



LOOKING AHEAD

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

July 1-8

Fr Michael on Vacation

Tuesday July 12

7:00pm—Parish Council Meeting

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)

July 18-23

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

Sunday July 24

After Divine Liturgy—Blessing of Vehicles in connection with commemoration of St Elijah (July 20)

Wednesday July 27

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 July 27

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

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

Friday Aug 5

6:00pm—Great Vespers for Transfiguration

Saturday Aug 6—Transfiguration of our Lord

8:30am—3rd Hour & Festal Divine Liturgy with blessing of fruit

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

Dale (Michael) Franchak	7/4
Rebekah Jones	7/9

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

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THE IMAGE...

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

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3RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—TONE 2

MARTYR HYACINTH OF CAESAREA

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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

Christianity is the inspiration of the world.

Christ founded His Church in order to inspire, to transfigure the world, to cleanse it from sin and bring it to that state in which it will exist in the age to come. Christianity was founded upon the earth and operates upon the earth, but it reaches to Heaven in its structure; Christianity is that bridge and ladder whereby men ascend from the earthly Church to the Heavenly.

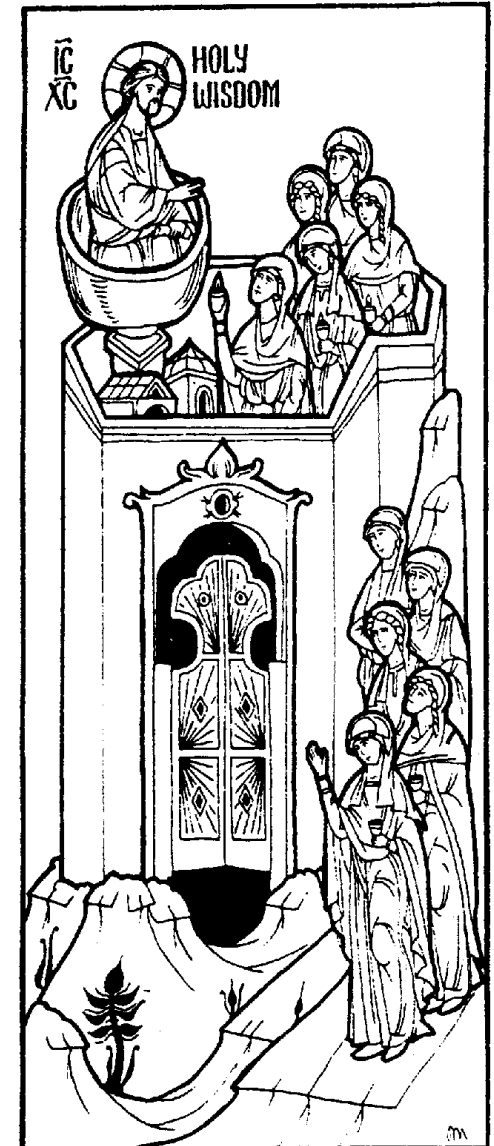
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Include Something in the Bulletin or Be Included in our Weekly (NEWS@StJohnofDamascus.org)

E-mails

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

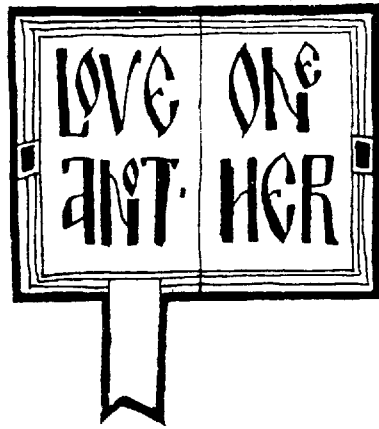
**Keep Informed
Receive Weekly E-mails
About Parish Life**

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**



Online Giving



Scan with your phone to be taken to our secure online giving system. You can set up 1-time or recurring gifts

**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
August 6	Transfiguration
August 15	Dormition of the Theotokos
	SUMMER FASTS
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 water 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.

sion is, as I have stated, but the first step in building a culture and society that value human life unreservedly. Such a culture and society would not merely satisfy the demands of justice by protecting human beings in the womb; it would also do everything possible to ensure that mothers and children are provided with all the conditions and means to flourish throughout their lives.

As such, it is heartening that politicians from both of our major political parties have increasingly turned their attention to crafting policies that support children and families. We should pray always that God give our political leaders wisdom and prudence while strengthening them in their good intentions.

However, a society and culture that truly recognizes the dignity of all human life is not just a question of laws and government policies. Such a society and culture must also be the result of our decisions and efforts as individuals, families, and parishes on the local, civil level to do all that we can to support women, children, and families in our communities. The *Dobbs* decision, as has been observed widely, is not the end of the pro-life cause, but its beginning.

Now is a time to heal and a time to build (Eccl. 3:3). May God strengthen us all in love for one another. May this court decision become a reason for us to love all our neighbors more fervently: the unborn, mothers, families, people of all political beliefs, the happy and the angry, the jubilant and the hurting. May we speak the truth in love and suffer with all the suffering. May we temper our passions—now and always—through fasting and prayer, self-reflection and self-reproach. And may the Lord Almighty bless all of our efforts to work together for a more just and more compassionate society and culture, one that welcomes all human life with joy.

Yours in Christ,

+Tikhon^{USA} Archbishop of Washington, Metropolitan of All America and Canada

Bible Question(s) - Answers

ACCORDING TO THE BIBLE.....

- Q. What happened to the set of tablets that had God's law written on it? A. Moses broke them at the foot of the mountain after seeing Israel worshipping a golden calf.
- Q. Moses again went up the mountain. A. 2 more stone tablets
- Q. How long was Moses up on the mountain? A. 40 days & 40 nights. What did he eat and drink? A. Nothing. He fasted
- Q. How was Moses appearance changed from spending that time on the mountain? A. The scripture says it was "glorified" and that after he spoke to Israel he put a veil over his face.

Look for the "test" next week!

Archpastoral Message of Metropolitan TIKHON on Decision re: Roe vs. Wade

To the Hierarchs, Clergy, and Faithful of the Orthodox Church in America:

Christ is in our midst! He is and ever shall be!

On June 24, the American people received the news that the Supreme Court of the United States, in its opinion concerning the case of *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, has overturned the right to abortion created by the court in its 1973 decision in *Roe v. Wade*.

Undoubtedly, this should be a cause for rejoicing for all Orthodox Christians. As I affirmed in my recent archpastoral message for the feast of the Annunciation, "The Orthodox Church in America has always believed, upheld, preached, and defended the sanctity of human life from the time of conception in the womb." From the earliest times, the shepherds of the Church have taught that abortion and the exposure of infants, even when accepted by the wider culture, are violations of the sanctity of human life and an offense against God and man. The overturning of *Roe v. Wade* is the first step towards a society and culture that recognizes the value of all human life and every human being made in the image of the Creator.

As such, in the wake of the *Dobbs* decision, in many jurisdictions, the dignity of unborn human persons is or will be recognized by law, affording them protection from violence and death in the womb. Broadly speaking, this, too, should be a cause for rejoicing.

Furthermore, it has not escaped our notice that this decision was handed down on the feast of the Nativity of the Forerunner, whose leaping in the womb of his mother Elizabeth is, for us, a miraculous sign of the divine value of the lives of the unborn: God, who knows us even before we were formed in the womb, accepts not just the praise of babes and infants, but even the adoration of an unborn child (Jer. 1:5; Ps. 8:2; Lk. 1:42).

However, we must avoid all triumphalism. Though we disagree with those who believe that legal abortion is necessary to protect the rights of women, we must recognize that this belief, however mistaken, is sincerely held by many people of goodwill. For those of us in the United States, these people are our fellow-citizens. They, too, bear the image of God.

As Orthodox Christians, we are called to be peacemakers, and to do good even to those who hate us. Christians have been and may continue to be targets of anger and even violence on the part of those who believe that the right to abortion should be enshrined in law. We should never respond with anger of our own, but with love, forgiveness, and prayer.

Our society is deeply riven by the fault lines of partisanship and polarization. However, as Orthodox Christians, we do not desire the defeat of our perceived political enemies; our goal is not to crush their arguments and force them to submit to our righteous will. Rather, we must seek in every way to share the healing and hope found in Jesus Christ with all people, including the proponents of abortion. We must extend our compassion even to those with whom we profoundly disagree, acknowledging that their pain and anger, however misguided, are nevertheless real afflictions.

And so, though we rejoice that the overturning of *Roe v. Wade* may allow our civil authorities to pass more just laws to protect the lives of the unborn, we recognize that the court's deci-

Parish Life

Inaugural Blood Drive—THANK YOU!

With the help of our donors, both from our congregation and the broader local community, and our volunteers, we were able to collect 17 pints of blood. Of course, the real winners are the patients in need of blood. Each blood donation can help save up to three lives. Our community's generosity, selflessness and dedication are truly appreciated by the blood recipients and their loved ones.

We also give thanks to God for our own Justin Wong who brought this idea to the parish and coordinated the necessary aspects of it from its inception to its completion.



Join a Parish Ministry!

With the new Church year approaching in September, now is wonderful time to pray and consider joining one of our parish ministries.

While people are welcome to inquire about any ministry, the FOLLOWING MINISTRIES ARE SEEKING MORE HELP:

Church School (Teachers & Helpers)

Greeters

Candle Stand

Koliva Makers

Commemoration Loaves Bakers

Security Committee

Auxiliary Bakers

We are also looking to begin a **NEW** ministry:

Flowers/Decorating of Church Temple

This group of people will work together to beautify our church for all the major feast days.

If you have an interest in helping with this or any of the ministries please see the person listed in the ministry directory or contact Fr Michael.

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

Counters — TBD

Social Media —Evan Keeling & Iryna Thayer

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

TROPARIA

Resurrection — Tone 2

When Thou didst descend to death, O Life Immortal, Thou didst slay hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead! And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead, all the powers of heaven cried out: O Giver of Life! Christ our God! Glory to Thee!

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!

St Hyacinth — Tone 4

Your holy martyr Hyacinth, O Lord,
Through his suffering has received an incorruptible crown from You, our God.
For having Your strength, he laid low his adversaries,
and shattered the powerless boldness of demons.
Through his intercessions save our souls!

KONTAKIA

Resurrection — Tone 2

Hell became afraid, O almighty Savior, seeing the miracle of Thy Resurrection from the tomb! The dead arose! Creation with Adam, beheld this and rejoiced with Thee! And the world, O my Savior, praises Thee forever.

St. Hyacinth — Tone 2

Come, you faithful,
plait a crown of unfading hyacinths today for the Martyr Hyacinth,
and let us cry to him:
"Rejoice, glory of martyrs!"

Steadfast Protectress of Christians — Tone 6

Steadfast Protectress 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!

PROKEIMENON

Tone 2 (Resurrection) — The Lord is my strength and my song; He has become my salvation. (Ps 117/118:4)

v: The Lord has chastened me sorely, but He has not given me over to death. (Ps 117/118:18)

Today's Worship — Scripture Readings

Epistle — Rom 5: 1-10

¹ Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ² Through him we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³ More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵ and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us.

⁶ While we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ Why, one will hardly die for a righteous man—though perhaps for a good man one will dare even to die. ⁸ But God shows his love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us. ⁹ Since, therefore, we are now justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰ For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.

Gospel — Matt 6: 22-33

²² "The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is sound, your whole body will be full of light; ²³ but if your eye is not sound, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!

²⁴ "No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.

²⁵ "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat or what you shall drink, nor about your body, what you shall put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷ And which of you by being anxious can add one cubit to his span of life? ²⁸ And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin; ²⁹ yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ³⁰ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O men of little faith? ³¹ Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' ³² For the Gentiles seek all these things; and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. ³³ But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well.

ALLELUIA

Tone 2 (Resurrection) — V. May the Lord hear you in the day of trouble! May the name of the God of Jacob protect you! (Ps. 19:1)

V. Save the King, O Lord, and hear us on the day we call! (Ps. 19:9)