



LOOKING AHEAD

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

Mon Oct 17

7:00pm — Parish Council Meeting

Tues Oct 18

11:00am — Diamond Circle: Lunch with Don Rylander

Wed Oct 19

10:30-11:30am Father's Café (In-person & Zoom—See Online Calendar for link)

7:00-8:30pm—Adult Ed: The Gospel & the Gospels

Thurs Oct 20

9:00am—Auxiliary Cooking Day

Oct 22—St Demetrius Memorial Saturday

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

Mon Oct 24

6:00pm — Orthodox Christianity 101 (In-person & Zoom—See Online Calendar for link)

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

Luke Jones	10/18
Arthur (Artemis) Sladack	10/20

Birthdays

Katherine Koroleva	10/17
Metropolitan Jonah (Paffhausen)	10/20
Lucas Castañeda	10/22

Wedding Anniversaries

Terrance & Susan Ruth Miller	10/19
Igor & Olga Bishaev	10/20
Dionysius (Dennis) & Cortney Stavrou	10/22

Dn George Shumaik on the anniversary of his ordination to the Holy Diaconate

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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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18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—TONE 1
COMMEMORATION OF THE HOLY FATHERS
OF THE 7TH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL



Welcome!

...to all who have gathered to follow Jesus Christ and 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.

Please join us for our fellowship meal following the service



From the Holy Fathers

In conversation we must not let ourselves be seized with the desire always to interrupt in order to show off our fatuous superiority. Everything ought to lead to tranquility, as in the words of the greeting, "Peace be with you." And, "Do not answer before first listening." [Eccles 1:8]

- St. Clement of Alexandria



Include Something in the Bulletin or Be Included in our Weekly

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**Church School for Children & Youth
1st & 3rd Sunday of Month
Youth Choir 2nd & 4th Sunday of
Month
Fr Michael & Teens 2nd Sunday of
Month AFTER Choir**

This year our Church School for children and youth on Sundays will be held on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month.

Our children's and youth choir (for those able to read) will be held on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month.



**Purchase Gift Cards Through Our
Scrip Coordinator & Help our Parish**

Scrip gift cards raise money for St. John's Auxiliary. When you buy Scrip cards, the store makes a donation with NO extra expense. Use the cards for your regular monthly purchases or gifts for loved ones and support our parish's ministry. Cards are available for gas, groceries, Amazon, restaurants and many other stores.

See Carmen Brown after Liturgy for more information or to purchase your cards.



1 or 2 Scrip Sales Coordinators Needed

We have 3 people who have stepped forward to offer help with coordinating our Scrip Sales on Sundays after Liturgy. Thank you!!!

We are still looking for 1 or 2 more to fill out the team.

Please consider helping with this substantial fund raiser and speak to Carmen Brown, Gene Francello or Fr Michael if you are interested.

**Orthodox Christianity 101 Class
Mondays Beginning Oct 24
6-7:30pm**

This 14 session class introduces people to the basic teachings and life of the Orthodox Christian Faith. It is excellent for new inquirers, those preparing for baptism and/or chrismation, as well as people who may have grown up in the Church but may desire a refresher in the basics of our Faith.

Tell your friends & friends. All are welcome.

To register email info@stjohnofdamascus.org or call 858-674-1931



**Adult Ed—The Gospel & the Gospels
Classes Begin Wed Oct 12 7-8:30pm**

Have you ever been asked what "the Gospel" is? If you were asked today what would you say? Did you know that "gospels" were written and distributed in the ancient world before our Lord Jesus Christ's nativity?

Our 1st Adult Education class this church year will focus on exploring this and giving participants the ability to be able to speak more confidently about our Faith.

We will also use this as an opportunity to lay a foundation on the 4 Gospels of Holy Scripture to help people read them with not just more understanding but to be able to live a "Gospel-centered" life.

Classes will be offered in "hybrid style" (in person in the Church hall as well as via Zoom).

Link: <https://stjohnofdamascus.org/calendar/>

Pray for our New Catechumen

Vincent Palumbo and his son Emmanuel are being installed as catechumen today. They join a group of people who have gone from inquiring about the Holy Orthodox Christian Faith to actively pursuing reception into the Church.

Please pray for them on this next stage of their journey of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ!

For a list of our current catechumen see our prayer list.



Help with our Bake Sale Costs

We all have seen prices soar at the grocery store in the past months. The cost of items such as butter, the clam shells we use as containers for bake sale items amongst others has in some cases doubled.

If you are able to help offset some of these costs, please speak to a member of the Auxiliary (Tanya Franchak, Phyllis Brown, Linda Kedroff, Pat Swinehart, etc) to see how you can help.



**Archpastoral Visit of His Eminence
Archbishop Benjamin
Nov 5-6**

His Eminence Archbishop Benjamin will be with us the weekend of Nov 5-6. Please mark your calendars, plan on attending services on both days and invite others to join us!

The fullness of the Church and its worship is always made manifest with the presence of the bishop. "Where the bishop appears, there let the people be, even as wheresoever Christ Jesus is, there is the catholic church."
St Ignatius of Antioch

Online Giving System

We have an online giving system that enables people to be able to manage their giving to our church.

You can set up automatic ongoing donations each month to cover your pledges. You can also use the system to make occasional donations for things like charities, flowers, candles, memorial donations, etc. You can even pay for your bookstore purchases.

There is an option to cover the bank processing fees if you would like to do that.

Not only is this a convenience for you it helps reduce the work required of our Counters on Sundays

<https://www.aplos.com/aws/give/StJohnofDamascusOrthodoxChurch/donations>



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

Monthly Collections

As we continue to restore many of the beloved practices of our parish we are reinstating our monthly Sunday collections:

- 2nd Sunday of the Month—Seminarian at St Herman's Seminary in Alaska
- 3rd Sunday of the Month—Charities (local needs, IOCC, Project Mexico, etc.)

The basket will be placed out for the veneration of the cross at the end of Liturgy.

The 8th Century and the 7th Ecumenical Council



In 787, during the reign of the Empress Irene (780-802), who favored icon veneration, a council was held in Nicaea which defined the legitimate and proper use of icons in the Church. This council, now known as the Seventh Ecumenical Council, followed the theology of Saint John of Damascus (d.749). The decision of the council affirmed that icons may be made and honored but not worshipped.

The bishops of the council reasoned that the very essence of the Christian faith is the incarnation of the Son and Word of God in human flesh. God indeed is invisible. But in Jesus Christ the invisible God has become visible. The one who sees Jesus sees the invisible Father. (John 14:8) When icon painting and icon-veneration in the Church are denied, the true humanity of Jesus is denied. As well, it is denied that in and through Christ, the Holy Spirit has been given to men so that they may

become holy, truly fulfilling themselves as created "in the image and likeness of God." (Genesis 1:26)

Thus, it was the council's decision that the rejection of the holy images is the rejection of the fact of salvation by God in Christ and the Holy Spirit.

God the Father and the Holy Spirit cannot and must not be depicted except through symbolic means as indicated in the Holy Scriptures (i.e., the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove). Christ, the Theotokos, and the saints can be depicted in iconographic form because they show the reality of man's salvation by God. They show the true transfiguration and sanctification of man - and the whole of creation - by Christ and the Holy Spirit. The images may be venerated in the Church since "honor rendered to the image ascends to its prototype, and he who venerates an icon adores the person (hypostasis) of the one portrayed." (Seventh Ecumenical Council)

After the council of 787 the attack against the icons continued. It finally ended in 843 when the icons were returned to the Churches where they remain today.

The West

In the West, in the eighth century, the barbarian tribes continued to be converted to Christianity. The greatest missionary at this time was St. Boniface (d.754). Also in this century the bishops of Rome became for the first time secular rulers who governed properties in Italy, and entered into close relation with the newly-emerging Carolingian rulers. It was these barbarian rulers of the Carolingian House, particularly Charlemagne, who were to restore the empire in the West with the cooperation of the bishops of Rome. In order to do so, however, they had to attack the legitimacy of the empire in the East. They made their attack by accusing the East of idolatry because of icon veneration, and by accusing the East of dropping the words "and the Son" (filioque) from the Nicene Creed, even though the practice of including this phrase began in Spain in 589 (nearly 200 years after the Creed had been finalized). These accusations were contained in the Caroline Books given by Charlemagne to the pope of Rome in 792



Today's Worship—Hymns

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.

Fathers — Tone 8

You are most glorious, O Christ our God! You have established the Holy Fathers as lights on the earth. Through them You have guided us to the true Faith.//
O greatly compassionate One, glory to You!

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!

Fathers— Tone 6

The Son who shone forth from the Father was ineffably born, two-fold in nature, of a woman. Having beheld Him, we do not deny the image of His form, but depict it piously and revere it faithfully. Thus, keeping the True Faith, // the Church venerates the icon of Christ Incarnate.

Steadfast Protectress — 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!

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 4 (Song of the Fathers) — Blessed are Thou, O Lord God of our Fathers and praised and glorified is Thy Name forever! (Daniel 3:26: Song of the Three Holy Children v.3)

2 Cor. 9: 6-11

⁶Remember this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly. Whoever sows generously will also reap generously. ⁷Let everyone give according to what he determines in his heart; not grudgingly or under compulsion; for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that by having what is needed in everything, you may overflow in every good work. ⁹As it is written:

He has scattered abroad, he has given to the poor.

His righteousness remains forever.

¹⁰Now may he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food also supply and multiply your seed for sowing, and increase the fruits of your righteousness. ¹¹Thus, may you be enriched in everything, so that you may be generous in all things; and through us, this brings thanksgiving to God.

ALLELUIA

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

Hebrews 13: 7-16

⁷Remember your leaders, those men who proclaimed the word of God to you. Considering the results of their conduct, imitate their faith. ⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. ⁹Do not be carried away by all sorts of strange teachings. It is good that the inner person should be strengthened by grace, not by food which is of no profit to those who have been preoccupied by it!

¹⁰We have an altar from which those who offer divine service [in] the holy tabernacle have no right to eat. ¹¹For the bodies of those animals (whose blood is brought into the holy place by the high priest as an offering for sin) are burned outside of the camp. ¹²This is why Jesus suffered outside of the gate, so that he might sanctify the people through his own blood. ¹³Let us therefore go out [of the city] to him who is outside of the camp and let us bear his disgrace. ¹⁴For we do not have here [on earth] an enduring city, but we seek the one that is to come. ¹⁵Therefore, through him, [Jesus], let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, the fruit of our lips which confessed his Name. ¹⁶But do not forget to do what is good and to share because God is well pleased with such sacrifices.

Gospel — Luke 8: 5-15

⁵"A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was sowing, some [seed] fell along the wayside; it was trampled under foot, and the birds of the sky devoured it. ⁶Other seed fell on the rock, and as soon as it grew, it withered away because it had no moisture. ⁷Other fell among the thorns, and the thorns grew with it, and choked it. ⁸Other fell into the good ground, grew, and brought forth fruit a hundred times." As he said this, he exclaimed, "Let anyone with ears to hear listen!"

⁹Then his disciples asked him, "What does this parable mean?"

¹⁰Jesus replied, "To you it is given to know the mysteries of the Kingdom of God, but to the rest, [it is given] in parables, so that 'seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand.' ¹¹Now this is what the parable means: The seed is the word of God. ¹²Those along the wayside are those who have heard. Then the devil comes and takes away the word from their heart, so that they may not believe and be saved. ¹³Those on the rock are those who receive the word with joy when they hear. But they have no root; they believe for a while, then fall away in time of temptation. ¹⁴What fell among the thorns is those who have heard, and as they go on their way, they are choked with worries, wealth, and the pleasures of life; and they bring no fruit to maturity. ¹⁵As for the seed that fell in the rich soil, this is those who have heard the word with an honest and good heart, who retain it and bring forth fruit with endurance.

John 17: 1-13

¹⁷Jesus said these things, and lifting up his eyes to heaven, he said, "Father, the time has come! Glorify your Son, so that your Son may also glorify you, ²even as you gave him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him.

³This is eternal life: that they should know you, the only true God, and him whom you have sent, Jesus Christ.

⁴I have glorified you on the earth! I have accomplished the work which you have given me to do! ⁵Now, Father, glorify me with yourself with the glory I had with you before the world existed. ⁶I have revealed your Name to the people whom you have given me out of the world. They were yours, and you have given them to me; they have kept your word. ⁷Now they have known that all things you have given me are from you. ⁸The words you have given me, I have given to them. They have received them and they have known for certain that I came forth from you, and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I pray for them; I do not pray for the world, but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. ¹⁰All things that are mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. ¹¹I am no longer in the world, but these are [still] in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them through your Name which you have given me, so that they may be one, even as we are [one]. ¹²While I was with them in the world, I protected them in your Name. Those whom you have given me I have kept. None of them is lost, except the son of destruction, so that the Scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³But now I come to you, and I say these things in the world, so that they may have my joy made full in themselves.