

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.

Sts. Mary & Martha Philoptochos Gathering is tomorrow night from 7-9 pm. The topic is "Solutions Seekers". Join us for an open discussion on the challenges we face today and working solutions. Location is the Goldman home. Enjoy wine and a potluck desert. All women and guests of SJB are welcome. RSVP to Eleni G. at 971-235-5548, Patrice Kuchulis or Patricia Poulos.

The Wood family warmly invites you to the baptism of their daughter, Katerina Lynn, on Saturday, June 3rd, at 11am..

Dorrance Family Farewell, will begin at St. Johns, following the Pentecost Kneeling Prayer service June 4th. This event is sold out due to the limited space.

If you will not be able to attend, please contact the church office. 503-644-7444.

PARKING IS VERY LIMITED! If you can, please carpool, take Uber or park off-site and walk in.

Men's Mountain Retreat at Mount Hood/Rhododendron is fast approaching on Thurs.-Sat., June 8th-June 10th.. Join us at the Jungwirth mountain retreat in Rhododendron. Cost is \$50 per person for food & cleaning. 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-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.

Mochas for Missions Update: We only have 3 more weeks before our collection to support C.O.M.E ends on June 4th. So far we have raised just under \$1,500 towards our **goal of \$4,000.**

Donate a minimum of \$20 this week for a Chance to Win a \$25 Peet's Coffee gift card. Drawing will be held at the start of the General Assembly. Let's see if we can **REACH OUR GOAL!**

Questions? See Diane Cherry or Thomaida Hudanish.



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 BLIND MAN STs. CONSTANTINE AND HELEN

PLAGAL 1ST MODE/8TH MORNING GOSPEL

MAY 21, 2017

Leave-taking of Pascha: The Feast of Feasts in the Christian Church is Pascha. Since it is the very foundation of our Faith, we prepare ourselves for over fifty days through the Great Lenten Journey and Holy Week, and then we celebrate our Lord's Resurrection for forty days rather than the usual eight. At the Leave-taking of this Feast of Feasts, we have the opportunity to relive Pascha all over again. Services for the Leave-taking of Pascha will begin at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 23rd.

The Feast of the Ascension is celebrated the day after the Leave-taking. Forty days after His Resurrection, Christ took His disciples with Him to the Mount of Olives, instructed them to preach to the ends of the world, told them about His future Kingdom and then ascended on a cloud to sit at the right of the Father, thus deifying the body. Afterwards the Apostles returned to Jerusalem and spent their time in fasting and prayer awaiting the Holy Spirit, according to Christ's promise. Services commemorating the Ascension begin at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 24th.

Sts. Constantine & Helen, Equals-to-the-Apostles are celebrated May 21st. Constantine was already the emperor and outnumbered in a difficult battle when he saw the image of a bright cross with the inscription, "In this sign, conquer!" A cross was carried before his army and the enemy vanquished. Later, Constantine contracted leprosy but was instructed, baptized and healed by Bishop Sylvester. He built the city of Constantinople and in 325 called together the First Ecumenical Council at which the heresy of Arianism was refuted. His mother, Helen, was responsible for the building of several beautiful churches in the Holy Land. She also discovered the Cross of Jesus and the two others buried under a temple. Both Constantine and Helen died early in the 4th century.

PC: Davis/Walsh G: Chosvig Altar Servers Team A: Samuel, Zacharias, Nathan, Elias, Gavin, Tasso
Clean-up Team B: Patske, Rich, McKenzie, Reiter, Downs, Ionescu, Walker, Hafez

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 (Plagal 1st Mode):

Eternal with the Father and the Spirit is the Word, Who of a Virgin was begotten for our salvation. As the faithful we both praise and worship Him, for in the flesh did He consent to ascend unto the Cross, and death did He endure. And He raised unto life the dead, through His all-glorious resurrection.

Hymn of Sts. Constantine and Helen (Plagal 4th Mode):

Having seen the image of Thy Cross in Heaven, and, like Paul, having received the call not from men, Thine apostle among kings entrusted the commonwealth to Thy hand, O Lord. Keep us always in peace, by the intercessions of the Theotokos, O only Friend of man.

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 26:1, 12-20 (Sts. Constantine & Helen)

In those days, King Agrippa said to Paul, "You have permission to speak for yourself." Then Paul stretched out his hand and made his defense: "I journeyed to Damascus with the authority and commission of the chief priests. At midday, O king, I saw on the way a light from heaven, brighter than the sun, shining round me and those who journeyed with me. And when we had all fallen to the ground, I heard a voice saying to me in the Hebrew language, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me? It hurts you to kick against the goads.' And I said, 'Who are you, Lord?' And the Lord said, 'I am Jesus whom you are persecuting. But rise and stand upon your feet; for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to appoint you to serve and bear witness to the things in which you have seen and to those in which I will appear to you, delivering you from the people and from the Gentiles—to whom I send you to open their eyes, that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in Me.' Wherefore, O King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision, but declared first to those at Damascus, then at Jerusalem and throughout all the country of Judea, and also to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God and perform deeds worth of their repentance."

GOSPEL READING: John 9:1-38 (Sunday of the Blind Man):

At that time, as Jesus passed by, He saw a man blind from his birth. And His disciples asked Him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be made manifest in him. We must work the works of Him who sent me, while it is day; night comes, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." As He said this, He spat on the ground and made clay of the spittle and anointed the man's eyes with the clay, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar, said, "Is not this the man who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "It is he;" others said, "No, but he is like him." He said, "I am the man." They said to him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go

to Siloam and wash;' so I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is He?" He said, "I do not know." They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. The Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for He does not keep the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" There was a division among them. So they again said to the blind man, "What do you say about Him, since He has opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet." The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight, and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age, he will speak for himself." His parents said this because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if any one should confess Him to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age, ask him." So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and said to him, "Give God the praise; we know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "Whether He is a sinner, I do not know; one thing I know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did He do to you? How did He open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you too want to become his disciples?" And they reviled him, saying, "You are His disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where He comes from." The man answered, "Why, this is a marvel! You do not know where He comes from, and yet He opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if any one is a worshiper of God and does His will, God listens to him. Never since the world began has it been heard that any one opened the eyes of a man born blind. If this man were not from God, He could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out. Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him He said, "Do you believe in the Son of man?" He answered, "And who is He, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen Him, and it is He who speaks to you." He said, "Lord, I believe;" and he worshiped Him.

PARISH ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 21ST

Sunday, May 21st	Sunday of the Blind Man Orthros & Divine Liturgy GENERAL ASSEMBLY	8:45 AM 12:00 PM
Monday, May 22nd	Sts. Mary & Martha Gathering-The Goldman Home	7:00 PM
Tuesday, May 23rd	Leavetaking of Pascha Orthros & Divine Liturgy followed by potluck of fish, wine and oil	5:30 PM
Wednesday, May 24th	Holy Ascension Orthros & Divine Liturgy followed by festal potluck	5:30 PM
Saturday, May 27th	Great Vespers	5:00 PM
Sunday, May 28th	Sunday of the Holy Fathers Orthros & Divine Liturgy	8:45 AM