

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.

Mochas for Mission

Last week, many of you responded to Fr. Timothy's appeal and we brought our total donations **collected to just under \$3,200!**

Thank you!

Due the events on June 4th, today is the final day to donate.

It would be wonderful to meet our goal of \$4,000 to support C.O.M.E.!

Last day to donate!

Stewardship Update: The current total number of returned pledge cards is:121 with \$366,715 pledged. Thank you very much!

The Wood family warmly invites you to the baptism of their daughter, Katerina Lynn, on Saturday, June 3rd, at 11 am. Please RSVP to Meika at meikaperkins@hotmail.com, if you can attend.

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. **PLEASE RSVP BY MONDAY, JUNE 5TH.**

Young Adults: Join us this Tuesday, May 30th, at 6:30 pm for a Potluck and Discussion with Father Timothy at the Goldman Home. Please RSVP to Beth Carper at youthdirector@stjohngoc.org

Jr. GOYALock In for current 6th-8th graders. Mark your calendars June 23rd 8:00 pm -June 24th 10:00 am (current 6th-8th graders) at the church. Capture the Flag, Games, Snacks, Candlelight Paraklesis, Breakfast and ALL THE FUN. Please RSVP for your children to Beth Carper at youthdirector@stjohngoc.org

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: <https://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 HOLY FATHERS OF THE 1ST ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

PLAGAL 2ND MODE/10TH MORNING GOSPEL

MAY 28, 2017

The heresiarch Arius was a Libyan by race and a protopresbyter of the Church of Alexandria. In 315, he began to blaspheme against the Son and Word of God, saying that He is not true God, consubstantial with the Father, but is rather a work and creation, alien to the essence and glory of the Father, and that there was a time when He was not. This frightful blasphemy shook the faithful of Alexandria. Alexander, his Archbishop, after trying in vain to correct him through admonitions, cut him off from communion and finally in a local council deposed him in the year 321. Yet neither did the blasphemer wish to be corrected, nor did he cease sowing the deadly tares of his heretical teachings; but writing to the bishops of other cities, Arius and his followers requested that his doctrine be examined, and if it were unsound, that the correct teaching be declared to him. By this means, his heresy became universally known and won many supporters, so that the whole Church was soon in an uproar.

Therefore, moved by divine zeal, the first Christian Sovereign, Saint Constantine the Great, the equal to the Apostles, summoned the renowned First Ecumenical Council in Nicaea, a city of Bithynia. It was there that the shepherds and teachers of the Church of Christ gathered from all regions in the year 325. All of them, with one mouth and one voice, declared that the Son and Word of God is one in essence with the Father, true God of true God, and they composed the holy Symbol of Faith up to the seventh article (since the remainder, beginning with "And in the Holy Spirit," was completed by the Second Ecumenical Council). Thus they anathematized the impious Arius of evil belief and those of like mind with him, and cut them off as rotten members from the whole body of the faithful.

Therefore, recognizing the divine Fathers as heralds of the Faith after the divine Apostles, the Church of Christ has appointed this present Sunday for their annual commemoration, in thanksgiving and unto the glory of God, unto their praise and honour, and unto the strengthening of the true Faith.

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 of the Ascension (4th Mode):

You ascended in glory, O Christ our Lord and God. And Your disciples were filled with joy, by the promise of the Holy Spirit unto them. And through this blessing You did proclaim and thus assure them, that You are truly the Son of God and the Redeemer of the world.

Resurrectional Hymn for this Sunday (Plagal 2nd Mode):

When the angelic powers appeared at Your tomb and those who guarded You became as though dead, and standing by Your sepulcher was Mary seeking Your pure and sacred body. For You did vanquish Hades, and uncorrupted by its touch, You came unto the virgin woman, bestowing the gift of life. O You Who rose from the dead, Lord, we give glory to You.

Repeat the Hymn of the Ascension

Hymn of the Fathers (Plagal 4th Mode):

Most glorified art Thou, O Christ our God, Who hast established our holy Fathers as luminous stars upon the earth, and through them didst guide us all to the true Faith. O Most Merciful One, glory be to Thee.

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 Ascension (Plagal 2nd Mode):

When Thou hadst fulfilled Thy dispensation for our sakes, uniting things on earth with the Heavens, Thou didst ascend in glory, O Christ our God, departing not hence, but remaining inseparable from us and crying unto them that love Thee: I am with you, and no one can be against you.

EPISTLE READING: Acts 20:16-18, 28-36 (Sunday of the Fathers):

In those days, Paul had decided to sail past Ephesos, so that he might not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hastening to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the day of Pentecost. And from Miletos he sent to Ephesos and called to him the elders of the church. And when they came to him, he said to them: "Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God which He obtained with the blood of His own Son. I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears. And now I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities, and to those who were with me. In all things I have shown you that by so toiling one must help the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, how He said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" And when he had spoken thus, he knelt down and prayed with them all.

GOSPEL READING: John 17:1-13 (Sunday of the Fathers):

At that time, Jesus lifted up His eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify Thy Son that the Son may glorify Thee, since Thou hast given Him power over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom Thou hast given Him. And this is eternal life, that they know Thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom Thou hast sent. I glorified Thee on earth, having accomplished the work which Thou gavest Me to do; and now, Father, glorify Me in Thy own presence with the glory which I had with Thee before the world was made. I have manifested Thy name to the men whom Thou gavest me out of the world; Thine they were, and Thou gavest them to me, and they have kept Thy word. Now

they know that everything that Thou hast given Me is from Thee; for I have given them the words which Thou gavest me, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from Thee; and they have believed that Thou didst send me. I am praying for them; I am not praying for the world but for those whom Thou hast given me, for they are Thine; all Mine are Thine, and Thine are mine, and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to Thee. Holy Father, keep them in Thy name, which Thou hast given Me, that they may be one, even as We are one. While I was with them, I kept them in Thy name, which Thou hast given Me; I have guarded them, and none of them is lost but the son of perdition, that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to Thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves."

PARISH ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 28TH

Sunday, May 28th	Sunday of the Holy Fathers Orthros & Divine Liturgy	8:45 AM
Monday, May 29th	Memorial Day-Church Office Closed	
Tuesday, May 30th	Young Adults-The Goldman home	6:30 PM
Wednesday, May 31st	Choir Practice	7:00 PM
Saturday, June 3rd	Saturday of Souls Orthros & Divine Liturgy	8:30 AM
	Wood Baptism	11:00 AM
	Memorial for Cecelia Buckley	4:45 PM
	Great Vespers	5:00 PM
Sunday, June 4th	Holy Pentecost Orthros & Hierarchal Divine Liturgy	8:45 AM
	Kneeling Prayer Service	11:30 AM
	followed by Farewell Luncheon for the Dorrance Family	

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.