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THE IMAGE...

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

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11TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—TONE 2

UNCOVERING OF RELICS OF ST. JOB OF
PACHAEV

VENERABLE MOSES THE BLACK OF SCETES

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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

One who is poor in spirit is not greedy. One
who weeps is not proud but is submissive
and tranquil. One who mourns is humble.
One who is just does not deny what he
knows is given jointly to all for us. One who
is merciful gives away his own goods. One
who bestows his own goods does not seek
another's, nor does he contrive a trap for
his neighbor. These virtues are interwoven
and interlinked...

St. Ambrose of Milan

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



*So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him,
'Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay you
everything.'*²⁷ *And out of pity for him the lord of
that servant released him and forgave him the
debt.*

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Parish Life

Bulletin Bible Question “Test” Drawing Winners

This year every week the bulletin have had a Bible Question connected to the Old Testament. A “test” was distributed and whoever completed it (you could use past bulletins to help) and submitted it by Aug 15 was entered into a drawing for a gift card to their favorite store and/or restaurant. This year we received submissions in two age groups. Those receiving the gift cards are:

Teen: **Kelvin Brown**

Adult: **Ed Klavzar**



50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration Fr Alexander & Vickie Federoff Save the Date—Aug 28

Fr Alexander and Vickie will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary this year (Aug 20). As part of that celebration they have asked for a service of thanksgiving to be celebrated on Sunday Aug 28.

After the service they will be sponsoring a celebratory fellowship meal.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!



Scrip Sales Coordinators Needed

We need 2-3 people to sell scrip gift cards.

Please consider helping with this substantial fund raiser and speak to Carmen Brown, Tanya Franchak of Fr Michael if you are interested.

Church School Registration Begins for 2022-2023

Registration for this coming year’s church school program is beginning. Registration forms will be distributed to families beginning this weekend. Parents, please complete the forms and return them ASAP so our teachers can plan appropriately. Please see Bill Moision to get a form for your family.

NOTE: Church school will be held on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month. Youth Choir will be held on the 2nd and 4th Sundays.

Some dates:

Beginning of Church School 9/18
Church School BBQ 9/25

Swim for Hope with “Aqua Padre” Fr Simeon Corona - Sept 3 8am Benefitting Project Mexico

Fr Simeon Corona from St Gregory of Nyssa Greek Orthodox Church in El Cajon is leading a group of swimmers, kayakers and walkers to donate funds for Project Mexico. Everyone is encouraged to join in and support this worthy cause!

Domate online at

projectmexico.org/swim-for-hope

Mail checks payable to “Project Mexico”
4511 Riviera Shores St STE 3 San Diego, CA
92154



Auxiliary Cooking Days in September

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

Thursday Sept 15— Stuffed Cabbage

Thursday Sept 22—Stuffed Cabbage

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

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. Job — Tone 4

Having acquired the patience of your Forefather, and having resembled the Baptist in abstinence, you shared the divine zeal of both and were granted worthy to receive their names. You were a fearless preacher of the True Faith; in this way you brought a multitude of monastics to Christ.
You strengthened all people in Orthodoxy,
Job, our venerable father; //
pray that our souls may be saved!

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 John of Damascus — Tone 4

Let us the faithful sing praises to John, worthy of great honor the composer of hymns. The star & teacher of the Orthodox Faith, the defender of its doctrine. Through the might of the Lord's Cross he overcame heretical error! Now he is fervent in prayer to Christ God, to grant forgiveness of our sins.

St. Job – Tone 4

You were a pillar of the True Faith;
a zealot of the commandments of the Gospel;
a denouncer of pride,
and a defender and teacher of the humble.
Therefore, those who honor you pray for the remission of their sins,
and that this, your holy habitation, be kept safe from all harm,
Job, our father, who resembled the long-suffering Patriarch of old.

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!

Today's Worship — Scripture Readings

Epistle—1 Cor 9: 2-12

² If to others I am not an apostle, at least I am to you; for you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

³ This is my defense to those who would examine me. ⁴ Do we not have the right to our food and drink? ⁵ Do we not have the right to be accompanied by a wife, as the other apostles and the brothers of the Lord and Cephas? ⁶ Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working for a living? ⁷ Who serves as a soldier at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard without eating any of its fruit? Who tends a flock without getting some of the milk?

⁸ Do I say this on human authority? Does not the law say the same? ⁹ For it is written in the law of Moses, "You shall not muzzle an ox when it is treading out the grain." Is it for oxen that God is concerned? ¹⁰ Does he not speak entirely for our sake? It was written for our sake, because the plowman should plow in hope and the thresher thresh in hope of a share in the crop. ¹¹ If we have sown spiritual good among you, is it too much if we reap your material benefits? ¹² If others share this rightful claim upon you, do not we still more? Nevertheless, we have not made use of this right, but we endure anything rather than put an obstacle in the way of the gospel of Christ.

Epistle—Gal 5:22-6:2

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control; against such there is no law. ²⁴ And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

²⁵ If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. ²⁶ Let us have no self-conceit, no provoking of one another, no envy of one another.

¹ Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Look to yourself, lest you too be tempted. ² Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.

PROKEIMENA

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*)

Tone 7 (St. Job) -- Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.
(*Ps 115/116:15*)

Today's Worship — Scripture Readings

Gospel — Matt 18: 23-35

²³ "Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴ When he began the reckoning, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents; ²⁵ and as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. ²⁶ So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' ²⁷ And out of pity for him the lord of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸ But that same servant, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat he said, 'Pay what you owe.' ²⁹ So his fellow servant fell down and besought him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' ³⁰ He refused and went and put him in prison till he should pay the debt. ³¹ When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³² Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you besought me; ³³ and should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' ³⁴ And in anger his lord delivered him to the jailers, till he should pay all his debt. ³⁵ So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

Gospel — Luke 6: 17-23

¹⁷ And he came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, who came to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; ¹⁸ and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹ And all the crowd sought to touch him, for power came forth from him and healed them all.

²⁰ And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said: "Blessed are you poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. ²¹ "Blessed are you that hunger now, for you shall be satisfied. "Blessed are you that weep now, for you shall laugh.

²² "Blessed are you when men hate you, and when they exclude you and revile you, and cast out your name as evil, on account of the Son of man! ²³ Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets.

ALLELUIA

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

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

Tone 6 (St Job) — V. Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who greatly delights in His commandments. (Ps. 111:1)

Orthodox Christians & Death - Part 3

(See previous week's bulletin for Parts 1 & 2)

On the Evening before Burial

The All-Night Vigil for the Departed (vespers and matins) is taken with the body present. Following the vigil, the family and friends of the newly departed are encouraged to continue the all-night vigil by reading through the Psalter continuously. The rubrics presuppose that death occurs at home, where the body has been prepared and the All-Night Vigil is held. In common practice today, the vigil takes place in the church, where the body lies in state throughout the night.

On the Day of Burial

Rubrics in the service books indicate that on the day of burial, the body of the deceased is taken directly from the home to the church for the funeral liturgy and from there to the place of burial.

Once the deceased arrives at the church, the body lies in state (customarily in the nave, but sometimes in the narthex). The deceased faces toward the east. The coffin lid remains open unless injury or illness has caused major disfigurement. This decision is at the discretion of the priest, in consultation with the family, not simply dictated by the family or the previous wishes of the deceased.

The Great Book of Needs provides propers for the hours and the Divine Liturgy of the Departed. The rubrics specify that between the hours and the Divine Liturgy, the Great Panikhida is to be served. The Great Panikhida is commonly referred to as "The Funeral Service."

General Practices

Often the deceased lies in state at the funeral home for private family viewing and devotions on the days prior to the burial. The deceased is then brought to the church on the evening before burial. This Great Panikhida is then served in the church temple; the body lies in state in the church (the family and friends keep vigil, reading the Psalter — refreshments may be available in the parish hall) and the Funeral Divine Liturgy is served the next morning, immediately prior to the burial.

However, in another common practice, a typical memorial service (Panikhida, Trisagion, Parastas) is often served the evening before the burial and the "funeral service" takes place on the day of the burial itself.

The rubrics note that a slightly different order of service is taken for one who falls asleep on Pascha or during the period of Bright Week through Thomas Sunday — having a more specifically Paschal character than otherwise.

A "Mercy Meal" or a "Memorial Meal" may be served for those in attendance. Fish is customarily the main course of this meal, reminiscent of the time when the Risen Savior appeared to His disciples on the shore of Lake Tiberias (John 21) and served bread and fish. This is not always the case, however, and some families will have a "potluck" type meal. This meal may take place at the church hall or at the home of the deceased or some other suitable location such as a restaurant. This may be catered, or it may be prepared by friends and family of the deceased.

Note: The above practices assume the person who is deceased was an Orthodox Christian in Communion with the Church. In those situations in which someone has died who is either a lapsed Orthodox Christian, a Christian of another faith, or even a non-Christian, the Church still upholds its mission to pray for them. However, the services are not usually done in the church temple (they usually take place in the funeral home) and the order of the service varies based on their situation.

(to be continued)

Parish Life

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.

NEW Ministry - Ongoing Food Drive for San Diego County Food Bank

Families, including low-income military families, and fixed-income seniors rely on the Food Bank to put food on the table. Currently, 1 in 7 adults, and 1 in 5 children face food insecurity in San Diego County

To help with this, St John of Damascus is hosting a long-term food drive. We encourage you to bring nonperishable food items to church and place them in the red barrels in the hall. (NO GLASS CONTAINERS OR HOMEMADE ITEMS). Besides bringing the food to church and placing them in the barrels, there are 2 other options available: Food items can be purchased via a Virtual Food Drive Page from your computer or smartphone using link <https://fooddriveonline.org/sandiegofoodbank/> or, a monetary donation can be made using link <http://www.sandiegofoodbank.org/donate>

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

Scrip Card Coordinators/Sellers

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

Flowers/Decorating of the 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.



LOOKING AHEAD

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

Sunday Aug 28

After Liturgy—Molieben of Thanksgiving for Fr Alexander & Vickie
Federoff's 50th Wedding Anniversary
6:00pm — Great Vespers & Litya for St John the Baptist

Monday Aug 29—Beheading of St John the Baptist Forerunner

Strict Fast
8:30am — 3rd Hour & Divine Liturgy

Wednesday Aug 31

NO FATHER'S CAFÉ—Fr Michael has Jury Duty

Wednesday Sept 7

10:30am — Father's Café
In Person in Church Hall & via Zoom (see online calendar for link)
6:00pm — Great Vespers & Litya for St John the Baptist

Thursday Sept 8—Nativity of the Theotokos

8:30am — 3rd Hour & Festal Divine Liturgy

Tuesday Sept 13

6:00pm — Great Vespers & Litya for the Exaltation of the Cross

Wednesday Sept 14

Exaltation of the Cross

8:30am — 3rd Hour & Festal Divine Liturgy

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

Carrie Neuner	8/25
Jose Pina	8/26
Kim Anh Nguyễn Herbert	9/2

Wedding Anniversaries

Archpriest Alexander & Matushka Vickie (Vera) - 50 years	8/20
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Attached Clergy: V. Rev. Alexander Federoff, Retired & Dn. George Shumaik

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