

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

MISSION STATEMENT:

To foster the spiritual maturity of the Orthodox Christian faithful of St. John the Baptist and reach out to inquirers, the unchurched and inactive Orthodox on the west side of metropolitan Portland through worship, the sacramental life, education, philanthropy, hospitality, fellowship and the practice of Christian Stewardship, thereby serving as an instrument in the growth and expansion of the Orthodox Christian Church.

Strategic Plan Workshop Postponed: The Parish Strategic Planning workshop, scheduled for February 25, 2017, has been POSTPONED. Due to recent weather-related meeting cancellations, the Strategic Planning committee lost valuable time necessary to ensure necessary workshop preparations and a successful workshop outcome. The workshop will be rescheduled to a date after Pascha. More information to follow in the February Newsletter.

Basics of Orthodoxy Classes: Check the full schedule on the bulletin board and online. Each class in this 14-part introductory series is free and open to the public. Come for one or attend an entire season to learn about Orthodoxy for the first time or refresh your knowledge.

Today is the LAST SUNDAY to register as a contestant for the **Chili Cook-Off**. Contestant guidelines are on the bulletin board and at stjohngoc.org/signup. Registrations will be accepted online until 11:59pm, Feb. 1st. Dinner tickets are also available online, at the door, or today at coffee hour. Kids 10 + under eat free.

The 3rd annual Holy Trinity Talent Show Saturday, Feb. 4th. Doors open at 6:00pm. Got talent? We're looking for: Singers, Dancers, Comics, Actors, Musicians. Or any talent you'd like to share! Please contact: Maria Souza @ 503-804-0222 kmsouzafamily@gmail.com for questions or reservations.

Young Adults- DINNER, DISCUSSION, and PRAYER on Monday Feb. 13th at 6:30 pm - We'll be discussing Repentance and Confession by Hieromonk Gregorios, with Fr. Theodore, at the Dorrance home. Please bring \$5 to help cover food costs and a drink to share. RSVP to Beth Carper at youthdirector@stjohngoc.org.

OCMC Missionary to Guatemala, Jesse Brandow will be giving a talk with a slide presentation on Saturday, Feb. 25th at 6pm after Great Vespers. Jesse has served as a Missionary to Guatemala for the past 2 years and is a graduate of St. Vladimir Orthodox Theological Seminary and doing wonderful work in Guatemala.

SAVE THE DATE: SATURDAY MARCH 4th: The women of Philoptochos are organizing the first ever Parish-wide Service Day *'March Forth to Serve'*. A variety of service opportunities will be available from which to choose for most all members of our parish family to reach out in love to our local community. This loving use of our time and talents will be a beautiful way to begin our Lenten Journey. Watch for more details to come. Direct questions to either Lisa Corazza or Jennifer Davis.

Welcome Visitors! All non-Orthodox visitors to our parish are welcome and may receive the blessed bread at the end of the Divine Liturgy. To receive Holy Communion, you must be baptized and confirmed in the Orthodox Church. You must also have prepared under the spiritual direction of your Father Confessor, which presumes participation in the Sacrament of Confession. Before approaching the Communion Chalice, we should not have any foreign matter in or on our mouths; this includes food, gum, lipstick, etc. Please come up the middle aisle with reverence and humility. When receiving, please place the cloth under your chin, wipe your mouth and then hand the cloth to the next person.



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SUNDAY OF THE CANAANITE WOMAN TRANSLATION OF THE RELICS OF IGNATIUS THE GOD-BEARER

GRAVE MODE/10TH MORNING GOSPEL

JANUARY 29, 2017

Saint Ignatius was a disciple of Saint John the Theologian, and a successor of the Apostles, and he became the second Bishop of Antioch, after Evodus. He wrote many epistles to the faithful, strengthening them in their confession, and preserving for us the teachings of the holy Apostles. Brought to Rome under Trajan, he was surrendered to lions to be eaten, and so finished the course of martyrdom about the year 107. The remnants of his bones were carefully gathered by the faithful and brought to Antioch. He is called God-bearer, as one who bare God within himself and was aflame in heart with love for Him. Therefore, in his Epistle to the Romans (ch. 4), imploring their love not to attempt to deliver him from his longed-for martyrdom, he said, "I am the wheat of God, and am ground by the teeth of the wild beasts, that I may be found to be the pure bread of God."

Saint John Chrysostom has a homily in honour of the translation of the Saint's relics (PG 50:587).

The Three Hierarchs: This common feast of these three teachers was instituted a little before the year 1100, during the reign of the Emperor Alexis I Comnenus, because of a dispute and strife that arose among the notable and virtuous men of that time. Some of them preferred Basil, while others preferred Gregory, and yet others preferred John Chrysostom, quarreling among themselves over which of the three was the greatest. Furthermore, each party, in order to distinguish itself from the others, assumed the name of its preferred Saint; hence, they called themselves Basilians, Gregorians, or Johannites. Desiring to bring an end to the contention, the three Saints appeared together to the saintly John Mavropous, a monk who had been ordained Bishop of Euchaita, a city of Asia Minor, they revealed to him that the glory they have at the throne of God is equal, and told him to compose a common service for the three of them, which he did with great skill and beauty. Saint John of Euchaita (celebrated Oct. 5) is also the composer of the Canon to the Guardian Angel, the Protector of a Man's Life. In his old age, he retired from his episcopal see and again took up the monastic life in a monastery in Constantinople. He reposed during the reign of the aforementioned Emperor Alexis Comnenus (1081-1118).

PC: Weick/Mirras G: Chosvig Altar Servers Team E: Alexander, Gabriel, Yoas, Pavlos, Noah, Peter
Clean up Team 4: Corazza, Trumpower, Buckley, Williams/Teeney, Soot, Ketrenos B & A, Dunfield, Gonzales, Ramzi

SMALL ENTRANCE HYMNS

Resurrectional Hymn for this Sunday (Grave Mode):

O Lord, by Your sacred cross, You abolished death, and granted unto the thief blessed paradise. The myrrhbearers ceased lamenting and turned to joy. The apostles did preach the Good News at Your command, that You had risen from the dead, O Christ our God, bestowing Your mercy upon the world ever more.

Katelisas to Stavro Su ton thanaton, i neoxas to listi ton parathison. Ton Miroforon ton thrinon metevalues, ke tis Sis Apostolis kirittin epetaxas, oti anestis Christe o Theos, parehon to kosmo to mega eleos.

Hymn of Hieromartyr Ignatios (4th Mode):

As a sharer of the ways and a successor to the throne of the Apostles, O inspired of God, thou foundest discipline to be a means of ascent to divine vision. Wherefore, having rightly divided the word of truth, thou didst also contest for the Faith even unto blood, O Hieromartyr Ignatios. Intercede with Christ our God that our souls be saved.

Hymn of St. John the Baptist (2nd Mode):

The memory of the just is celebrated with hymns of praise, but the Lord's testimony is sufficient for thee, O Forerunner; for thou hast proved to be truly more venerable than the Prophets, since thou wast granted to baptize in the stream Him Whom they proclaimed. Wherefore having contested for the truth, thou didst rejoice to announce the good tidings even to those in Hades: that God hath appeared in the flesh, taking away the sin of the world and granting to us great mercy.

Kontakion of the Meeting of the Lord (1st Mode):

Thou Who didst sanctify the Virgin's womb by Thy birth, and didst bless Symeon's hands as was meet, by anticipation hast even now saved us, O Christ God. But grant peace in the midst of wars unto Thy commonwealth and strengthen the hierarchs whom Thou hast loved, O only Friend of man.

EPISTLE READING: II Corinthians 6:16-18; 7:1 (17th Sunday):

Brethren, what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; as God said, "I will live in them and move among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Therefore come out from them, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch nothing unclean; then I will welcome you, and I will be a father to you, and you shall be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty." Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, and make holiness perfect in the fear of God.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 15:21-28 (Of the Canaanite Woman):

At that time, Jesus went to the district of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and cried, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely possessed by a demon." But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." And he answered, "It is not fair to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table." Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

PARISH ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 29TH

Sunday, January 29th	Sunday of the Canaanite Woman Orthros & Divine Liturgy	8:45 AM 12:15 PM
Monday, January 30th	The Three Hierarchs Orthros & Divine Liturgy	8:30 AM
Tuesday, January 31st	Bible Study Basics of Orthodoxy Class: The Divine Liturgy	9:30 AM 7:00 PM
Wednesday, February 1st	Meeting of the Lord Orthros & Divine Liturgy followed by Potluck-Fish, Wine and Oil	5:30 PM
Friday, February 3rd	Mom's 'n Tots Bible Study	10:30 AM
Saturday, February 4th	Great Vespers	5:00 PM
Sunday, February 5th	Triodion begins Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee Orthros & Divine Liturgy	8:45 AM 12:15 PM 1:00 PM

Calling all Project Mexico Homebuilding Missionaries 2017



We need you in 2017-- Aug 2-8 -- We have been offered 20 spots. That means we need to have committed individuals for this summer's build. Parents can come if they can get permission from their kids (and if there is still enough room)

Please let Dn. Innocent or Sandy know ASAP, if you wish to have **one of the best weeks of your life**. Let us know if you want to have another best week of your life. We need to send in \$100 per person by the end of January. If you are able to offer that now that would be very helpful. Our fundraising efforts always seem to cover all our expenses. Scholarships are available for the deposit, so don't worry or let money stop you from offering yourself for Project Mexico in 2017.

*Project Mexico is a great way to
"commend ourselves and one another and our whole lives to Christ our God!"
~ St. John Chrysostom*