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Christ is Risen! He is Truly Risen!



But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. "Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him.

Mark 16:4-6

APRIL 20, 2025
THE HOLY RESURRECTION



PLEASE JOIN US AFTER THE DIVINE LITURGY
FOR SOCIAL HOUR

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 26

1:00pm High Tea Fundraiser

Sunday, April 27

10:20am Divine Liturgy followed by Social Hour & **Forerunner Program**

Commemorating: Mary Ishak, Nadia Hattar, +Mary Nawaf Ishakm +Ghassan Ishak, +John T. Davis, +Henne & Maysoon, +Mary Nawaf Ishak

Readings
of the Day

EPISTLE: ACTS 1:1-8

GOSPEL: JOHN 1:1-17

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: Katharina Rimmer, Dcn. Marion Rimmer, Fadia Loegering, Kathy Slonka, Kh. Simone Boutros, Khalil Haker, Marilyn Baiad, Nicholas Baiad, Paul Davis, Maddie Carey, Wendell & Mary McGehee, Nadia Hattar, The Luke Family, Leia Dingott, Betsy McClelland, Sarah Fisher & Grace Lasota

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

UPCOMING EVENTS & FINANCIAL UPDATES

Ladies Guild: May 18, 2025 Following Liturgy
 Men's Group: May 11, 2025 Following Liturgy
 Family Catechesis: May 4, 2025 @ 9:30 am
 Forerunner Program: May 25, 2025 @12:30 pm
 Byzikids & ByziTeens: May 2, 2025 @ 9:00 am
 Women at the Well: May 16, 2025 @ 9:30 am
 Crafty Ladies: May 6, 2025 @ 10:30 am

Attendance: 187
 Collection of April 13, 2025
 Tithes: \$2,383.00 * Stole Offering \$110.00
 Coffee Collection: \$20.00 * Candles: \$0.00
 Flowers \$183.00 * Bulletin Ad: \$0.00
 Building Fund: \$0.00 * Other: \$37.00
 Online Giving: \$1,933.88
Income Needed Weekly: \$1,853.00

LITURGY INTENTIONS

For the Health & Salvation of James Ferlmann (birthday) by Jim & Roxanne Ferlmann
 For the Health & Salvation of Stanley Lasota by Paul and Grace Lasota
 For the Health & Salvation of Ibrahim-George Farahat by Kh. Jocelyn
 For the Repose of the Soul of John T. Davis by Evelyn A. Davis
 For the Repose of the Soul of Bob Hilton by Kh. Simone
 For the Repose of the Soul of Mary Nawaf Ishak by Majdi & Abir Almasri
 For the Repose of the Soul of Henne & Maysoon by Majed & Ragheda Ziadeh
 For the Repose of the Soul of Patricia Lasota by Paul and Grace Lasota
 For the Repose of the Soul of Ghassan Ishak by Paul & Shirley Davis
 For the Repose of the Soul of Ghassan Ishak by Rima Ishak
 For the Repose of the Soul of Mary Nawaf Ishak by Rima Ishak
 For the Repose of the Soul of Abeer Taamneh by Michael & Nijoud Sweidan
 For the Repose of the Soul of Ghassab Marji by Myasser And Family
 For the Repose of the Soul of Sandy Marji by Myasser And Family
 For the Repose of the Soul of Ghassan Ishak by Bassam & Jumana Ishak
 For the Repose of the Soul of Mary Nawaf Ishak by Bassam & Jumana Ishak
 For the Repose of the Soul of Chris Joseph by Bassam & Jumana 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.




Women at the Well

3rd Friday of every month
 from 9:30am to 11:00am.
 Contact Kh. Jocelyn for details!
jabyad@gmail.com
 or text 480-234-9974



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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



Family Catechesis

Family Catechesis meets the first Sunday of every month and seeks to support parents in their role as the primary educators of their children. We begin with Confessions for all & pray the Divine Liturgy together. After, we have classes for youth as well as adults. Join us as we continue to learn together!

See Fr. Zyad or Kh. Jocelyn with any questions!

Easter Flowers

FOR THE HEALTH & SALVATION OF

Iraz Hattar by Evelyn Davis

Father Peter Boutros by Wael & Fadia Ishak

Kh. Simone Boutros by Wael & Fadia Ishak

Rose Haddad by Sami Haddad

Fr. Peter by Sami Haddad

Fr. Zyad by Sami Haddad

Kh. Jocelyn by Sami Haddad

Kh. Simone by Sami Haddad

Fr. Peter & Kh. Simone Boutros by Lawrence Qardahji

Fr. Zyad & Kh. Jocelyn Abyad and their Family by Lawrence Qardahji

All the Families in our Church by Lawrence Qardahji

Laila Salameh and her Family by Lawrence Qardahji

Ken and Ghada Herbig and their Family by Lawrence Qardahji

George Hayek and his Family by Lawrence Qardahji

Mary and Salem Qardahji by Lawrence Qardahji

Ferdinand and Reem Mukhar and their Family by Lawrence Qardahji

Rob & Pat Estes by Fr. Zyad & Kh. Jocelyn

FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF:

Nabil Gharfeh by Amal Gharfeh

Suad Samaan by Amal Gharfeh

Emily Gharfeh by Amal Gharfeh

Suliman Elias by Amal Gharfeh

Antoinette Ghazal by Zaki & Yolla Ghazal

Joseph Ghazal by Zaki & Yolla Ghazal

Ebrahim Almasri by Wael & Fadia Ishak

Mary Nawaf Ishak by Wael & Fadia Ishak

Nasri Ishak by Wael & Fadia Ishak

All the deceased of Ishak, Hattar, Hanna & Joseph Families

by Bassam & Jumana Ishak

Joe & Amal Abyad by Fr. Zyad & Kh. Jocelyn





Easter Flowers

FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF:

John Thomas Davis by Evelyn Davis
Nicholas & Victoria Baiad by Evelyn Davis
Peter & Nabiha Davis by Evelyn Davis
Kenneth, Louis and Mary Baiad by Evelyn Davis
Fawzi, Lisa, Gamil, Mary and Magda Boutros by Kh. Simone
George & Tina Saada by Kh. Simone
Sami & Claude Abdelmalek by Kh. Simone
Ghassan Ishak by Rima Ishak
Mary Nawaf Ishak by Rima Ishak
Nahil Anton Hattar by Iraz & Adeel Hattar
Anton Khalil Hattar by Iraz & Adeel Hattar
A'tied Anton Hattar by Iraz & Adeel Hattar
Samir Khalil Hattar by Iraz & Adeel Hattar
Grace Samir Hattar by Iraz & Adeel Hattar
All the Souls of our Families by Lawrence Qardahji
All the Souls of our Parish Families by Lawrence Qardahji
Saba Khouzam by Arlette Khouzam
Catherine Khordoc by Arlette Khouzam
Gabriel Khordoc by Arlette Khouzam
Marianne Krouchian by Arlette Khouzam
Eden, Thomas & James Abyad by Fr. Zyad & Kh. Jocelyn
George Haddad by Sami Haddad
Georgette Haddad by Sami Haddad
Edmond Haddad by Sami Haddad
Mary Hannouch by Sami Haddad
Abboud Hannouch by Sami Haddad
Tony Karam by Sami Haddad
Adeeb Khoury by Michael & Nijoud Sweidan
Haya Sweidan by Michael & Nijoud Sweidan
Feras Sweidan by Michael & Nijoud Sweidan

JOIN US!

Our parish needs your help! Your involvement in our men and women's groups makes a difference.

Monthly Meetings after the Divine Liturgy
Men's Group- 2nd Sunday
Ladies' Guild- 3rd Sunday

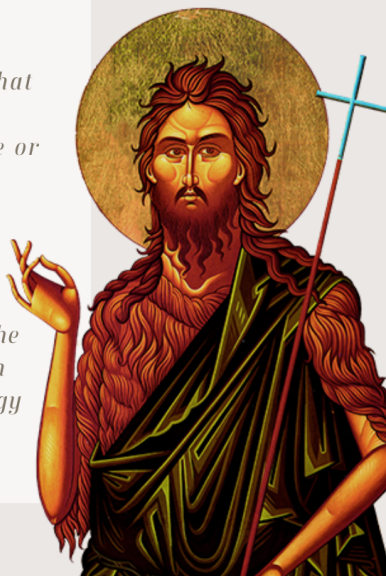
All parishioners are encouraged to join their respective group to help with the practical, spiritual & financial welfare of the parish.

Forerunner

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(n.) a person or thing that precedes the coming or development of someone or something else.

We invite all teens (6th to 12th grade) to join us on the last Sunday of each month following the Divine Liturgy to learn more about our faith as Melkites.



You are cordially invited to

High Tea

Join us for a splendid afternoon from 1:00pm to 3:00pm
Dressing up with fancy hats optional, but encouraged!

LIGHT LUNCH, TEA & TREATS

Tickets: \$30 adults, \$15 children

April 26, 2025

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BYZIKIDS
byzi kids
Homeschool Co-op Program

Byzikids offers support to homeschoolers of all ages and stages! Infant to Teens are all welcome to join us! The Parents receive support as well!

1st Friday of Every Month
9:00am to 11:30am
Contact Kh. Jocelyn to join jabyad@gmail.com



ByziTeens

Homeschool Co Op Program

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Calling all Artists!

"St. Barbara's Tower" in Davis Hall is in need of help! We are looking for volunteers who can help paint the walls in a stone mural fashion. Please email Kh. Jocelyn if you are interested in helping out! jabyad@gmail.com

Crafty Ladies

Meets the first
Tuesday of every
month at 10:30am
for knitting & lunch

EMAIL KH. SIMONE IF YOU
WOULD LIKE TO JOIN!
[SIMONE@TYPICON.COM](mailto:simone@typicon.com)

ST. JOHN CAR MAGNETS

HELP US SPREAD THE WORD!

FREE! See Kh. Jocelyn to receive yours today!



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 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.

**STAY UP
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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