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THE IMAGE...

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

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24TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—TONE 7
GREAT MARTYR JAMES THE PERSIAN

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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

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From the Holy Fathers

If three men meet, of whom the first fully
preserves interior peace, and the second
gives thanks to God in illness, and the third
serves with a pure mind, these three are
doing the same work.

Abba Poemen

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

E-mail info@stjohnofdamascus.org
with your request.



Parish Life

Adopt a Poway Family

Our local Poway Unified School District is once again coordinating an "Adopt a Family" program for local families.

This year St John's is adopting 3 families (each with 3 children).

Information about purchasing items for these families can be found on the bulletin board in the church hall.

If you have a questions, please contact Ken Telles.



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.

Our Patronal Feast Day is Next Week! St John of Damascus (12/4)

Every Orthodox parish is given a patronal altar feast. We have been blessed to be one of only a few parishes in North America to have St John of Damascus as our patron.

As you know St John was a defender of our Faith, a writer of Church hymns and an incredible example of what it means to be an Orthodox Christian in this world. To this day he is an aid and intercessor for us.

As part of your pre-Christmas spiritual journey be sure to participate in the services and celebrations of the feast.

Great Vespers & Litya—Sat Dec 3 6pm

Divine Liturgy—Sun Dec 4 8:30am Hours & 9:00am Divine Liturgy

Annual Youth Sunday—Dec 4

The purpose of Youth Sunday is to involve all the Youth of St. John of Damascus Orthodox Church on the Sunday closest to our Parish Name Day celebration. Everyone will have an opportunity to participate in various ministries during the Divine Liturgy. Children are welcome to come early to help decorate the Church with flowers.

There is a sign-up planning sheet to coordinate everything beginning next Sunday

For more information you can speak to one of our Church School teachers.

Auxiliary Baking/Cooking Days

With the Christmas Bake Sale less than a month away and our Thanksgiving Sale being so successful we need to restock our shelves. Below is are the days the Auxiliary will be baking/cooking.

All days are at the church hall beginning at 9am.

Wed 11/30

Thurs 12/1

Mon 12/5

Wed 12/7

Questions? Call or email Tanya Franchak

Parish Life

St John's to Host World-Renowned, Grammy Nominated Church Musician Vladimir Gorbik for Area Workshops Dec 2-4

We are blessed to have a world renowned Orthodox church musician hosting a choir director, choir and reader workshop the weekend of our patronal feast day. Vladimir Gorbik is a true student and servant of the church focusing on increasing the skills of those who read, sing and conduct choirs during our services.

In addition to the various workshops on Friday and Saturday and Sunday after Liturgy Vladimir will be conducting the choir for the liturgy of our patronal feast day on Sunday Dec 4.

Given St John of Damascus' role as a hymnographer, it seems incredibly appropriate to host this wonderful event not just for ourselves but for our brothers and sisters in Christ in the area.

See the flyers posted in the church and the church hall.

Operation Christmas THANK YOU!

The Auxiliary would like to give a big thank you for all those who teamed up with us and supported Operation Christmas Child. It is a long standing charity bringing shoeboxes full of toys, gifts, and the message of our Lord to poor children around the world. Our parish was able to raise approximately \$1000 for the project, and tracking of the shoebox destinations will begin shortly. Your generous contributions will mean so much to all those kids this Christmas!!! God Bless you!

Children & Youth Bring Your Shoes Next Sunday for St Nicholas

Our Children & Youth are invited to leave their shoes next Sunday in the hall for St Nicholas.

He promises to fill those shoes with some treats & ways to add a little joy to their Christmas celebrations. The shoes can be picked up after the Akathist to St Nicholas on 12/6 or next weekend.

Baptism of Paul Swanson Dec 10 10:30am

Our catechumen and friend Paul Swanson will receive Holy Baptism & Chrismation on Saturday Dec 10 at 10:30am.

Everyone is welcome to come and add their "Amen" to this life-changing event.

There will also be a reception following at Paul & Marina's home. They would like to invite all those attending the baptism to be part of the celebration afterward.

Please RSVP to Marina by Dec 3 at 619-405-2444



Auxiliary Christma Ethnic Foods & Bake Sale Save the Date Saturday Dec 17 — 11am-2pm Get Your Orders In!

On Saturday Dec 17 from 11:00am—2:00pm our Auxiliary will be having its Christmas Ethnic Foods & Bake Sale.

Pre-orders are taken by phone or email.

All our traditional ethnic foods and freshly made-baked goods will be available. A menu flyer with ordering instructions has been emailed and posted on our website at

<https://stjohnofdamascus.org/st-johns-auxiliary/>

We encourage you to order early.

To be added to the Auxiliary's e-mail list and receive this year's menu immediately, send an email to Auxiliary@stjohnofdamascus.org or speak to Mike Wesdell.

Today's Worship — Hymns

TROPARIA

Resurrection — Tone 7

By Thy Cross, Thou didst destroy death! To the thief, Thou didst open Paradise! For the Myrrhbearers, Thou didst change weeping into joy! And Thou didst command Thy disciples, O Christ God, to proclaim that Thou art risen, granting the world great mercy!

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

Long-suffering James, you astounded all
by enduring horrible tortures with great
patience.
As the evil assembly performed the slaughter,
you uttered prayers of thanksgiving to the Lord.
Through your sufferings you received your
crown,
and came to the throne of the heavenly King,
Christ God.
Entreat Him to save our souls!

KONTAKIA

Resurrection — Tone 7

The dominion of death can no longer hold men captive, for Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers! Hell is bound, while the prophets rejoice and cry: The Savior has come to those in faith! Enter, you faithful, into the Resurrection!

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 2

You listened to your faithful wife
and contemplated the judgment of God, holy
James;
you despised the threats and commands of the
Persians,
accepting the cutting of your body and though
you were a vine.
Therefore you were revealed as a martyr
worthy of honor.

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!

PROKEIMENON

Tone 7 (Resurrection) — The Lord shall give strength to His people. The Lord shall bless His people with peace. (*Ps 28/29:11*)

v: Offer to the Lord, O you sons of God! Offer young rams to the Lord! (Ps 28/29:1)

Today's Worship — Scripture Readings

Epistle Ephesians 2: 14-22

¹⁴He is our peace, he who made both [groups to be] one and tore down the wall of separation. ¹⁵He abolished in his flesh the enmity which is the law of commandments with its decrees, so that he might create in himself one new humanity instead of two, making peace. ¹⁶He reconciled both [groups] to God in one body, through the cross, by which he destroyed that enmity. ¹⁷He came and preached peace to you who were far off and also to those who were near. ¹⁸Through him, we both have access to the Father in one Spirit. ¹⁹And so, you are no longer strangers and foreigners! Instead, [you are] fellow citizens with the saints, and members of God's household, ²⁰being built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets. Jesus Christ himself is the chief cornerstone, ²¹in whom the whole building, fitted together, grows into a holy sanctuary in the Lord. ²²In him, you too are built up into a dwelling place of God in [the] Spirit.

Gospel — Luke 13:10-17

¹⁰Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath day. ¹¹Behold, there was a woman who had had a spirit of infirmity for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not straighten herself up. ¹²When Jesus saw her, he called her, and said to her, "Woman, you are freed from your infirmity!" ¹³He laid his hands on her and immediately, she stood up straight and glorified God. ¹⁴However, the ruler of the synagogue was indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath. He said to the crowd, "There are six days in which people should work! Therefore, come on those days and be healed, not on the Sabbath day!" ¹⁵Then the Lord answered him, "You hypocrites! Does not each one of you free his ox or his donkey from the stall on the Sabbath, and lead it out to water? ¹⁶Should not this woman, a daughter of Abraham who was bound by Satan for eighteen years, be freed from this bondage on the Sabbath day?" ¹⁷As he said these things, all his adversaries were put to shame and all the people rejoiced over all the glorious things that were done by him.

ALLELUIA

Tone 7 (Resurrection) -- V. It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Your Name, O Most High. (Ps. 91:1)

V. To declare Your mercy in the morning, and Your truth by night. (Ps. 91:2a)

Our Life in Christ

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!

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

<i>If Annual Income is:</i>	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!

Our Life in Christ

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

Diamond Circle Seniors — Jim & Patty Pelachik

Electric Church Sign Messages—John Thayer

Fellowship/Coffee Hour — Linda Kedroff

Flowers/Decorating—TBD

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

Security Committee — Parish Council

Scrip Sales—Auxiliary

Social Media —Evan Keeling & Iryna 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.

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](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**



LOOKING AHEAD

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

Mon Nov 28

6:00pm—Orthodox Christianity 101

Wed Nov 30

9:00am—Auxiliary Cooking/Baking

10:30am — Father's Café (In person & via Zoom—see website calendar for link)

7:00pm—Adult Ed: The Gospel & the Gospels (In person & via Zoom—see website calendar for link)

Thurs Dec 1

9:00am—Auxiliary Cooking/Baking

Mon Dec 5

9:00am—Auxiliary Cooking/Baking

6:00pm—Orthodox Christianity 101 (In person & via Zoom—see website calendar for link)

Tues Dec 6

6:00pm—Akathist to St Nicholas (Children Pick-up Shoes afterwards)

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

Peter Anderson	11/27
Archpriest Michael Anderson, Andrew Lump	11/29
Cora Temnick	11/30
Helen Chen	12/1
Lena Strateff, Thomas Ferrari, Victor Anderson	12/3

PARISH CONTACT INFO:

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Priest: V. Rev. Michael Anderson, Rector

Email: powaypadre@stjohnofdamascus.org — **Phone:** (858) 717-2172

Attached Clergy: V. Rev. Alexander Federoff, Retired & Dn. George Shumaik

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