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Pentecost

JUNE 8, 2025
SUNDAY OF PENTECOST



PLEASE JOIN US AFTER THE DIVINE LITURGY
FOR SOCIAL HOUR & MEN'S GROUP

LITURGY INTENTIONS

For the Health & Salvation of Deacon Marion Rimmer by Paul And Shirley Davis

For the Health & Salvation of Nadia Hattar by Paul And Shirley Davis

For the Health & Salvation of Deema on her birthday by Youssef Kardouh

For the Repose of the Soul of Henne & Maysoon by Majed & Ragheda Ziadeh

For the Repose of the Soul of Ghassan Ishak by Paul And Shirley Davis

For the Repose of the Soul of Ghassan Ishak by Rima Ishak

To request a Divine Liturgy intention, go to our website: www.stjohnofthedesert.com

Requests must be submitted by Thursday to be included in the Sunday bulletin.

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Saturday, June 14

4:00pm Confessions

5:00pm Vespers

Sunday, June 15

10:20am Divine Liturgy followed by Social Hour & Ladies' Guild

Commemorating: +Henne & Maysoon & +Ghassan Ishak

Readings
of the Day

EPISTLE: ACTS 2:1-11

GOSPEL: JOHN 7:37-52; 8:12

THE EPISTLE AND GOSPEL WILL BE READ IN ENGLISH AND REPEATED IN ARABIC



PRAYER REQUESTS

May our prayers bring healing and hope to those in our community who are sick, especially: Fadia Loegering, Nadia Hattar, Katharina Rimmer, Dcn. Marion Rimmer, Marilyn Baiad, Nicholas Baiad, Paul Davis, Leia Dingott, Betsy McClelland, Sarah Fisher, Grace Lasota, Izeyah Sayegh, Kathy Slonka, Kh. Simone Boutros, Khalil Haker, The Luke Family & Kathy Richards

(Names remain on the prayer list for six weeks, please call the parish office to add any names)

UPCOMING EVENTS & FINANCIAL UPDATES

Ladies Guild: July 20, 2025 Following Liturgy
 Men's Group: July 13, 2025 Following Liturgy
 Family Catechesis: July 6, 2025 @ 9:30 am
 Forerunner Program: June 29, 2025 @12:30 pm
 Byzikids & ByziTeens: Aug. 8, 2025 @ 9:00 am
 Women at the Well: June 20, 2025 @ 9:30 am
 Crafty Ladies: July 1, 2025 @ 10:30 am

Attendance: 134
 Collection of June 1, 2025
 Tithe: \$1,924.00 * Stole Offering \$75.00
 Coffee Collection: \$45.00 * Candles: \$0.00
 Flowers \$0.00 * Bulletin Ad: \$0.00
 Building Fund: \$0.00 * Other: \$50.00
 Online Giving: \$649.66
Income Needed Weekly: \$1,853.00

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION

Don't be afraid to speak the truth... It 's not always comfortable or easy to speak the truth. Don't let that daunt you.

From Holy Scripture... And the Lord said to Paul one night in a vision, Do not be afraid, but speak and do not be silent; for I am with you, and no man shall attack you to harm you; for I have many people in this city. (Acts 18:9 10)

In God's presence, consider... Do I shy away from telling people the truth about God because they might laugh at me or reject me?

Closing prayer... Lord, give me courage and wisdom to know when and how to share your truth with those around me.

(Madrid, A Year with the Bible: Scriptural Wisdom for Daily Living.)

MEMORIAL OFERED TODAY FOR OUR SATURDAY OF THE DEAD INTENTIONS

A'tied A Hattar by Iraz & Adeel Hattar
 Chayanne Hattar by Iraz & Adeel Hattar
 Tarize Hattar by Iraz & Adeel Hattar
 Victoria Baiad by Evelyn Davis
 Nabiha Davis by Evelyn Davis
 Brian Judy and Ella by Veronica Quednau
 Mary Hanouch by Sami Haddad
 Abboud Hannouch by Sami Haddad
 George Haddad by Sami Haddad
 Georgette Haddad by Sami Haddad
 Edmond Haddad by Sami Haddad
 Kamal Ishak by George & Rima Ishak
 Joseph & Antoinette Ghazal by Zaki & Yolla Ghazal
 Josephine & Antoine Saliba by Zaki & Yolla Ghazal
 Bishara & Najeeb Alhouch by George & Rima Ishak



Jamileh Ibrahim by George & Rima Ishak
 George & Tina Saada by Kh. Simone
 Sami & Claude Abdelmalek by Kh. Simone
 Ghassan Ishak by Rima Ishak
 Chris Joseph by Rima Ishak
 Mary Nawaf Ishak by Rima Ishak
 Mosleh Qardahji by Lawrence Qardahji
 All the Dead in our Families by Lawrence Qardahji
 All the Dead of our Parish by Lawrence Qardahji
 Eden, Thomas & James Abyad by the Abyad Family
 Joe & Amal Abyad by the Abyad Family
 Fawzi, Lisa, Gamil, Mary and Magda Boutros by Kh. Simone
 All the Dead of the Qardahji Family by Lawrence Qardahji

JOIN US TO CELEBRATE
ST. JOHN'S FEAST DAY WITH
DIVINE LITURGY AND AN

TUESDAY
JUNE 24, 2025
7:00PM

Ice Cream Social

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THE ICE CREAM,
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A TOPPING TO
SHARE!



*Offer a Divine Liturgy
for a friend or family member!*



1. Visit www.stjohnofthedesert.com
2. Select "Request a Divine Liturgy Intention"
3. Complete the form and submit your stipend!
4. We will send a personalized card letting them know that we're praying for them!

KITCHEN CLEAN OUT



*Lost Something?
We May Have
Found It!*



We've cleaned out extra items from the kitchen and they will be donated to charity soon! Please check the table in Davis Hall to see if any of your lost items are included so you can take them home!

TITHE *Here*

SCAN BELOW OR LEAVE
YOUR DONATION IN THE
BASKET IN THE NARTHEX.



THANK YOU FOR
YOUR SUPPORT!

Parish Groups

Ladies Guild (Leader: Veronica Quednau, email v.e.quednau1@gmail.com)

This group plans, reviews and coordinates our celebrations and social activities, including fundraising for the maintenance and sustenance of the Body of Christ. They promote hospitality and respond to the requests of the Parish.

Men's Group (Leader: John Nasser, email johnknasser@gmail.com)

This group advises the Pastor on pastoral, spiritual, financial and maintenance matters.

Family Catechesis & Forerunner Program (Leaders: All Clergy and Educators)

We are called to guide our children on the path towards Christ. On the first and last Sunday of each month, following the Divine Liturgy, both children and parents receive religious instruction.

Byzikids & ByziTeens Home Educators Group (Leader: Kh. Jocelyn, email jabyad@gmail.com)

This is an Eastern Christian homeschool Co-Op which seeks to provide support and encouragement to families as they live out their faith. They support each other, pray, and share crafts and activities that enrich their homeschool education.

Women at the Well (Leader: Kh. Jocelyn, email jabyad@gmail.com)

Women of all ages gather to discuss a spiritual reflection and support each other.

Crafty Ladies (Leader: Kh. Simone, email simone@typicon.com)

The Crafty Ladies work together to create beautiful blankets which are donated to various organizations throughout the state. They conclude their gathering by going out together for lunch.

Society of Publicans (Leader: Deacon Marion, email marionmrimmer@mail.com)

This is a prayer group that dedicates themselves to pray for the intentions of our Parish, the intentions of our Diocese, and our sister Churches in the United States. A weekly email is sent to the members of this group.

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TO DATE**

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Parish Guidelines

MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING - Members registered at St. John of the Desert and attend the Divine Liturgy at least three weekends each month, participate in the community life of the parish and contribute generously of their time, talent and treasure. **Members over eighteen years of age must be registered separately from their families.**

MYSTERIES OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION (Baptism, Chrismation, Eucharist) - Expectant parents should contact the pastor prior to the birth of the child. The priest can come to pray over the baby and mother in the days after birth. After forty days, Churching Prayers welcome the baby for the first time and the mother back to Church. To request the Mysteries of Initiation (Baptism), parents must be members in good standing and attend baptism preparation with the Godparents. At least one Godparent must be a member in good standing of a Melkite Church. The other Godparent may be a Catholic or Orthodox Christian in good standing.

MYSTERY OF HOLY CROWNING - Couples who wish to be married at St. John of the Desert must be members in good standing. They should contact the pastor prior to setting the date or making any other arrangements and at least six months prior to the desired date. They will need to complete our marriage preparation program. The Byzantine wedding ceremony begins in the narthex of the Church and does not feature the father walking the daughter down the main aisle. The couple approaches the Holy Mystery together as equals. There are no vows exchanged in the Byzantine Crowning ceremony.

MYSTERY OF HOLY CONFESSION - You may go to confession before or after most services in the Church. To make an appointment for confession, please call the office.

MYSTERY OF HOLY ANOINTING - Upon the request of the ill person or his/her immediate family only.

FUNERALS - When someone passes away in your family, please contact the Pastor prior to making any arrangements with the Funeral Home. There are no eulogies given in Church. Family and friends may deliver eulogies at the mercy meal.

There is no charge for the celebration of the Holy Mysteries, however, an offering of thanksgiving is customary. For members in good standing, we suggest a donation of \$300 for Baptism, \$600 for Wedding, \$600 for Funeral, \$75 for Memorial, and \$10 for Remembrance. The use of the Davis Hall for members in good standing is \$250 and \$100 for cleaning (an extra \$100 for Insurance may be required, check with the Pastor)



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