

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.

LOST AND FOUND IS BRIMMING! The lost and found is located in the NFH and it is brimming with lots of items: boots, jackets, etc. If you are missing something, please retrieve it!

Sts. Mary and Martha Philoptochos-Membership Month



Sts. Mary and Martha Philoptochos of St. John the Baptist would like to invite all women of the Parish to join Philoptochos. A wonderful advantage of belonging to Philoptochos is that it allows us to connect with one another. By working on various ministries of the Orthodox Church, we come to know and love each other, which is what we are called to do. The mission of Philoptochos is to help the poor, destitute, hungry, sick, aged and anyone in need of assistance inside or outside the Church community. A table is available during coffee hour today and next Sunday for information. The membership offering is \$40 for one year.

Basics of Orthodoxy Classes: The full schedule is on the bulletin board and online. The classes are free and open to the public. Learn about Orthodoxy for the first time or refresh your knowledge.

You are warmly invited to attend our Crossroads Lenten Potluck on Monday, Feb. 27th from 11am to 1pm. We are honored to welcome Father Theodore who will be speaking to us about Lent. Please call Helen Stinman, if you need a ride.

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. May it be Blessed!

Men's Breakfast and spiritually led discussion Saturday, March 18th 8:30 am. Open to all men. No RSVP needed. Please bring \$5 to help with the cost of food.

Looking for a great preschool for your little one? Enroll now for the 2017-18 school year! (Apply by Feb. 29th for 1st round consideration) Visit www.asapdx.org for an application today or to schedule a tour.

SAVE THE DATE: Women's Monastery Retreat sponsored by Sts. Mary & Martha Philoptochos on April 21st-23rd. Please email: nika.buckley2014@gmail.com to sign up so she can save your space. Look forward to a beautiful time of fellowship with one another and the nuns!

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 LAST JUDGEMENT THE HOLY APOSTLES OF THE 70: PHILEMON, APPHIA, ARCHIPPUS, & ONESIMUS PHILOTHEI, THE RIGHTEOUS MARTYR OF ATHENS

SECOND MODE/2ND MORNING GOSPEL

FEBRUARY 19, 2017

The foregoing two parables -- especially that of the Prodigal Son -- have presented to us God's extreme goodness and love for man. But lest certain persons, putting their confidence in this alone, live carelessly, squandering upon sin the time given them to work out their salvation, and death suddenly snatch them away, the most divine Fathers have appointed this day's feast commemorating Christ's impartial Second Coming, through which we bring to mind that God is not only the Friend of man, but also the most righteous Judge, Who recompenses to each according to his deeds.

It is the aim of the holy Fathers, through bringing to mind that fearful day, to rouse us from the slumber of carelessness unto the work of virtue, and to move us to love and compassion for our brethren. Besides this, even as on the coming Sunday of Cheese-fare we commemorate Adam's exile from the Paradise of delight -- which exile is the beginning of life as we know it now -- it is clear that today's is reckoned the last of all feasts, because on the last day of judgment, truly, everything of this world will come to an end.

All foods, except meat and meat products, are allowed during the week that follows this Sunday.

Philemon, who was from Colossae, a city of Phrygia, was a man both wealthy and noble; Apphia was his wife. Archippus became Bishop of the Church in Colossae. All 3 were disciples of the Apostle Paul. Onesimus, formerly an unbeliever and slave of Philemon, stole certain of his vessels and fled to Rome. However, on finding him there, the Apostle Paul guided him onto the path of virtue and the knowledge of the truth, and sent him back to his master Philemon, to whom he wrote an epistle (this is one of the fourteen epistles of Saint Paul). In this epistle, Paul commended Onesimus to his master and reconciled the 2. Onesimus was later made a bishop; in Greece he is honoured as the patron Saint of the imprisoned. All these Saints received their end by martyrdom, when they were stoned to death by the idolaters. St Onesimus is also commemorated on February 15th.

PC: Crosby/Taylor G: Blankenstein Altar Servers Team C: Tobias, Kyle, Levi, Aiden, Thomas, Petros, Gabriel
Clean up Team 7: Gebrehiwot, Hailey, Jungwirth, Deming, Russo, Walters, Hall I, Stebner, Dale

SMALL ENTRANCE HYMNS

Resurrectional Hymn for this Sunday (2nd Mode):

When You descended to the realm of death, You as Life immortal rendered to Hades a mortal blow by Your all radiant divinity. And when You from infernal depths and the darkness below did raise the dead, all the hosts of heaven's powers did proclaim and cry out: O life-giving Christ and our God, we give glory!

Ote katilthes pros ton thanaton, i zoi athanatos, tote ton Athin enekrosas ti astrapi tis theotitos. Ote the ke tus tethneotas ek ton katahthonion anestisas, pase e thinamis ton epuranion ekragazon. Zothota Christe, o Theos imon, thoxa Si.

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 Last Judgment (1st Mode):

When Thou, O God, wilt come to earth with glory, and all things tremble, and the river of fire floweth before the Judgment Seat, and the books are opened and the hidden things made public, then deliver me from unquenchable fire, and deem worthy to stand at Thy right hand, O most righteous Judge.

EPISTLE READING: I Corinthians 8:8-9:2 (Of the Last Judgment):

Brethren, food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. Only take care lest this liberty of yours somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if any one sees you, a man of knowledge, at table in an idol's temple, might he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? And so by your knowledge this weak man is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. Thus, sinning against your brethren and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of my brother's falling, I will never eat meat, lest I cause my brother to fall. Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? Are not you my workmanship in the Lord? If to others I am not an apostle, at least I am to you; for you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 25:31-46 (Sunday of the Last Judgment):

The Lord said: "When the Son of man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate them one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will place the sheep at his right hand, but the goats at the left. Then the King will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see thee hungry and feed thee, or thirsty and give thee drink? And when did we see thee a stranger and welcome thee, or naked and clothe thee? And when did we see thee sick or in prison and visit thee?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe

me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see thee hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to thee?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not to me.' And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

PARISH ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 19TH

Sunday, February 19th	Sunday of the Last Judgement (Meatfare) Orthros & Divine Liturgy Sunday School/Theology 101	8:45 AM 12:15 PM
Monday, February 20th	President's Day Church Office Closed	
Tuesday, February 21st	Bible Study Parish Council Meeting	9:30 AM 6:45 PM
Wednesday, February 22nd	Basics of Orthodoxy Class-Orthodox Spirituality III Choir Practice	7:00 PM 7:00 PM
Thursday, February 23rd	Almsgiving Meeting	7:00 PM
Friday, February 24th	Sts. Mary & Martha-20th Anniversary Planning Meeting Mom's 'n Tots Bible Study	9:00 AM 10:30 AM
Saturday, February 25th	Saturday of the Ascetics Orthros & Divine Liturgy and Memorial Great Vespers A Talk by Guatemalan Missionary, Jesse Brandow	8:30 AM 5:00 PM 6:00 PM
Sunday, February 26th	Forgiveness Sunday (Cheesefare) Great Martyr Photini Orthros & Divine Liturgy Forgiveness Vespers No Sunday School or Theology 101	8:45 AM 11:45 AM



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.