



LOOKING AHEAD

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

June 20-28
Apostles Fast

July 1-8
Fr Michael on Vacation

Monday June 27
11:30am-5:30pm — Blood Drive (walk-ins welcome)

Tuesday July 12
7:00pm—Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday June 28
6:00pm—Great Vespers for Ss Peter and Paul

Wednesday July 13
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)

Wednesday June 29—Ss Peter & Paul
8:30am — 3rd Hour & Festal Divine Liturgy
After Liturgy— Breakfast at Impossible Café
7:00pm—Adult Ed: Images of the Kingdom of God in the Book of Isaiah (In Person & via Zoom—see online calendar for link)

July 18-23
Fr Michael & Elaine M attend All-American Council Baltimore, MD

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>Birthdays</i>	
Magnolia Joanne Keeling	6/27	Weston Henry	6/29
Gary (Paul) Jollie, Peter Franchak	6/29	Bob Stone	7/1
		Cyndi Zmina, Ruben Castañeda, Alan Michaud	7/2

Wedding Anniversaries
Steve & Cyndi Zmina 6/28

Newly Illumined
Gabriel & Sophia & their parents Zurab & Riasa Gvetadze

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

June 26, 2022



THE IMAGE...

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

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2ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—TONE 1

SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS OF
NORTH AMERICA



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.



A Word from the Holy Fathers

Scripture says, "For the joy that he possessed he endured the cross."

It is the same with all the saints: when they become perfected, they attain this accomplishment by imitating God in the outpouring of their love and compassion upon all humanity.

The saints seek for themselves this sign of likeness to God—to be perfected in the love of their neighbor

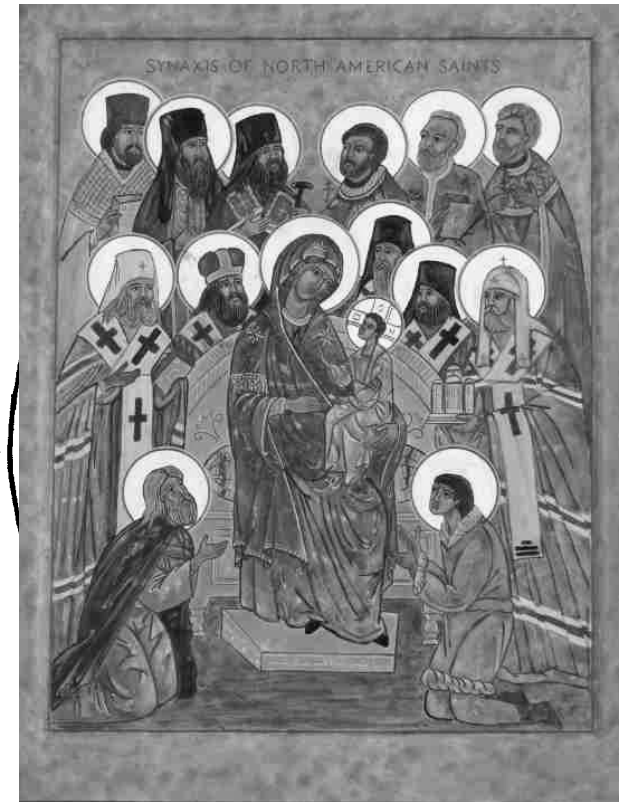
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ST. JOHN OF DAMASCUS ORTHODOX CHURCH + THE DIOCESE OF THE WEST + THE ORTHODOX CHURCH IN AMERICA

**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, 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**



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**SUMMER IS HERE!
HOLD ON TO YOUR FAITH**

With summer comes much needed vacations and opportunities to do fun things with friends & loved ones. As you are planning your summer be sure to keep your faith in mind. Remember to attend to your prayer life, scripture reading, and reception of the holy Sacraments.

Some dates to remember...

	SUMMER FEASTS
June 29	SS Peter & Paul
August 6	Transfiguration
August 15	Dormition of the Theotokos
	SUMMER FASTS
June 20-28	Apostles' Fast
August 1-14	Dormition Fast

Also, please do what you can to **maintain your much-needed offerings of time and talent as well as your pledges and contributions over the summer.**

Unfortunately, our parish's expenses and needs do not go down during the summer months. The electric bill still needs to be paid. We still want to have fellowship meals after Liturgy on Sundays.

Regarding financial giving, people handle this differently. Some people make up for weeks away when they return. Other members keep their financial contributions regular by using their online banking system to write and send their donations to the mission each month automatically. The parish also has an online giving system on our website. Simply click the "DONATE" button.

Whatever works best for you, please keep your spiritual home in mind.

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 happened to the set of tablets that had God's law written on it?
- Q. Moses again went up the mountain. What did God tell him to bring?
- Q. How long was Moses up on the mountain? What did he eat and drink?
- Q. How was Moses appearance changed from spending that time on the mountain?

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

Bible Question(s) - Answers

ACCORDING TO THE BIBLE.....

- Q. After reading God's law to Israel at Sinai and the people confirmed they would do everything the Lord commanded, how did they seal the covenant between God and Israel? A. Moses built an altar and from offering of calves poured half of blood on altar and half of blood in basins from which he sprinkled the people saying "This is the blood of the covenant the Lord made with you according to these words."
- Q. What name was given to the book that contained God's commandments to Israel? A. The Book of the Covenant
- Q. After this, who went back up to the top of the mountain with Moses and how long were they there? A. Moses & Joshua. 40 days.

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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.

All Saints of North America — Tone 8

As the bountiful harvest of Your sowing of salvation, the lands of North America offer to You, O Lord, all the saints who have shone in them. By their prayers keep the Church and our land in abiding peace through the Theotokos, O most Merciful One.

KONTAKIA

Resurrection — Tone 1

As God, Thou didst rise from the tomb in glory, raising the world with Thyself. Human nature praises Thee as God, for death has vanished! Adam exults, O Master! Eve rejoices, for she is freed from bondage, and cries to Thee: Thou art the Giver of Resurrection to all, O Christ!

All Saints of North America — Tone 3

The choir of saints who were well-pleasing to God in the lands of North America now stands before us in the Church and invisibly prays to God for us. With them the angels glorify Him and all the saints of the Church of Christ keep festival with them and together they all pray for us to the pre-eternal God.

Steadfast Protection — Tone 6

Steadfast protection 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 and to intercede for us,
O Theotokos,
For you always protect those who honor you!

PROKEIMENA

Tone 1 (Resurrection) — Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have set our hope on Thee! (Ps 32/33:22)

v: Rejoice in the Lord, O your righteous! Praise befits the just! (Ps 32/33:1)

Tone 7 (Saints of North America) -- Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints. (Ps 115/116:15)

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)

Tone 1—V. Rejoice in the Lord and be glad, O you righteous! (Ps. 31:11a)

Epistle — Romans 2:10-16

¹⁰ but glory and honor and peace for every one who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek. ¹¹ For God shows no partiality.

¹² All who have sinned without the law will also perish without the law, and all who have sinned under the law will be judged by the law. ¹³ For it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the law who will be justified. ¹⁴ When Gentiles who have not the law do by nature what the law requires, they are a law to themselves, even though they do not have the law. ¹⁵ They show that what the law requires is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness and their conflicting thoughts accuse or perhaps excuse them ¹⁶ on that day when, according to my gospel, God judges the secrets of men by Christ Jesus.

Epistle — Hebrews 11:33-12:2

³³ who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, ³⁴ quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵ Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, that they might rise again to a better life. ³⁶ Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷ They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated— ³⁸ of whom the world was not worthy—wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.

³⁹ And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰ since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

¹ Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ² looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Gospel — Matthew 4: 18-23

¹⁸ As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. ¹⁹ And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." ²⁰ Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹ And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. ²² Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

²³ And he went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.

Gospel — Matthew 4:25-5:12

²⁵ And great crowds followed him from Galilee and the Decapolis and Jerusalem and Judea and from beyond the Jordan.

¹ Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down his disciples came to him. ² And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: ³ "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴ "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. ⁵ "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. ⁶ "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. ⁷ "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy. ⁸ "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. ⁹ "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. ¹⁰ "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ "Blessed are you when men revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so men persecuted the prophets who were before you.