



Saint John of Damascus Orthodox Church

A parish of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America

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Bulletin Deadline: **Wednesday at 2 pm**

Regular Sunday Services:

Confessions: 8:40 am - 9:15 am
Divine Liturgy: 9:30 am

ST. JOHN OF DAMASCUS MISSION STATEMENT

We worship and glorify God, by loving and caring for each other, providing a safe, thriving and life-long home, from which we spread the teaching and good works of our Orthodox Christian Faith. Being God's stewards, we celebrate our faith by:

- ❖ *participating fully in the sacramental and liturgical life of the church.*
- ❖ *responding to the needs of all by living the message of the Gospel through outreach to each other and to the community at large.*
- ❖ *fostering our God-given talents as stewards to strengthen God's church.*

“Welcome one another, therefore, as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.” (Romans 15:7)

A NOTE TO OUR VISITORS

WELCOME! We are glad to have you worshipping with us today. We hope that you will complete one of our visitor cards and will introduce yourself to Fr. John after the service. Please also join us for coffee following the Liturgy. Since the Orthodox Church understands Communion to be a sign of our unity of faith, *only Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves through prayer, fasting and periodic confession are permitted to participate in Holy Communion.* All present, however, are welcome to partake of the blessed bread and receive a blessing at the end of liturgy.

25 June 2017

The 3rd Sunday after Pentecost



Troparion of the Resurrection – Tone 2: When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One, then Thou didst destroy hell with Thy Godly power. And when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of Heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Christ, Thou giver of life, glory to Thee.

Troparion of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist - Tone 4: We who eagerly honor thee are unable, O Prophet, Forerunner of the presence of Christ, to extol thee as it is meet to do; for by thy noble and solemn nativity the barrenness of thy mother was undone, and the tongue of thy father was loosened, and to the world was proclaimed the Incarnation of the Son of God.

Troparion of St. John of Damascus – Tone 8: Thou hast shown thyself, O God-inspired John, as a guide to the Orthodox Faith, a teacher of true worship and purity, O star of the universe and companion of monastics, O wise one. Through thy light thou hast enlightened all, O harp of the Spirit. Therefore intercede with Christ God to save our souls.

Kontakion for the Theotokos - Tone 2: O undisputed intercessor of Christians, the mediatrix who is unrejected by the Creator, turn not away from the voice of our petitions, although we be sinners, come to us with aid in time who cry unto Thee in faith, for thou art good. Hasten to us with intercessions, O Theotokos who dost ever intercede for those who honor thee.

Prokeimenon: The Lord is my strength and my song
The Lord has chastened me sorely

EPISTLE: The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Romans
(Chapter 5:1-11)

BRETHREN, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in our hope of sharing the glory of God. More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us. While we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Why, one will hardly die for a righteous man--though perhaps for a good man one will dare even to die. But God shows his love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we are now justified by his blood, much

more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. Not only so, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received our reconciliation.

**THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. MATTHEW
(Chapter 6:22-33)**

The Lord said: "The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is sound, your whole body will be full of light; but if your eye is not sound, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! "No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat or what you shall drink, nor about your body, what you shall put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add one cubit to his span of life? And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O men of little faith? Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek all these things; and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well.

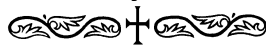
And the rest of the Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom



+ The Offerings – Holy Bread +

✝ Trisagion Prayers of Mercy are offered in beloved memory of Jeannette Stephen Klebba (CA) by cousins Louella Cardoos and Madelyn Tawa

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- ❖ Joe and Mary Najjar in beloved memory of cousin Jeannette Stephen Klebba
- ❖ Bob and Dolores Bezreh & family in beloved memory of cousin Jeannette Stephen Klebba

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❖ Louella Cardoos

❖ Robert and Barbara Cardoos & family

Announcements...

❖ **Reminder** Please remember to contact Fr. John at your earliest convenience if you or a loved one has a pastoral need. Thank you!

❖ **July 4** The church office will be *closed* on July 3 and 4.

❖ **FYI** The deadline for the July 30 bulletin is Wednesday, July 19 @ 2 pm.

❖ **Looking for a spiritual home?** If you would like more information about joining the parish, please contact Fr. John. *You are most welcome!*

❖ **Altar Servers:** John Najjar, Dean of Altar Servers. Serving this week: All are welcome.