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# THE IMAGE...

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

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33RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—TONE 8

VENERABLE MAXIMUS THE CONFESSOR

MARTYR NEOPHYTUS OF NICAEA

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Welcome!

...to all who have gathered to follow Jesus Christ & 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 and fill out a visitor card.

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### A Word from the Holy Fathers

If you are remembering evil against someone, then pray for him; and as you remove through prayer the pain of the remembrance of the evil he has done, you will stop the advance of the passion. And when you have attained brotherly love and love for mankind, you will completely cast this passion out of your soul. Then when someone else does evil to you, be affectionate and humble toward him, and treat him kindly, and you will deliver him from this passion.

—*St Maximos the Confessor*

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**Include Something in the Bulletin or  
Be Included in our Weekly E-mails**

E-mail [info@stjohnofdamascus.org](mailto:info@stjohnofdamascus.org)  
with your request.



## Parish Life

### 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.



### Please Sign-up for Fellowship Hour

There are a number of Sundays that have openings for people to help with our Fellowship Meal after Liturgy.

We encourage groups of 4 to alleviate the cost of trying to feed our growing parish.

Simple meals are welcome!

If you have any questions speak with Linda Kedroff.



### FOOD ALLERGIES

There are many people who are afflicted with food allergies—some of which can be nearly lethal. If you are bringing something for the weekly potluck **please create a sign and attach it to your dish if it includes items like:**

- Peanuts/Nuts
- Shellfish
- Cantaloupe
- MSG

Thank you!

### Blessing of Water w/ San Diego Orthodox Churches Crown Point Beach 1/27 11am

Orthodox Churches in San Diego will be gathering at Crown Point Beach on Jan 27 at 11am for a blessing of the Bay.

It is a wonderful opportunity to gather with our brothers and sisters in Christ from other parishes.

Save the date and spread the news!



### 2024 Wall Calendars Available (with Feasts, Fasts, Scriptures Readings)

The wall calendars for 2024 have arrived and are available in the narthex in the back of the church.

\$10 donation is requested.



### Monthly Collections

As we continue to restore many of the beloved practices of our parish we are reinstituting 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. Please give as you can.

## Today's Worship — Hymns

### House Blessings

Following the feast of Theophany until the beginning of Great Lent (Jan. 7 - Mar. 16) Fr. Michael will be blessing homes.

Please contact Fr. Michael to arrange a date and time.



### MELISSA PALUMBO TO HOLD CONCERT IN CHURCH HALL

**FRIDAY JANUARY 26 — 7:00PM**

Melissa is a trained musician who desires to share her faith through music she composes.

Please plan on joining us on Friday 1/26 at 7:00pm to experience a performance reflecting her journey of faith in Christ.

Save the date and spread the word.



### Father's Café Wednesdays

**In-Person as well as via Zoom  
10:30-11:30 (ish)**

Our weekly gathering for prayer, reflection & simple fellowship is on Wednesdays. It is at 10:30am and is available for people to attend IN PERSON as well as via Zoom (see online calendar for the link).

This is an opportunity to sit and have a cup of coffee or tea (reg and decaf provided) and ask questions about the Faith or talk about whatever comes to mind (gardening, movies, history, etc.). We say a prayer, read a reflection and let the conversation (and coffee) flow.

### Nomination Committee

### Elections for Parish Council Members, Auditors & Parish Lay Representative

Our annual meeting is scheduled for Sunday Feb 18 at which we will be holding elections for Parish Council members, Auditors and our Parish Lay Representative for 2024.

Nino Kiria, Gene Francello or Patty Pelachik may approach you asking you to consider running for one of these positions. You need to have been a full member of the parish for at least 6 months, receive Holy Communion and Confession.

Please pray about this and considering offering to serve.

### Dates for 2023

#### **MOVABLE FEASTS**

Palm Sunday	April 28
Pascha	May 5
Ascension	June 13
Pentecost	June 23

#### **FASTS**

Great Lent	Mar 18– April 27
Holy Week	April 29 - May 4
Apostles Fast	—
Dormition Fast	August 1-14
Nativity Fast/Advent	Nov 15—Dec 24

#### **FAST-FREE WEEKS**

Publican & Pharisee	Feb 25-Mar 2
Bright Week	May 5-May 11
After Pentecost	June 23-29
After Christmas	Dec 25-Jan 4

## Today's Worship — Hymns

### TROPARIA

### KONTAKIA

#### Resurrection—Tone 8

You descended from on high, O Merciful One!  
You accepted the three day burial to free us from  
our sufferings!  
O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to You!

#### 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 Maximus the Confessor—Tone 8

Champion of Orthodoxy, teacher of purity and of  
true worship,  
enlightener of the universe and the adornment of  
hierarchs:  
all-wise Father Maximus, your teachings have  
gleamed with light upon all things.  
Intercede before Christ God to save our souls!

#### Martyr Neophytus—Tone 4

Your holy martyr Neophytus, O Lord,  
through his suffering has received an  
incorruptible crown from You, our God.  
For having Your strength, he laid low his  
adversaries,  
and shattered the powerless boldness of  
demons.  
Through his intercessions save our souls!

#### Resurrection—Tone 8

By rising from the tomb, You raised the dead  
and resurrected Adam.  
Eve exults in Your Resurrection,  
and the world celebrates Your 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 Maximus the Confessor—Tone 6

The Thrice-radiant Light took up abode in your  
soul, O all-blissful father,  
and displayed it as an elect vessel, manifest to  
the ends of the earth.  
O blessed Maximus, you explained hard-to-  
grasp doctrines with brilliance and clarity,  
proclaiming the transcendent and unoriginate  
Trinity to all.

#### 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 8** — (*Resurrection*) Pray and make your vows before the Lord our God! (*Ps 75:121*)

*v: In Judah God is known; His Name is great in Israel. (Ps 75:2)*

## Today's Worship — Scripture Readings

### Epistle — Colossians 1: 12-18

12 May you give thanks to God the Father, who has granted us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light. 13 He has delivered us from the power of darkness, and translated us into the Kingdom of the Son of his love. 14 In him, we have our redemption, the forgiveness of our sins.

15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. 16 For in him, all things were created, in the heavens and on earth, things visible and invisible, thrones, dominions, principalities, and powers; all things have been created through him, and for him. 17 He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. 18 He is the head of the body, the Church; [he is] the first cause, the firstborn from the dead, so that in all [things] he might have the first place.

### Gospel — Matthew 22: 1-14

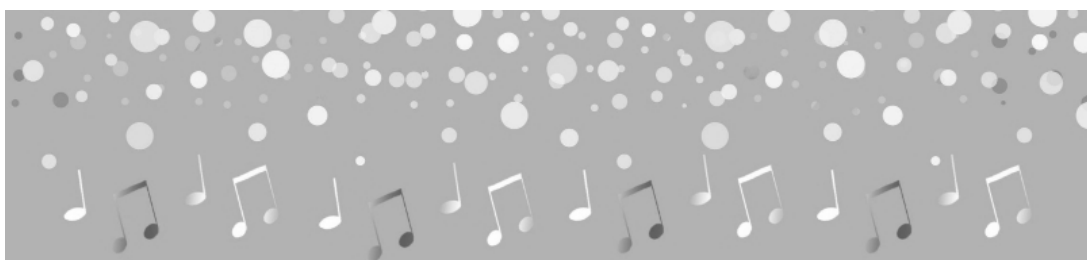
22 Jesus now addressed them with another parable, saying: 2 "The Kingdom of Heaven is like a king who planned a wedding feast for his son. 3 He then sent out his slaves to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they refused to come. 4 Again, the king sent out other slaves, saying: 'Tell those who are invited, "Behold, I have prepared my dinner! My cattle and my fatted calves have been killed and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast!" ' 5 But those who were invited made light of it and went off, one to his own farm, another to his merchandise, 6 and the others seized the king's slaves, treated them shamefully, and killed them. 7 But when the king heard about it, he was furious. He sent out his soldiers to destroy those murderers and to burn their city. 8 Then the king said to his servants, 'The wedding is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy. 9 Go therefore to the crossroads of the highways, and as many people as you may find, invite to the wedding feast.' 10 Those slaves went out into the highways and gathered as many people as they could find, both good and bad. Thus, the wedding [hall] was filled with guests. 11 But when the king came in to see the guests, he saw a man who was not wearing a wedding garment. 12 He asked him, 'Friend, how did you come in here, not wearing a wedding garment?' And the man was speechless. 13 Then the king said to the servants, 'Bind him hand and foot, take him away, and throw him into the outer darkness where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.' 14 Indeed, many are called, but few are chosen!"

### ALLELUIA

**Tone 8** - 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)

**Our Life in Christ**



You Are Invited to Attend the

**REJOICE ALWAYS!**

**CONCERT**

featuring

**MELISSA PALUMBO**

**Friday, January 26th at 7-8pm**

St. John of Damascus Orthodox Church Hall

16905 Espola Road

Poway, CA 92064

This event is free and open to the public.

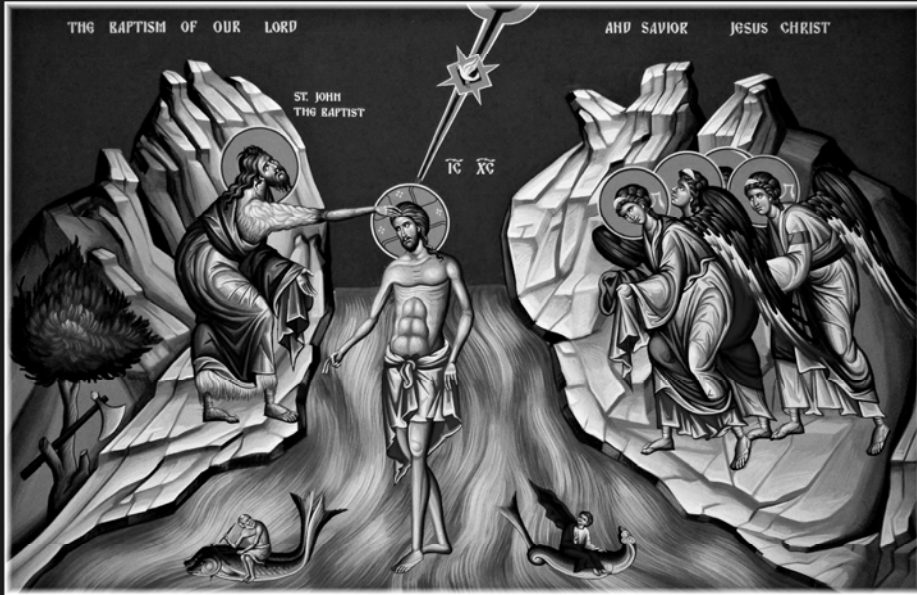
Church donations are welcome unto the

glory of God.



Our Life in Christ

# Pan-Orthodox Blessing of the Waters & Theophany Cross Dive *in Mission Bay*



Saturday 1/27/2024 - 11am - 12pm

Crown Point Park (Moreland Drive, Crown Point Drive  
& Corona Oriente Road) San Diego, CA

Contact Fr. Nathan Thompson with any questions pertaining to the location  
(831) 430-8319 - [frnathanthompson@gmail.com](mailto:frnathanthompson@gmail.com)

Contact Fr. Peter Carmichael with all other inquiries  
(603) 724-4674

*Feel free to bring food, a beach mat, and chairs for an optional picnic afterwards!*



## LOOKING AHEAD

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

### Mon Jan 22-Wed Jan 24

Fr Michael attending Diocesan Dean Retreat

### Wed January 24—St Xenia of St Petersburg

9:00am—Divine Liturgy

### Fri January 26

7:00pm — Melissa Palumbo Concert

### Sat January 27

11:00am — Inter-Orthodox Blessing of Water Crown Point Beach

### Mon January 29

7:00pm — Orthodox Christianity 101

### Wed January 31

7:00am — Monthly Early Weekday Divine Liturgy

10:30am — Fathers Café

### Thurs February 1

6:00pm — Great Vespers & Litya for Meeting of the Lord

### Friday February 2—Meeting of the Lord

8:30am — 3rd Hour & Festal Divine Liturgy w/ Blessing of Candles

**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!

Newly-illuminated Isaiah Alexander Ward, Vincent Constantine Palumbo & Emmanuel Scott

### *Birthdays*

George Darjania, Max Federoff	1/21
Kathleen Callahan, Elaine Kowalik, Charlene Hayes	1/24
Rhea (Tatiana) Roux	1/25

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