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THE IMAGE...

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

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25TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—TONE 8

GREAT MARTYR BARBARA
ST. JOHN OF DAMASCUS
ST. ALEXANDER HOTOVITSKY

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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

In former times, God, who is without form or body, could never be depicted. But now when God is seen in the flesh conversing with men, I make an image of the God whom I see. I do not worship matter; I worship the Creator of matter who became matter for my sake.

St John of Damascus

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Include Something in the Bulletin or
Receive our Weekly
(NEWS@StJohnofDamascus.org)
Parish E-mails
E-mail info@stjohnofdamascus.org



Parish Life

Parish Christmas Card Be Part of the Joy

Each year St John of Damascus sends Christmas cards to friends and members (some of whom are not able to come to church very often or at all).

It is a simple way to tell people, "We remember you and love you" while sharing the joy of the feast.

It is \$10 per line to include your name.

Please see Carole Shumaik for details.



Chrismation 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



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.

Auxiliary Christmas 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.



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.

Mon 12/5

Wed 12/7

Questions? Call or email Tanya Franchak

Today's Worship—Hymns

TROPARIA

Resurrection — Tone 8

Thou didst descend from on high, O Merciful One! Thou didst accept the three-day burial to free us from our sufferings! O Lord, our Life and Resurrection: 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. Barbara – Tone 8

Let us honor the holy Martyr Barbara,
for, as a bird, she escaped the snares of the Enemy,//
and destroyed them through the help and defense of the Cross!

KONTAKIA

Resurrection — Tone 8

By rising from the tomb, Thou didst raise the dead and resurrect Adam. Eve exults in Thy Resurrection, and the world celebrates Thy Rising from the dead, O greatly Merciful One!

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. Barbara – Tone 4

Singing the praises of the Trinity, you followed God by enduring suffering; you renounced the multitude of idols, O holy martyr Barbara. In your struggles, you were not frightened by the threats of your torturers, but cried out in a loud voice://
"I worship the Trinity in one Godhead."

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!

Today's Worship — Scripture Readings

Epistle Ephesians 4: 1-6

¹ I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ² with all lowliness and meekness, with patience, forbearing one another in love, ³ eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴ There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call, ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶ one God and Father of us all, who is above all and through all and in all.

Epistle Galatians 5:22-6:2

²² On the other hand, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faith, ²³ gentleness, and self-control. Against such things there is no law! ²⁴ Those who belong to Christ have crucified the flesh with its passions and lusts. ²⁵ If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit! ²⁶ Let us not become arrogant, challenging and envying one another.

Brethren, even if someone is caught in some fault, you who are spiritual must restore such a person in a spirit of gentleness. But watch out for yourself in order not to be tempted. ² Bear each others' burdens, and thus fulfill the law of Christ.

PROKEIMENON

Tone 8 (Resurrection) — Pray and make your vows before the Lord, our God! (Ps 75/76:11)

v: In Judah God is known; His name is great in Israel. (Ps 75/76:1)

Tone 7 (St John) — Precious in the sight of the Lord / is the death of His saints. (Ps. 115:6)

Today's Worship — Scripture Readings

Gospel — Luke 17: 12-19

¹² And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance ¹³ and lifted up their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." ¹⁴ When he saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. ¹⁵ Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; ¹⁶ and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Then said Jesus, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine?" ¹⁸ Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹ And he said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

Gospel — Luke 6:17-23

¹⁷ He came down with them and stood on a level place. A number of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the sea coast of Tyre and Sidon came to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. ¹⁸ Those who were troubled by unclean spirits also came, and they were healed. ¹⁹ The whole multitude desired to touch him because power came out from him and healed them all.

²⁰ Jesus looked up to his disciples, and said:

Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the Kingdom of God.

²¹ Blessed are you who hunger now,
for you will be filled.

Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

²² Blessed are you when men shall hate
you,
and when they shall exclude and mock
you,
and throw out your name as evil for the
sake of the Son of Man.

²³ Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy,
for behold, your reward is great in heaven,
for their fathers did the same thing to the
prophets.

ALLELUIA

Tone 8 (Resurrection) -- V. Come, let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior! (Ps. 94:1)

V. Let us come before His face with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise! (Ps. 94:2)

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

Our Life in Christ

Member information and pledge forms are available in the back of the church. 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.

Please submit your form by Jan 1. 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

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!

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 — Fr Michael

Diamond Circle Seniors — Jim & Patty Pelachik

Electric Church Sign Messages—John Thayer

Fellowship/Coffee Hour — Linda Kedroff

Flowers/Decorating—Diane Worth

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—Gene Francello, Valerie Lane

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 Dec 5

9:00am—Auxiliary Cooking/Baking
6:00pm—Orthodox Christianity 101 (In person & via Zoom—see website calendar for link)

Tues Dec 6—St Nicholas

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

Wed Dec 7

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)

Mon Dec 12

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

Tues Dec 13—St Herman of Alaska

6:00pm—Akathist to St Herman

Wed Dec 14

10:30am — Father's Café (In person & via Zoom—see website calendar for link)
7:00pm — Parish Council Meeting

Sat Dec 17

11:00am-2pm — Christmas Bake Sale

Many Years!

Name Days

Barbara Karleen (new style), Barbara Anderson, John Keeling, Kelvin (John) Brown	12/4
Nicholas Franchak, Nicholas Geralt	12/6
Rebekah Hones	12/8
Kim Anh (Anna) Nguyễn Herbert	12/9

Birthdays

George Minakov	12/5
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The faithful of St John of Damascus Orthodox Church and its friends and benefactors on this our patronal feast day

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Priest: V. Rev. Michael Anderson, Rector

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

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