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THE IMAGE...

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

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26TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—TONE 1
SUNDAY OF THE FOREFATHERS



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

God the Father has prepared in Christ gifts for the inhabitants of the earth. Through Christ, he bestowed the forgiveness of sins, cleansing away of all defilement, communion of the Holy Spirit, glorious adoption as children, and the kingdom of heaven. To these blessings, Christ invited Israel, before all others, by the commandments of the gospel.

St. Cyril of Alexandria



**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.



Donations for Flowers

Part of our parish celebration of Christmas is adorning the church temple with special flowers and decorations.

Please give as you are able so that we can add the beauty of God's creation to the beauty of our temple to glorify our Lord.



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

**SAINT JOHN OF DAMASCUS
ORTHODOX CHURCH
AUXILIARY**

ETHNIC FOODS and BAKE SALE

Saturday, December 17, 2022

11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

16903 Espola Road, Poway, CA 92064

Pierogies, many varieties!!

Cheese • Potato/Cheese • Sauerkraut • Sweet Cabbage • Prune
Cherry • Peach • \$10.00 per dozen

Sausage & Cheese • The Polish • The Italian
Loaded Baked Potato • \$12.00 per dozen

Stuffed Cabbage Rolls - \$20.00 per doz. **Piroshky** - \$15.00 per doz.

Georgian Cheese Bread - \$16.00 ea. **Spanakopita** - \$18.00 per doz.

Walnut, Poppy Seed, and Apricot rolls - \$18.00 ea.

Baklava - \$18.00 per doz. **Cannoli** - \$2.50 ea.

Pecan, Pumpkin Pies - \$15.00 ea. **Brownies** (Reg., Mint) - \$9.00 per doz.

Apple Strudel - \$9.00 ea. **Apple Turnovers** - \$2.00 ea.

Tea Breads (Banana Nut, Cranberry, Pumpkin) - \$10.00 ea.

Quiche - \$15.00 ea. **Fruit Cakes** - \$25.00 ea.

Holiday Cookies (Russian Tea Cakes, Thumb Print) - \$7.00 per doz.

Cheesecakes 8" (Regular w/ chocolate glaze, Pumpkin), - \$15.00 ea.

Mini Chocolate Cheesecakes - \$2.50 ea.

Advance Orders Only / Pick-Up in our Church Hall

TO ORDER, PHONE:

Tanya: (619) 818-2311 or Mike: (858) 344-2981

or email: auxiliary@stjohnofdamascus.org

Save the date!

Saturday, April 8th, 2023 is our Easter Bake Sale!

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.

Forefathers – Tone 2

Through faith You justified the Forefathers,
betrothing through them the Church of the
gentiles.
These saints exult in glory,
for from their seed came forth a glorious fruit:
she who bore You without seed.//
So by their prayers, O Christ God, have mercy
on us!
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!

Forefathers – Tone 6

You did not worship the graven image,
O thrice-blessed ones,
but armed with the immaterial Essence of God,
you were glorified in a trial by fire.
From the midst of unbearable flames you
called on God, crying:
“Hasten, O compassionate One!
Speedily come to our aid, //
for You are merciful and able to do as You will!”

PROKEIMENON

Tone 4 (Forefathers) — Blessed are Thou, O Lord God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Thy name forever! (*Song of the three Holy Children, v. 3*)

v: For Thou art just in all that Thou hast done for us! (v. 4)

Today's Worship — Scripture Readings

Epistle Colossian 3: 4-11

⁴When Christ who is our life is revealed, then you will also be revealed with him in glory.

⁵Therefore, put to death what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, depraved passions, lust and greed (which is idolatry).

⁶Because of these things, the wrath of God is coming on the children of disobedience. ⁷You also used to live in them when you lived among these people; ⁸but now, put them all away: anger, rage, evil, slander, and shameful language. ⁹Do not lie to one another. You have put off the old self with his doings ¹⁰and you have put on the new self who is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of his Creator. ¹¹Here, there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcision and uncircumcision, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free; but Christ is all, and in all!

Gospel — Luke 14: 16-24

¹⁶But Jesus replied, "A certain man gave a great banquet and invited many people. ¹⁷At supper time, he sent out his slaves to tell those who were invited, 'Come, for everything is ready now!' ¹⁸But they all began to make excuses.

The first told him, 'I have bought a field, and I must go and see it. Please have me excused!'

¹⁹Another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen and I must go try them out. Please have me excused!'

²⁰Another said, 'I have just been married, and therefore I cannot come!'

²¹That slave came back and reported these things to his lord. At this, the master of the house became angry and said to his slave, 'Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the city, and bring in the poor, the maimed, the lame, and the blind.'

²²The servant said, 'Lord, it is done as you commanded, and there is still room!'

²³The lord then told the servant, 'Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel people to come in, so that my house may be filled!'

²⁴For I tell you that none of those who were invited will taste of my supper.' "

ALLELUIA

Tone 4 (Resurrection) -- V. Moses and Aaron were among His priests; Samuel also was among those who called on His Name. (Ps. 98:6)

V. They called to the Lord and He answered them. (Ps. 98:6)

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 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 Nicholas (Children Pick-up Shoes afterwards)

Wed Dec 14

7:00am—Monthly Weekday Divine Liturgy
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

Mon Dec 19

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

Wed Dec 21

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

Fri Dec 23

11:30am — Sacrament of Confession
4:30pm—Sacrament of Confession
6:30pm—Sacrament of Confession

Many Years!

Name Days

Sbdn Herman (Ken) Telles, Birdie (Lucy) Worth, Anna (Lucy) Jones 12/13
Barbara Karleen 12/17 (old style)

Birthdays

Desirée Geralt, George Rahal 12/11
Daria Kedroff 12/12
Sbdn Herman (Ken) Telles, Leo Keeling 12/13

Other

Newly-illuminated servant of God Paul Swanson

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Priest: V. Rev. Michael Anderson, Rector

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

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

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