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THE IMAGE...

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

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21ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
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THE WONDERWORKER OF NEO-CAESAREA

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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

He who is rich toward God is very blessed and has glorious hope. Who is he? Evidently, one who does not love wealth but rather loves virtue, and to whom few things are sufficient. It is one whose hand is open to the needs of the poor, comforting the sorrows of those in poverty according to his means and the utmost of his power.

—*St Cyril of Alexandria*

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**Include Something in the Bulletin or
Be Included in our Weekly E-mails**
E-mail info@stjohnofdamascus.org



Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?

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

Parish Life

Church School Helpers Needed

We have an excellent team of Church School Teachers but we need 4 or so people to help in the classrooms.

Our Orthodox Church in America has an official policy that there need to be 2 adults in each classroom so each classroom will need an adult helper as well as a teacher.

Church School takes place on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month after Divine Liturgy.

Please consider stepping up to help!

See Bill Moision, Sally Menig or Fr Michael for questions or details.



Sunday Counters—I Person Needed

Some of our Counters have had to step down for personal reasons. We are in need of 1 or so more people to fill “the ranks” to allow for people to only have to count 1 weekend a month.

We have a written “how-to” document to help new recruits as well as our 8 other experienced counters.

Please consider being part of this important ministry.



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.

Visit the Scip Table in the hall after Liturgy for more information or to purchase your cards.

Fall Adult Ed Class

Wednesdays 7pm

Praying the Services—Vespers

Ever attend services but wonder if there is a reason why they are structured the way they are?

The services of the Church are designed to help transform us, leading us through an experience as we worship the Lord. Our 1st topic will be about Vespers.

Classes will be offered in person in the hall and via Zoom.



Sunday Youth & Children Classes

1st and 3rd Sundays—Church School

2nd and 4th Sundays — Youth Choir

PLEASE ENTER HALL QUIETLY AFTER LITURGY TO AVOID INTERRUPTING CLASS



Monthly Collections

As we continue to restore many of the beloved practices of our parish we are reinstating our monthly Sunday collections:

- 2nd Sunday of the Month—Seminarians at St Herman’s Seminary in Alaska & Peter Anderson
- 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.

Parish Life

Orthodox Christianity 101 Class Mondays 6pm

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. All are welcome.

To register email info@stjohnofdamsacus.org or call 858-717-2172—NO CLASS THIS WEEK 10/28



Keep Informed Receive Weekly E-mails About Parish Life

We are an active community with a lot going on. These days it is especially helpful to keep up to date on things taking place in our parish.

We have an email group
News@stjohnofdamsacus.org

It is all those who are interested in the activities of St. John of Damascus Orthodox Church.

To be included E-mail Fr Michael at info@stjohnofdamsacus.org



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.

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.



Auxiliary Bake Sale Next Saturday Come and Help! Spread the Word!

The Auxiliary pre-Thanksgiving Bake Sale will be held this coming Saturday from 11am-2pm.

Help is needed prior to the start time as well as afterwards for clean-up.

Please consider coming and helping!

Also, Spread the word with your neighbors and friends!

Questions? Speak to Tanya Franchak or another Auxiliary member.

Dates for 2024

FASTS

Nativity Fast/Advent Nov 15-Dec 24

FAST-FREE WEEKS

After Christmas Dec 25-Jan 4

Today's Worship — Hymns

TROPARIA

Resurrection—Tone 4

When the women disciples of the Lord
learned from the angel the joyous message of
Thy Resurrection,
they cast away the ancestral curse
and elatedly told the apostles:
"Death is overthrown!
Christ God is 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 Gregory—Tone 8

You became worthy of your name through your
way of life;
through your vigilance in prayer and your
constant works of mercy.
Therefore, O Father Gregory, beseech Christ
God to enlighten our minds, //
that we may not sleep in sin, which leads to
death!

KONTAKIA

Resurrection—Tone 4

My Savior and Redeemer
as God rose from the tomb and delivered the
earth-born from their chains.
He has shattered the gates of hell,
and as Master, //
He has risen on the third day!

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 Gregory—Tone 2

You received the power to perform miracles,
frightening the devils and healing the sick
through your wonderworking.
O All-wise Father Gregory, //
your deeds truly entitle you to be called
Wonderworker.

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 — Galatians 2: 16-20

¹⁶ yet knowing that no one is justified by the works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, we believed in Christ Jesus, so that we might be justified by faith in Christ, and not by the works of the law, because no one will be justified by the works of the law. ¹⁷ But if, even though we desired to be justified in Christ, we were found to be sinners, does that mean that Christ is a servant of sin? Certainly not! ¹⁸ Indeed, if I build up again those things which I [once] destroyed, I show that I am breaking the law. ¹⁹ For I, through the law, died to the law, so that I might live to God. ²⁰ I have been crucified with Christ, and it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. I now live this life in the flesh, but I live [it] by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and who gave himself up for me.

Gospel — Luke 12: 16-21

¹⁶ Then Jesus told them a parable, saying, "The ground of a certain rich man produced in abundance. ¹⁷ He thought to himself, 'What will I do? I do not have room to store my crops!' ¹⁸ Then the man said, 'This is what I will do: I will pull down my barns, build bigger ones, and there I will store all my crops and my goods. ¹⁹ Then I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have many goods stored up for many years. Take your ease, eat, drink, and be merry!"' ²⁰ But God said to him, 'You fool! Tonight your soul is demanded of you. The things which you have prepared, to whom will they belong?' ²¹ This is how it is when someone amasses treasure for himself but is not rich toward God."

PROKEIMENON

Tone 4 (*Resurrection*) — O Lord, how manifold are Your works; / in wisdom have You made them all. (Ps. 103:26)

V. Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord, my God, You are very great! (Ps. 103:1)

ALLELUIA

Tone 4 — V. Go forth, prosper and reign, for the sake of meekness, righteousness and truth! (Ps. 44:3b)

V. For You love righteousness, and hate iniquity. (Ps. 44:6)

**SAINT JOHN OF DAMASCUS
ORTHODOX CHURCH
AUXILIARY**

ETHNIC FOODS and BAKE SALE

Saturday, November 23, 2024

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

16903 Espola Road, Poway

Pierogies, 12 varieties (*Some New Ones!*)

Cheese • Potato/Cheese • Sauerkraut • Sweet Cabbage
Prune • Cherry • @ \$10.00 per dozen
Sausage & Cheese • Loaded Baked Potato • Thanksgiving
Fiesta! • The Polish • Cheeseburger • @ \$12.00 per dozen

Stuffed Cabbage Rolls - \$20.00 per dozen

Spanakopita - \$18.00 per dozen **Baklava** - \$18.00 per dozen

**Quiche (Sausage & Cheese, Broccoli & Bacon, and
Spinach & Bacon** - \$15.00 ea.

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

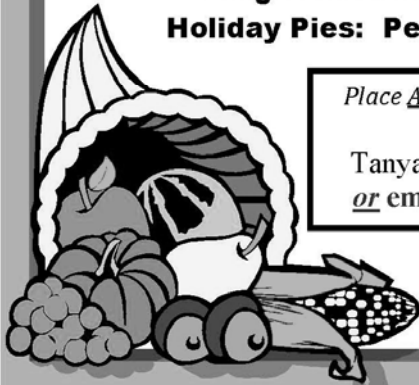
Banana and Pumpkin Tea Bread - \$10.00 ea.

Apple and Pumpkin Strudel - \$10.00 ea.

Mini Chocolate Cheesecakes - \$2.50 ea.

Large Chocolate Chip Cookies - \$2.00 ea.

Holiday Pies: Pecan - \$15.00 **Pumpkin** - \$12.00



Place Advance Orders for Pick-Up in our Church Hall

FOR ORDERS, PHONE

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

or email: auxiliary@stjohnofdamascus.org

Save the Date!
Saturday, December 21st is
our Christmas bake sale

Our Life in Christ

OUR FINANCIAL OFFERINGS—PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR PLEDGE FORM BY DEC 1

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 ALL we have comes from Him, we are just stewards of these gifts, and we will be held accountable for how we managed these gifts. We give to the Church as a reflection of our relationship with the One who gave us these gifts. We give to increase His Kingdom.

Our own parish, in fact, does not require a specific financial sum to be considered a full member. 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 following chart is provided as a resource.

Percentage Giving—Approximate Proportionate Gift Per Week						
If Annual Income is:	3%	4%	5%	8%	10% weekly	12%
\$20,000	\$12	\$15	\$19	\$31	\$38	\$46
\$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

Please take this time to pray about your situation and what an appropriate pledge would be based upon the gifts God has given you. We will need your pledge form completed and submitted by December 1 so that we can prepare next year’s budget.

You may submit your form to Fr. Michael. Thank you!



LOOKING AHEAD

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

Mon Nov 18

6:00pm — Orthodox Christianity 101
(via Zoom AND in person in Church Hall)

Thurs Nov 21 — Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple

8:30am — 3rd Hour & Festal Divine Liturgy

Tues Nov 19

7:00pm — Parish Council Meeting

Fri Nov 22

7:00am — Weekday Divine Liturgy

Wed Nov 20

10:30am — Father's Café

(via Zoom and in person in Church Hall)

6:00pm — Great Vespers & Litya for Entry of the Theotokos into the Temple

7:00pm — Praying the Services: Vespers
(via Zoom AND in person in Church Hall)

Sat Nov 23

11:00am-2:00pm — Auxiliary pre-Thanksgiving
Ethnic Food and Bake Sale

Mon Nov 18

6:00pm — Orthodox Christianity 101
(via Zoom AND in person in Church Hall)

For more dates & links please visit our website: www.stjohnofdamascus.org/calendar

Many Years!

Newly Illumined Child of God Lev Danilchenko

Name Days

Diane Marie Worth 11/21

Birthdays

Huyen Do (Sarah) Jollie, Elizabeth Ann Lorelli, Natalya Yershova 11/17

Alexandra Sasha Sheeler 11/18

Steven Zmina, Sr. 11/20

Isabelle Tekla Griebing, Kyle Jeffrey Menig 11/23

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