

## Saint Joseph of Damascus, and his companions (July 10)

Saint Joseph of Damascus, as he is commonly known, was a weaver by trade. After he was married and ordained to the priesthood, Joseph was assigned Great Economos of the Patriarchal Cathedral of the Dormition of the Most Holy Theotokos (al-Mariamiyeh) in the heart of the Old City of Damascus.

On Monday, July 9, 1860, the brutal massacre of Christians which began in the Lebanese mountains spread to Damascus. Some Damascenes (including Michael Hawaweeny and his young wife Mariam who was bearing in her womb a son, the future Saint Raphael), fled the city for Beirut. The majority, however, took refuge in al-Mariamiyeh.

Joseph took up his communion kit containing the Reserved Sacrament, left his home and began to make his way to the Cathedral by jumping from rooftop to rooftop in the Old City. As he went, he stopped to confess and commune the aged and infirm who could not flee their homes, encouraging them with stories from the Lives of the Great Martyrs.

On the morning of Tuesday, July 10, the Cathedral was surrounded, pillaged and burned. Those inside perished in the flames; of those who escaped and fled into the streets, most were caught and forced back into the burning building, while only a few, including Father Joseph, survived. As he roamed the narrow streets searching for survivors who needed confession and communion, Joseph was surrounded by the enemies of Christ. Seeing that his end was near, Saint Joseph took out his communion kit and consumed what remained of the Body and Blood of Christ. Recognizing him as the "leader of the Christians," the persecutors savagely attacked and killed him with axes.

Joseph and his Companions were glorified by the Holy Synod of Antioch in 1993.

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# July 10, 2022

## FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

### COMMEMORATIONS:

4TH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW  
HIEROMARTYR JOSEPH OF DAMASCUS & HIS COMPANIONS  
45 HOLY MARTYRS OF NIKOPOLIS, ARMENIA  
OUR HOLY FATHER GREGORY, BISHOP OF ASSA  
PARTHENIOS AND EUMENIOS OF KOUDOUMAS  
10, 000 FATHERS MARTYRED IN EGYPT  
APOLLONIOS THE MARTYR  
DEPOSITION OF THE PRECIOUS ROBE OF OUR LORD JESUS  
CHRIST IN MOSCOW  
RIGHTEOUS FATHER ANTHONY OF THE KIEV CAVES

**Tone 3 - Eothinon 4**

**Orthros Gospel: St. Luke 24:1-12**

**Epistle: 2 Timothy 2:1-10**

**Liturgy Gospel: St. Matthew 8:5-13**

**RESURRECTION TROPARION - Tone 3** - Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad; for the Lord hath done a mighty act with his own arm. He hath trampled down death by death and become the First-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depth of hades, granting the world the Great Mercy!

**APOLYTIKION OF ST. JOSEPH OF DAMASCUS - Tone 5** - Come, ye faithful, let us honor the martyr of Christ, a priest of the Church of Antioch; who by the word of the Word, and by his blood and the blood of his companions, baptized the land of Syria, its Church and its people. Being immersed in the light of the Gospel from his youth, he worked and taught and defended the Church of Christ and her flock. O Father Joseph of Damascus, be for us an example, defending us and interceding for us fervently before the Savior.

**TODAY:** *Liturgy at Fort Washington Mission 9 a.m.*  
ORTHROS & Confessions 8:45 a.m.  
July Sunday School 9 a.m.  
Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.  
Coffee Hour  
Women of St. Mariamne 12:15 p.m.  
Gohl Marriage Blessing 3 p.m.

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**Office Hours:** Monday through Thursday 10:00 - 3:00

Fr Noah & Fr James are available for hospital visits. If you or anyone you know is in the hospital or homebound and would like a visit, please call the church office.

## Weekly Ministries & Stewards:

	This Week:	Next Week (July 17):
<b>PROSPHORA BREAD:</b>	John Child & Rachel Cheb.	Sdn Justin G.
<b>ALTAR CANDLES:</b>	The Chebeleu Family – For blessings for travel	The Gambles – Jordan's Birthday
<b>USHERS:</b>	Dan M. & Rdr. Nick Muz.	Steve K. & Todd Moody
<b>ALTAR BOYS:</b>	"Archangel Michael"	"Archangel Gabriel"
<b>CLEANING TEAM:</b>	The Moodys & Natalia M.	Todd & Kristi Moore and Kim B.
<b>COFFEE HOUR TEAM:</b>	Myriam; Conon; Jekels & Teens	Chris H; Mariya S; Abraham

### Mark Your Calendar:

#### Special Sunday School Program

Sundays during July  
9-9:45am during Orthros  
Age 4 thru Grade 8

#### Dormition Fast - August 1-14

Daily Paraklesis

#### Transfiguration

*Friday, Aug 5*

Vespers & Artoklasia 6:30 p.m.

*Saturday, Aug 6*

Orthros 9am & Liturgy 10am  
Blessing of fruit & garden produce  
Fish/wine/oil potluck

#### Vacation Church School

"Treasures in Earthen Vessels"

*August 8-12*

9am-12 noon

#### International Food Festival

*September 16-17*

### Pray For:

#### Living

Met. Onuphry and  
faithful of Ukraine  
Eugene & Family

Nicole

Raymond

Patrick

Doris

John

John

James

James

Lasha B

Otari B

Helen

Wadieh

Anna

Anesia

Mary

Mary

Claudia

Gregory

Alexei

Barbara

#### Departed

(July Parish  
Diptychs)

+Asma

+Albert

+Dorothea

+Irene

+Dorothy

+Stavros

+Ressom

+Iwan

+Theresa

+Fuad

+Helen

+Christine

#### Catechumens

Christian,

Taylor,

Christina,

Peter, Sarah, Alina,

William, & Elsa

Kate,

Tyson,

Joseph & Alana,

Ryan,

Zachary, Brandy,

Nora, Gavinn,

Lorelei, & Otto,

Taylor & Bethany,

Joanne,

Denis,

Michael

●Priest Thomas, Jesse,  
Nathan and their  
families & all  
Missionaries

●New & Expectant  
Mothers & their  
children

●For the people of our  
land, our world, and  
their repentance,  
healing & unity

●The 12 Baskets Full  
team asks for prayers  
for our homeless  
Philly friends –  
George, Bill, Jim,  
Jalil, Mark, Joel, Eric

**JULY OUTREACH  
COLLECTION:  
Oral Care Products  
CHALLENGE FOR 2022:  
"You are the Light of the  
World"**

## Giving Opportunities at St. Philip

Please consider making a special offering to the **Camp Scholarship Fund, Pastoral Discretionary Fund, and St. Justin Academy.**

Thank you and may God bless your generosity!

### This Week:

- Mon, July 11:** Church open  
Teen SOYO campfire 6 p.m.
- Tues, July 12:** 6th Hour 12 noon  
Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 1 p.m.
- Wed, July 13:** Compline & Patristic Reading 6:30 p.m.
- Thurs, July 14:** Church open
- Friday, July 15:** Paraklesis 6:30 p.m.
- Sat, July 16:** Men's Breakfast 8 a.m. & Yard work to follow  
Emily Case Mathew's baby shower 2 p.m.  
**VESPERS 6:30 p.m.**  
Confessions 7:30 p.m.
- Sunday, July 17:** ORTHROS & Confessions 8:45 a.m.  
July Sunday School 9 a.m.  
Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.  
Coffee Hour after Liturgy

**ATTENDANCE:** Vespers July 2: 42      Divine services on July 3: 208  
**OFFERINGS 7/3:** Candles, \$269.92. Collections, \$195. Youth, \$1.  
Camping Fund, \$50. Mission Chapel, \$1,000. Pastoral Discretion,  
\$597.52. VCS, \$222. Stewardship, \$7,947.20. Total received:  
\$10,282.64.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

The disciples were called Christians first in Antioch (Acts II:26)