

ST. JOHN OF DAMASCUS ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 ■ 8:30AM 3rd & 6th Hours ■ 9:00AM Divine Liturgy ■ 10:30AM Monthly Service for the Departed	28	29	30	31	1 Dormition Fast	2 ■ 6:00PM Great Vespers for the Resurrection
3 Dormition Fast ■ 8:30AM 3rd & 6th Hours ■ 9:00AM Divine Liturgy ■ 11:00AM Church School Clean-up ■ 11:30AM Crafty Creators	4	5 ■ 6:00PM Great Vespers for Transfiguration	6 Transfiguration of our Lord ■ 8:30AM 3rd Hour & Festival Divine Liturgy for Transfiguration w/ Bless- ■ 10:30AM Father's Cafe (Hybrid)	7	8	9 St Herman of Alaska ■ 6:00PM Great Vespers for the Resurrection
10 Dormition Fast Adopt a Seminarian ■ 8:30AM 3rd & 6th Hours ■ 9:00AM Divine Liturgy	11	12	13 ■ 7:00AM Weekday Divine Liturgy ■ 10:30AM Father's Cafe (Hybrid)	14 ■ 9:00AM Church School Clean-up ■ 6:00PM Vigil for Dormition	15 Dormition of the Mother of God ■ 8:30AM 3rd Hour & Festival Divine Liturgy for Dormition w/ Blessing of Flowers & Herbs	16 ■ 4:30PM Choir Rehearsal ■ 6:00PM Great Vespers for the Resurrection
17 Charity Collection ■ 8:30AM 3rd & 6th Hours ■ 9:00AM Divine Liturgy	18	19 ■ 11:00AM Diamond Circle Meeting ■ 7:00PM Parish Council Meeting	20 ■ 10:30AM Father's Cafe (Hybrid)	21	22	23 ■ 6:00PM Great Vespers for the Resurrection
24 ■ 8:30AM 3rd & 6th Hours ■ 9:00AM Divine Liturgy ■ 10:30AM Monthly Service for the Departed	25	26	27 ■ 10:30AM Father's Cafe (Hybrid)	28 ■ 6:00PM Great Vespers for the Beheading of St. John the Forerunner	29 Beheading of St. John the Baptist Strict Fast Day ■ 8:30AM 3rd Hour & Festival Divine Liturgy	30 ■ 6:00PM Great Vespers for the Resurrection
31 ■ 8:30AM 3rd & 6th Hours ■ 9:00AM Divine Liturgy	1 Church New Year Day of Prayer for Creation Righteous Joseph, the Son of Nun	2	3 ■ 10:30AM Father's Cafe (Hybrid)	4	5	6 ■ 4:30PM Choir Rehearsal ■ 6:00PM Great Vespers for the Resurrection

Greeters

Evening	Morning
Aug 2 John/Iryna T	Aug 3 Susan M
Aug 5 Joe T	Aug 6 Val L
Aug 9 John/Iryna T	Aug 10 Sarah H
Aug 14 Joe T	Aug 15 Joe T
Aug 16 Val L	Aug 17 Marina S
Aug 23 Val L	Aug 24 Joe T
Aug 28 John/Iryna T	Aug 29 Val L
Aug 30 John/Iryna T	Aug 31 Marina S
Questions? Valerie L	

Divine Liturgy Readers

Aug 3 - Rdr John K
Aug 6 - Linda K
Aug 10 - Peter A
Aug 15 - Rdr James S
Aug 17 - Nate C
Aug 24 - Rdr Roman S
Aug 29 - Erik W
Aug 31 - Dale F
Questions? Bill Moision

Koliva/Kutya

Aug 24 - Presb Mary V

Candle Stand

Aug 3 - Anthony B
Aug 10 - Michael G
Aug 17 - Art S
Aug 24 - Gene F
Aug 31 - George M
Questions? Contact Gene Francello

Electronic Sign

August - Carmen B

Altar Servers

Evening

Aug 2 Sbdn Ken, Mike
Aug 5 Sbdn Ken, Mike, Ed
Aug 9 Sbdn Ken, Mike
Aug 14 Sbdn Ken, Mike
Aug 16 Sbdn Ken, Mike
Aug 23 Sbdn Ken, Mike
Aug 28 Sbdn Ken, Mike
Aug 30 Sbdn Ken

Morning

Aug 3 Sbdn Ken, Mike, Ed, Yeriel R
Leo K, Ethan M
Aug 6 Sbdn Ken, Mike
Aug 10 Sbdn Ken, Mike, Ed, Yeriel R
Andrew C, Oliver C
Aug 15 Sbdn Ken, Mike
Aug 17 Sbdn Ken, Mike, Ed, Andrew C
Oliver C, Leo K, Liam S
Aug 24 Sbdn Ken, Mike, Ed, Yeriel R
Ander C, Oliver C
Aug 29 Sbdn Ken, Mike
Aug 31 Sbdn Ken, Mike, Ed, Andrew C
Oliver C, Leo K, Ethan M, Liam S

Questions? Sbdn Ken (Herman) Telles

Handmaidens

8/3 - 1 Layla 2 Katherine 3 Sava 4 Rhea
8/10 - 1 Anna 2 Rebekah 3 Peyton 4 Maggie
8/17 - 1 Rhea 2 Sava 3 Anna 4 Rebekah
8/24 - 1 Peyton 2 Maggie 3 Anna 4 Rebekah
8/31 - 1 Maggie 2 Layla 3 Sava 4 Rhea

Questions? Contact Desiree G or Sally M

Commemoration Loaves

Aug 3 - Ken T
Aug 10 - Pat S

Aug 17 - Freezer
Aug 24 - Mike W
Aug 31 - Tanya F
Questions? Contact Fr Michael

Counters

Aug 3 - Terry M, Marina S Aug 17 - Mike W, Ken T
Aug 10 - Terry M, Margie H Aug 24 - Joe T, Elena S
Aug 31 - Marina S, Dmitriy P
Linda Kedroff (Training)
Questions? Contact Fr Michael

Scrip

Aug 3 - Gene F Aug 17 - Erik W
Aug 10 - Erik W Aug 24 - Valerie L
Aug 31 - Carmen B
Questions? Contact Erik Worth (408) 497-5223

Prospora

Aug 3 - Pdn George Aug 15 - George R
Aug 5 (litya) - George R Aug 17 - Pdn George
Aug 6 - George R Aug 25 - Pdn George
Aug 10 Pdn George Aug 28 (litya) - George R
Aug 14 (litya) - George R Aug 29 - George R
Aug 31 - Pdn George
Questions? Contact Fr Michael

The feast of the [Dormition of the Theotokos](#) is the celebration of the fact that all men are "highly exalted" in the blessedness of the victorious Christ, and that this high exaltation has already been accomplished in Mary the Theotokos. The feast of the Dormition is the sign, the guarantee, and the celebration that Mary's fate is, the destiny of all those of "low estate" whose souls magnify the Lord, whose spirits rejoice in God the Saviour, whose lives are totally dedicated to hearing and keeping the Word of God which is given to men in Mary's child, the Saviour and Redeemer of the world.

Finally it must be stressed that, in all of the feasts of the Virgin Mother of God in the Church, the Orthodox Christians celebrate facts of their own lives in Christ and the Holy Spirit. What happens to Mary happens to all who imitate her holy life of humility, obedience, and love. With her all people will be "blessed" to be "more honorable than the cherubim and beyond compare more glorious than the seraphim" if they follow her example. All will have Christ born in them by the Holy Spirit. All will become temples of the living God. All will share in the eternal life of His Kingdom who live the life that Mary lived.

In this sense everything that is praised and glorified in Mary is a sign of what is offered to all persons in the life of the Church. It is for this reason that Mary, with the divine child Jesus within her, is called in the Orthodox Tradition the Image of the Church. For the assembly of the saved is those in whom Christ dwells.

It is the custom in some churches to bless flowers on the feast of the Dormition of the Holy Theotokos.