place. ²Suddenly, there came from heaven a sound like the rushing of a mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues that seemed like fire appeared and one [tongue] rested on each of them. ⁴Then they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them the ability to speak. ⁵At that time {of year}, devout Jews from every nation under heaven were staying in Jerusalem. ⁶When this sound was heard, a crowd formed and people were bewildered because everyone heard the disciples speaking in his own language. ⁷They were all amazed and marveled, saying to one another, "Behold, are not all these who speak Galileans? ⁸How is it that we hear everyone [speak] in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and people from Mesopotamia, Judea, Cappadocia, Pontus, Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia, Pamphylia, Egypt, the parts of Libya around Cyrene, visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabians: we hear them speaking in our languages [concerning] the deeds of power of God!"

Gospel — John 7: 37-52; 8:12

³⁷Now on the last and greatest day of the feast, Jesus stood and spoke loudly, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink!" ³⁸From within whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, will flow rivers of living water!" ³⁹But he said this concerning the Spirit, which those believing in him were to receive. For the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

⁴⁰When they heard this saying, many of the people said, "This is truly the prophet!" ⁴¹Others said, "This is the Christ!" Still others said, "What? Does the Christ come out of Galilee?"

⁴²Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes from the seed of David and from Bethlehem, the village where David was?"

⁴³And so, there arose a division in the crowd because of him. ⁴⁴Some of them would have arrested him, but no one laid hands on him.

⁴⁵And so, the officers returned to the chief priests and Pharisees, who asked them, "Why did you not bring him?"

⁴⁶The officers answered, "No one has ever spoken like this man!"

⁴⁷At this, the Pharisees replied, "You are not also led astray, are you? ⁴⁸Have any of the rulers believed in him, or the Pharisees? ⁴⁹But this multitude that does not know the law is accursed."

⁵⁰Nicodemus (who had come to him by night, being one of the Pharisees) said to them,

⁵¹"Does our law judge someone without first hearing from him personally to find out what this person is doing?"

⁵²They answered him, "Are you also from Galilee? Search, and see that no prophet has arisen out of Galilee."

¹²Then again, Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in the darkness but will have the light of life."



Make Your Appointment to Give Blood
Go to [RedCrossBlood.org](https://www.RedCrossBlood.org), and use
sponsor code "StJohnDamascus"

**American Red Cross Blood Drive
St. John of Damascus
Orthodox Church**

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

16903 Espola Rd
Poway, CA 92064

Schedule your blood donation appointment today:
Go to [RedCrossBlood.org](https://www.RedCrossBlood.org), Use sponsor code "StJohnDamascus"

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**LEND A HAND AT OUR
PARISH CLEAN-UP DAY!
SAT JUNE 18
8:30AM—1:30PM**

A dark grey rectangular graphic with white text and icons. On the left side, there are several white icons representing cleaning tools: a hand holding a trash bag, a pair of pruning shears, a broom, a pair of work gloves, a pair of scissors, a broom, and a shovel. On the right side, the text reads: "CLEAN-UP DAY AT ST. JOHN OF DAMASCUS", "Come help trim bushes and clean up the church grounds!", "Items to bring:", a bulleted list of items, "Check with John Klavzar or Patty Pelachik for more detailed information", and "JUNE 18, 2022 8:30AM -1:00PM LIGHT LUNCH AT 1:00PM".

**CLEAN-UP DAY AT
ST. JOHN OF DAMASCUS**

Come help trim bushes and
clean up the church grounds!

Items to bring:

- heavy-weight trash bags
- electric trimmers
- extension cords
- hand tools
- rakes and brooms
- work gloves
- your own water bottle
- sunscreen

Check with John Klavzar or
Patty Pelachik for more
detailed information

**JUNE 18, 2022
8:30AM -1:00PM
LIGHT LUNCH AT 1:00PM**

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. What did Moses have to do for the people of Israel to prevail over Amalek?
How does this action remind us of Jesus?
- Q. How long had the Israelites been travelling when they came to Sinai?
Q. What are the 10 commandments?
- Q. Where did Moses have to go to receive the 10 commandments?

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

Bible Question(s) - Answers

ACCORDING TO THE BIBLE.....

- Q. How did God lead the people of Israel out of Egypt? A. By a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night.
- Q. How did God help Israel when they were thirsty and hungry after crossing the Red Sea? A. God made bitter waters of Marah sweet and provided meat at twilight and manna for bread in the morning.
- Q. Who was Amalek? A. The leader of the first nation that attacked Israel after they were victorious over the Egyptians.
- Q. Who other than the Lord gave advice to Moses? What was his relationship to Moses? What advice did he give? A. Jethro. He was Moses' father-in-law. To delegate responsibility to others so that he would not wear himself out.

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).*

Sunday June 12

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

Tuesday June 14

7:00pm — Parish Council Meeting

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

Sunday June 19

After Divine Liturgy—Fathers' Day Luncheon

June 20-28

Apostles Fast

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!

Birthdays

Annie Keeling	6/13
David Ray Boyles, Jr	6/14
Anna Rahal	6/16
Anastasia Michaud	6/17
Katherine Gammo	6/18

Wedding Anniversaries

Konstantine & Birdie (Lucia) Worth	6/17
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Our graduates: Peter Anderson, Timothy Anderson, Grace Victoria Cooper, Alexis Rahal
Our Church School Students & Teachers

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