



### LOOKING AHEAD

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

#### Mon Oct 24

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

#### Wed Oct 26

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

#### Sun Oct 30

After Divine Liturgy—Children & Youth Practice for Visit of Archbishop

#### Mon Oct 31

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

#### Wed Nov 2

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

For more dates & links please visit our website: [www.stjohnofdamascus.org/calendar](http://www.stjohnofdamascus.org/calendar)

Confessions are held on Saturdays after Great Vespers or by appointment with Fr Michael.

### Many Years!

#### Birthdays

Joseph Sheeler	10/23
Katya Sheeler	10/24
Vera (Vickie) Federoff, Wayne Henry, Artem Bishaev	10/26
Andrew Steven Cooper	10/27

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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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19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—TONE 2

APOSTLE JAMES, THE BROTHER OF THE LORD



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

Your sins piled one above the other do not overtop the greatness of God's love. Your wounds are not too great for the skill of the Doctor. There is only one course of treatment for you to follow: rely on Him in faith. Explain frankly what is wrong to the Doctor and say with the Psalmist "I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity." [Ps 32:5] Then you will be able to go on with the Psalmist to say: "Then did you forgive the guilt of my sin."

- St. Cyril of Jerusalem



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

**NEXT SUNDAY (10/30)  
Children & Youth Practice for  
Archbishop's Visit**

In preparation for the visit of His Eminence the children and youth will have a Youth Choir practice next Sunday as well as greeting and processing with the Archbishop when he arrives. Parents are asked to arrange their schedules to allow their children to participate.



**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](mailto:info@stjohnofdamascus.org) or call 858-674-1931



**Adult Ed—The Gospel & the Gospels  
Classes Wednesdas 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 is focusing 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 are offered in "hybrid style" (in person in the Church hall as well as via Zoom).

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

**Ministry Directory**

Below are the people who coordinate 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

Prosphora — Fr Michael

Readers at Divine Liturgy—Bill Moision

Saturday Adult Ed — Dn George Shumaik

Security Committee — Parish Council

Scrip Sales—Auxiliary

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.

**Pray for our New Catechumen**

We have 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*

## Parish Life

We are preparing pledge forms and will be distributing them in the next couple weeks. Please take this time to pray about your situation and what an appropriate pledge of time & talent as well as financial offerings would be as good stewards of the gifts the Lord has given you

The Ministry Directory to the right as well as the Financial Offering information below are offered as resources to aid you as you prayerfully make your decisions.

Thank you!

### Our Financial Offerings

Often people ask, "How much should I give to the Church?" We remember the full tithe, or 10%, that was due to God under the old covenant. But under grace in Christ, we understand that everything (100%) we have is His given to us from Him and we are mere stewards of it in this life. Such there is no fixed percentage commanded of us. It is up to each of us to consult God in prayer, to seek His will for us in this regard. In truth, what is most important is the spirit with which our gift is given.

- *He [Jesus] looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the treasury; and he saw a poor widow put in two copper coins. And he said, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them; for they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all the living that she had."* (Luke 21:1-4)
- *Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work.* (2 Corinthians 9: 7-8)

The table below is offered as a resource:

#### Percentage Giving—Approximate Proportionate Gift Per Week

If Annual Income is:	3%	4%	5%	8%	10%	12%
\$25,000	\$14	\$19	\$24	\$38	\$48	\$58
\$30,000	\$17	\$23	\$29	\$46	\$58	\$69
\$35,000	\$20	\$27	\$34	\$54	\$67	\$81
\$40,000	\$23	\$31	\$38	\$62	\$77	\$92
\$45,000	\$26	\$35	\$43	\$69	\$87	\$104
\$50,000	\$29	\$38	\$48	\$77	\$96	\$115
\$55,000	\$32	\$42	\$53	\$85	\$106	\$127
\$60,000	\$35	\$46	\$58	\$92	\$115	\$138
\$65,000	\$38	\$50	\$63	\$100	\$125	\$150
\$70,000	\$40	\$54	\$67	\$108	\$135	\$162
\$75,000	\$43	\$58	\$72	\$115	\$144	\$173
\$80,000	\$46	\$62	\$77	\$123	\$154	\$185
\$85,000	\$49	\$65	\$82	\$131	\$163	\$196
\$90,000	\$52	\$69	\$87	\$138	\$173	\$208
\$95,000	\$55	\$73	\$91	\$146	\$183	\$219
\$100,000	\$58	\$77	\$96	\$154	\$192	\$231

**REGARDLESS OF HOW MUCH YOU GIVE, THE PARISH IS GRATEFUL FOR WHAT YOU OFFER!**

## 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. James – Tone 4

As the Lord's disciple you received the Gospel, O righteous James; as a martyr you have unfailing courage; as God's brother, you have boldness; as a hierarch, you have the power to intercede.// Pray to Christ God 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. James– Tone 4

When God the Word, the Only-begotten of the Father, came to live among us in these last days, He declared you, venerable James, to be the first shepherd and teacher Jerusalem and a faithful steward of the spiritual Mysteries.// Therefore, we all honor you, O Apostle.

#### 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 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 8** (Apostle) -- Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the universe! (Ps 63/64:10)

## Today's Worship — Epistle Readings

### 2 Cor. 11:31-12:9

<sup>31</sup>The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, he who is blessed unto the ages, knows that I do not lie. <sup>32</sup>In Damascus, the governor of King Aretas guarded the city, desiring to arrest me. <sup>33</sup>But I was let down in a basket along the wall through a window, and this is how I escaped from his hands.

Without a doubt, it is not profitable for me to boast, but I will now discuss visions and revelations from the Lord. <sup>2</sup>I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up into the third heaven (whether [it was] in the body, I do not know, or whether out of the body, I do not know; God knows). <sup>3</sup>[Yes], I know such a man (whether in the body, or outside of the body, I do not know; God knows), <sup>4</sup>how he was caught up into Paradise, and heard ineffable words, which it is not lawful for anyone to utter. <sup>5</sup>On behalf of such a person, I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except in my weaknesses. <sup>6</sup>If my intention is to boast, I will not be foolish: I will speak the truth. But now, I shall stop, so that no one may think more of me than what is seen in me or heard from me. <sup>7</sup>Because of the tremendous greatness of these revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan that torments me, so that I would not be too exalted. <sup>8</sup>Concerning this thing, I begged the Lord three times that it might depart from me, <sup>9</sup>but he replied to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." And so, it is with joy that I would rather [find] glory in my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest on me.

### 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 1**—V. The heavens will praise Thy wonders, O Lord; and Thy truth in the congregation of the saints. (Ps. 88:5)

### Gal 1: 11-19

<sup>11</sup>[Regarding] the Good News which I preached, I proclaimed this to you, brethren, that it is not of human origin. <sup>12</sup>I did not receive it from man and I was not taught [this Good News] by man, but it came to me through a revelation of Jesus Christ. <sup>13</sup>You have heard about how I used to live in Judaism, how I persecuted the Church of God beyond measure, and how I ravaged it. <sup>14</sup>I advanced in the Jewish religion beyond many of my own age among my countrymen, as I was more extremely zealous for the traditions of my forefathers. <sup>15</sup>But when it was the good pleasure of God (who had set me apart from my mother's womb and called me through his grace, <sup>16</sup>to reveal his Son in me so that I might preach him among the Gentiles), I did not immediately confer with flesh and blood: <sup>17</sup>I did not go up to Jerusalem to visit those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia. Later on, I returned to Damascus. <sup>18</sup>Then, after three years, I did go up to Jerusalem to visit Peter, and I stayed with him for fifteen days. <sup>19</sup>However, I did not see any of the other apostles, except James, 'the Lord's brother.'

## Today's Worship — Gospel Readings

### Gospel — Luke 16: 19-31

<sup>1</sup>  
<sup>9</sup>Now there was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen, feasting in luxury every day. <sup>20</sup>A certain beggar named Lazarus was laid at his gate, full of sores, <sup>21</sup>who desired to be fed with the crumbs that fell from the rich man's table. Yes, even dogs came and licked his sores. <sup>22</sup>It happened that the beggar died and that he was carried away by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died, and was buried. <sup>23</sup>In hades, he lifted up his eyes, being in torment, and saw Abraham far off, and Lazarus in his bosom. <sup>24</sup>He cried and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, so that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue! For I am in agony in this flame!'

<sup>25</sup>But Abraham replied, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime, you received your good things, and Lazarus, in the same way, bad things. But now, he is comforted here and you are in anguish.

<sup>26</sup>Besides all this, between us and you a great gulf is fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot [do so], and that no one may cross over from there to us.'

<sup>27</sup>He said, 'I ask you therefore, father, that you would send Lazarus to my father's house; <sup>28</sup>for I have five brothers, that he might bear witness to them, so that they would not also come to this place of torment.'

<sup>29</sup>Abraham replied to him, 'They have Moses and the prophets! Let them listen to them!'

<sup>30</sup>But he said, 'No, father Abraham, but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.'

<sup>31</sup>Then Abraham said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone rises from the dead.'

### Gospel — Matt 13: 54-58

<sup>54</sup>Coming into his own country, he taught the people in their synagogue and they were astonished, saying, "Where did this man get this wisdom and these deeds of power? <sup>55</sup>Is this not the carpenter's son? Is not his mother called Mary, and his brothers, James, Joses, Simon, and Judas? <sup>56</sup>Are not all of his sisters with us? Where then did this man get all of these things?" <sup>57</sup>And they stumbled because of him.

But Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor, except in his own country and in his own house!" <sup>58</sup>He did not do many deeds of power there because of their unbelief.