

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.

Fresh cut WHITE OR LIGHT PASTEL FLOWERS needed for Christ Tomb! (Lilacs, wisteria, roses, cherry blossoms, rhododendron, etc) Please bring to church by 9am Friday at the latest and label your container for easy return. Thank you!

Pascha Picnic Needs: Please bring a bag of nut-free candy or small toys to donate to the annual Pascha Picnic Children's Activities. Contact Shannon Rush (971-300-3753 or shannon.a.rush@gmail.com) to help make the fun possible!

PASCHA PICNIC ticket sales are TODAY! You may purchase the luncheon tickets with 1 check! Cost is: \$10/person and \$30/family. Palm Sunday fish luncheon benefits the St. John the Forerunner Monastery. Pascha picnic cost includes lamb, salad, and beverages.

Basics of Orthodox Class full schedule can be found on the bulletin board or our website.

Spring Flower Baskets - Order now for May 6th pick up. This year we're selling the same 12" flower baskets you've come to know and love from ASA's annual sale, to benefit our Parish Building Fund. Please reach out to Irini Hall to help with facilitating basket pick-up.

Please join the students and staff of ASA for Presanctified Liturgy on Monday April 10 at 8:30am. ASA will be providing a small "food and fellowship" after Liturgy. Hope you are able to join us!

A message from Niko & Athanasia Poulos: We want to thank you all for your love, support, and help in our transition from Portland to our new home in Denver. We feel truly blessed and honored to have been a part of the St. John community. The heart and soul of this parish burns deeply in our family and although we are starting a new adventure, we will always carry a special place for St. John in our hearts. Our new address is 8095 E Bethany Place, Denver, CO 80231. Niko's new cell phone number is (503) 504-4801. We love you, miss you all, and wish you a most blessed Pascha!

Save the Date! June 4th, Pentecost Sunday

for Fr. Theodore's, Pres. Stacey and Anthony's last Sunday before leaving for Denver.

His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos will also be with us to celebrate a Hierarchical Divine Liturgy and to bid Father Theodore and Presvytera Stacey farewell.

An **appreciation luncheon**, hosted by the parish, will follow the Divine Liturgy and everyone is invited to attend! Seating will be by **reservation only**.

Beginning **April 23rd** reserve your seats at the Farewell Luncheon table in the fellowship hall. Seating will be based on reservation dates, so don't delay to make your reservations.

Don't forget to ask about the farewell group gift opportunity!

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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PALM SUNDAY STS. RAPHAEL, NICHOLAS AND IRENE

FESTAL MORNING GOSPEL

APRIL 9, 2017

After Jesus resurrected Lazarus from the dead, the Jewish people were enthusiastic and convinced that He must be the Messiah. They wanted to make Him king, so that he could lead them in overthrowing their Roman oppressors. Although Jesus came to be a different kind of king, the enthusiasm of the people served to fulfill the prophesy: "Behold thy King cometh unto thee, He is just and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt, the foal of an ass (Zech 9:9)." Many of the people who carried palm branches during his entry into Jerusalem did not understand him to be a spiritual king and were disappointed later when they found out that he would not deliver them from the Romans. Some of those present who cried: "Hosanna, blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord" later changed their cries to: "Crucify him, crucify him!"

By entering Jerusalem in this manner, Jesus indeed proved Himself to be the King of kings. His Kingship far transcended any authority and kingly behavior that they had ever seen or heard of before. He was the King of self-sacrifice, of humility, of love, of peace. He would lead them in battle by allowing Himself to be crucified on the cross. There He would give them victory, not over the Romans, but over sin, death and the Evil One.

Holy Week is our opportunity, through remembrance, to see His Kingship manifested before our very eyes through all the events of His Passion, Crucifixion and Resurrection. The Cross is Christ's trophy as King by which He destroyed all of His and our enemies. This is why we see what was once an instrument of death transfigured into a trophy of victory. This week we have the opportunity to remain with Christ the King from the moment of His entry into Jerusalem, crying "Hosanna" to the time of the Betrayal, the institution of the Mystical Supper, His trial before Pilate and His Crucifixion, His Burial and finally His Third Day Resurrection. May God grant us all strength in this most grace-filled and holiest weeks of the year.

PC: Chiprout/Chosvig G: Chosvig Altar Servers Team E: Alexander, Gabriel, Yoas, Pavlos, Noah, Peter

All Parish Clean-Up

SMALL ENTRANCE HYMNS

Hymn for Palm Sunday (1st Mode):

In confirming the common Resurrection, O Christ God, Thou didst raise up Lazarus from the dead before Thy Passion. Wherefore, we also, like the children, bearing the symbols of victory, cry to Thee, the Vanquisher of death: Hosanna in the highest; blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord.

Repeat Hymn for Palm Sunday

Another Hymn of Palm Sunday (4th Mode):

As by baptism we were buried with Thee, O Christ our God, so by Thy Resurrection we were deemed worthy of immortal life; and praising Thee, we cry: Hosanna in the highest; blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord.

Kontakion for Palm Sunday (Plagal 2nd Mode):

Being borne upon a throne in Heaven, and upon a colt on the earth, O Christ God, Thou didst accept the praise of the Angels and the laudation of the children as they cried to Thee: Blessed art Thou Who comest to recall Adam.

EPISTLE READING: Philippians 4:4-9 (Palm Sunday):

Brethren, rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let all men know your forbearance. The Lord is at hand. Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, do; and the God of peace will be with you.

GOSPEL READING: John 12:1-18 (Palm Sunday):

Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. There they made him a supper; Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at table with him. Mary took a pound of costly ointment of pure nard and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the fragrance of the ointment. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (he who was to betray him), said, "Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" This he said, not that he cared for the poor but because he was a thief, and as he had the money box he used to take what was put into it. Jesus said, "Let her alone, let her keep it for the day of my burial. The poor you always have with you, but you do not always have me." When the great crowd of the Jews learned that he was there, they came, not only on account of Jesus but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. So the chief priests planned to put Lazarus also to death, because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and believing in Jesus. The next day a great crowd who had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" And Jesus found a young ass and sat upon it; as it is written, "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on an ass's colt!" His disciples did not understand this at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that this had been written of him and had been done to him. The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead bore witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign.

PARISH ACTIVITIES FOR HOLY WEEK

Sunday, April 9th	Palm Sunday <u>All Parish Clean-Up</u> Orthros & Divine Liturgy 8:45 AM Palm Sunday Fish Luncheon 12:00 PM Bridegroom Orthros 7:00 PM
Holy Monday, April 10th	Presanctified Liturgy with ASA 8:30 AM Bridegroom Orthros 7:00 PM
Holy Tuesday, April 11th	Presanctified Liturgy 8:30 AM Bridegroom Orthros 7:00 PM
Holy Wednesday, April 12th	Presanctified Liturgy 8:30 AM Holy Unction 7:00 PM
Holy Thursday, April 13th	Vespertal Liturgy of St. Basil the Great 8:30 AM Twelve Gospels Orthros 7:00 PM All Night Vigil 10:00 PM
Holy Friday, April 14th	Church Office Closed Royal Hours 9:00 AM Holy Friday Youth Retreat 10:45 AM Descent from the Cross Vespers 3:00 PM Lamentations 7:00 PM
Saturday, April 15th	Vespertal Liturgy of St. Basil the Great 8:30 AM
Sunday, April 16th	Holy Pascha Resurrection Service 11:15 PM Pascha Orthros & Divine Liturgy 12:00 AM followed by finger food potluck <u>All Parish Clean-Up</u> Agape Vespers 1:00 PM followed by Pascha Picnic

TODAY is the Palm Sunday Fish Luncheon.

Cost is \$30 per family or \$10 per person.

Proceeds benefit St. John the Forerunner Monastery.

Project Mexico Homebuilding Trip Aug 2nd-9th

We now have a fundraising page for our trip this summer.

The initial trip fees of \$540 each to are due April 31. We are sending 20 people from our Parish.

<https://volunteer.projectmexico.org/fundraising/group/st-john-the-baptist-beaverton-or>

NEEDED: 10 volunteers for the HFYR. In order to safely put on this retreat we need adult help and supervision. Volunteers need to arrive at 10:30 am. The retreat is over at 2:45 pm. Areas we could use help with are leading the groups from one station to the next, leading the stations (lesson plans provided), and general help with clean-up after the retreat.

Questions? email Athena G. at athenacontes@hotmail.com or you can reach her at 480-584-9831.

*****PALM SUNDAY IS THE LAST DAY TO REGISTER FOR THE RETREAT!** Please find the registration table during coffee hour. There is also a sign up sheet for food donations. Thank you!