

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.

Meeting starts
after services

**The Spring General Assembly
Sunday, May 21st**

NO group childcare

Meeting is planned to last no longer than 1 ½ hours.

PLEASE **plan ahead for your childcare** so that at least one parent can be there.
Or share babysitting with another family, so that more parents can be present!

Crossroads Ministry 'Brown Bag' Lunch with ASA is tomorrow. Please join us promptly at 11:00am. Don't forget to bring your lunch and we will provide the dessert. In celebration of Mother's Day, Eli Chiprout will be sharing about mothers and children.

JOY Monastery Visit-Fri-Sat, May 19th-20th. Children, grades 3,4, & 5, and their parents/families are invited for a JOY group retreat. Enjoy being together with the sisters for services, meals, and stories. Contact Katherine Braden today to see if there are any last minute spots available. Carpools and caravans can be coordinated, once we confirm attendance.

Sts. Mary & Martha Philoptochos Gathering, Monday evening, May 22nd at 7-9 pm. The topic is "*Solutions Seekers*". Join us for an open discussion around topics that present challenges and working solutions to personal challenges, taking place in our busy lives today. We will meet in the home of Eleni Goldman and will enjoy wine and a potluck desert. All women and guests of St. John the Baptist are welcome. Please RSVP to Eleni Goldman at elaynegoldman@gmail.com or 971-235-5548, Patrice Kuchulis or Patricia Poulos.

Men's Mountain Retreat at Mount Hood/Rhododendron is fast approaching on Thurs.-Sat., June 8th-June 10th.. The Jungwirth's have offered the use of their lovely mountain retreat to the men. Cost is \$50 per person for food & cleaning. All St. John's men are invited. Contact Brandon Wilson (cravetruth@yahoo.com) for more info and to sign-up.

ASA is offering a July Summer Program for 2017. Open to children ages 3-12, this camp will run weekdays from 9 am to 3 pm, starting July 3rd and ending July 28th. Space is limited so register by June 1st. For forms and to learn more visit www.asapdx.org/summercamp.

Camp Angelos 2017 dates are July 9th-14th. On line registration for youth (ages 9-17) is open!
Go to: <http://app.campdoc.com/register/holytrinity> to sign up.

Pan Orthodox Vacation Church School 2017 dates are Aug. 14th-18th for youth from 1st-6th grades. Held at Holy Trinity, this will be a week-long day camp filled with an abundance of activities, fun, and fellowship! Registration details coming soon.

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 SAMARITAN WOMAN THE HOLY MARTYR ISIDORE OF CHIOS

4TH MODE/7TH MORNING GOSPEL

MAY 14, 2017

The **Sunday of the Samaritan Woman** has been placed during the week of Mid-Pentecost because Jesus, on this day, clearly bore witness to Himself as the Messiah. Christ, the anointed One, worked the miracle at the Sheep's Pool on the previous Sunday.

Christ later called this woman Photini, which means "illuminated," and together with her seven children she received a martyr's crown during the reign of Nero, the emperor. She had five daughters and two sons. They went as far as Carthage spreading the Gospel. When she heard of the imprisonment and torture of her son, St. Victor, she traveled to Rome to plead for his life. They were arrested by Nero and thrown into prison for several years. During this time, she converted Nero's daughter, Domnina, before being tortured and finally being thrown down a well and thus ending her earthly life. Her feast day is February 26th.

St. Isidore was a soldier from Alexandria. He came with the Roman fleet to Chios, where he was betrayed as a Christian to Numerian, Commander of the Fleet. Because he boldly professed himself to worship Christ as God and refused to worship any other, he was tormented and beheaded in 251, during the reign of Decius.



Mochas for Missions Update: Thank you to Thomaida Hudanish for your wonderful discussion about all the work that C.O.M.E. does to support mission parishes in our Metropolis of San Francisco. And thank you, parishioners of St. John the Baptist. Our total donations are now over \$1,300! Please keep your donations coming so we can reach our goal of \$4,000 by Pentecost. If you have questions, contact Diane Cherry.

PC: Souza/Chosvig G: Becker Altar Servers Team E: Alexander, Gabriel, Yoas, Pavlos, Noah, Peter
Clean-up Team 7: Gebrehiwot, Hailey, Jungwirth, Deming, Russo, Walters, Hall I, Stebner, Dale

SMALL ENTRANCE HYMNS

Hymn for Pascha (Plagal 1st Mode):

Christ is risen from the dead, by death He has trampled upon death and on those in the tombs He is bestowing life.

Hymn of the Resurrection for this Sunday (4th Mode):

When the tidings of the resurrection from the glorious angel was proclaimed unto the women disciples and our ancestral sentence also had been abolished, to the Apostles with boasting did they proclaim that death is vanquished evermore and Christ our God has risen from the dead and granted to the world His great mercy.

Hymn of Mid-Pentecost (Plagal 4th Mode):

At the Mid-point of the Feast of Saviour, water my thirsty soul with streams of true devotion. For you cried out to all: "Any who thirst let them come to Me and let them drink." O Source of Life, Christ our God, glory to You.

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 Pascha (Plagal 4th Mode):

Though Thou didst descend into the grave, O Immortal One, yet didst Thou destroy the power of Hades, and didst arise as victor, O Christ God, calling to the myrrh-bearing women, Rejoice, and giving peace unto Thine Apostles, O Thou Who dost grant resurrection to the fallen.

EPISTLE READING: Acts 11:19-30 (Sunday of the 5th Week):

In those days, those apostles who were scattered because of the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to none except Jews. But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who on coming to Antioch spoke to the Greeks also, preaching the Lord Jesus. And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number that believed turned to the Lord. News of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad; and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose; for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a large company was added to the Lord. So Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul; and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church, and taught a large company of people; and in Antioch the disciples were for the first time called Christians. Now in these days prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. And one of them named Agabos stood up and foretold by the Spirit that there would be a great famine over all the world; and this took place in the days of Claudius. And the disciples determined, every one according to his ability, to send relief to the brethren who lived in Judea, and they did so, sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul.

GOSPEL READING: John 4:5-42 (Sunday of the Samaritan Woman):

At that time Jesus came to a city of Samaria, called Sychar, near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and so Jesus, wearied as He was with his journey, sat down beside the well. It was about the sixth hour. There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." For His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to Him, "How is it that You, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans. Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water." The woman said to Him, "Sir, You have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep; where do You get that living water? Are You greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, and his sons, and his cattle?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst; the water that I shall give him will become in

him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to Him, "Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw." Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." The woman answered Him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband;' for you have had five husbands, and he whom you now have is not your husband; this you said truly." The woman said to Him, "Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain; and You say that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks to worship Him. God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to Him, "I know the Messiah is coming (He who is called Christ); when He comes, He will show us all things." Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am He." Just then His disciples came. They marveled that He was talking with a woman, but none said, "What do You wish?" or, "Why are You talking with her?" So the woman left her water jar, and went away into the city, and said to the people, "Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" They went out of the city and were coming to Him. Meanwhile the disciples besought Him, saying, "Rabbi, eat." But He said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know." So the disciples said to one another, "Has any one brought Him food?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent me, and to accomplish His work. Do you not say, There are yet four months, then comes the harvest? I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see how the fields are already white for harvest. He who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor; others have labored, and you have entered into their labor." Many Samaritans from that city believed in Him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me all that I ever did." So when the Samaritans came to Him, they asked Him to stay with them; and He stayed there two days. And many more believed because of His word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of your words that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Christ, the Savior of the world."

PARISH ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 14TH

Sunday, May 14th	Mother's Day Sunday of the Samaritan Woman Orthros & Divine Liturgy <u>Last Day of Sunday School</u>	8:45 AM 12:15 PM
Monday, May 15th	Crossroads Ministry 55+ Luncheon with ASA children	11:00 AM
Tuesday, May 16th	Parish Council Meeting	6:45 PM
Wednesday, May 17th	Choir Practice	7:00 PM
Thursday, May 18th	Mom's Night Out-The Raccoon Lodge	6:30 PM
Friday, May 19th	JOY Monastery Retreat	
Saturday, May 20th	2 yr. Memorial for Helen Mansager Reception for Memorial following Great Vespers Great Vespers	4:45 PM 5:00 PM
Sunday, May 21st	Sunday of the Blind Man Orthros & Divine Liturgy GENERAL ASSEMBLY	8:45 AM 12:00 PM