

# 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 Missions Final Update: Glory to God!** We haven't quite counted all of the loose change we collected, but **our total is \$6,728**; far above our goal of \$4,000! **Thank you** all so very much for your generous donations. I think our parish's generosity is a reflection of the importance that we place on the work that C.O.M.E does and the personal benefits and blessing that we have had because 20-years ago there was this desire to start a mission parish on the west side of Portland. Thank you so very much!

**Stewardship Update:** The current total number of returned pledge cards is:121 with \$366,715 pledged. Our Stewardship Budget Goal is \$480,000. Thank you very much for giving from your gifts from God!

*Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, That there may be food in My house, And try Me now in this," Says the Lord of hosts, "If I will not open for you the windows of heaven And pour out for you such blessing That there will not be room enough to receive it.*  
~**Malachi 3:10**

**Men's Mountain Retreat** at Mount Hood/Rhododendron is this week 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 TOMORROW.**

**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@stjohnnoc.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](http://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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## HOLY PENTECOST

FESTAL MORNING GOSPEL

JUNE 4, 2017

The story of **Holy Pentecost** is found in the book of The Acts of the Apostles. We are told that the Apostles were gathered together in one place. Suddenly a sound came from heaven like a rushing wind, filling the entire house where they were sitting. Then tongues of fire appeared, and one sat upon each one of the Apostles. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as directed by the Spirit.

This miraculous event occurred on the Jewish Feast of Pentecost, celebrated by the Jews on the fiftieth day after the Passover at the culmination of the Feast of Weeks (Exodus 34:22; Deuteronomy 16:10). Since the Jewish Feast of Pentecost was a great pilgrimage feast, many people from throughout the Roman Empire were gathered in Jerusalem on this day. When the people in Jerusalem heard the sound, they came together and heard their own languages being spoken by the Apostles. The people were amazed, knowing that some of those speaking were Galileans, and not men who would normally speak many different languages. They wondered what this meant, and some even thought the Apostles were drunk. Peter, hearing these remarks, stood up and addressed the crowd. He preached to the people regarding the Old Testament prophecies about the coming of the Holy Spirit. He spoke about Jesus Christ, His death and glorious Resurrection. Great conviction fell upon the people, and they asked the Apostles, "What shall we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."

The Bible records, that on that day about three thousand were baptized. The book of Acts states that the newly baptized continued daily to hear the teaching of the Apostles, as the early Christians met together for fellowship, the breaking of bread, and for prayer. Many wonderful signs and miracles were done through the Apostles, and the Lord added to the Church daily those who were being saved (Acts 2:42-47).

PC: Chosvig/Weick G: Dale Altar Servers Team C: Tobias, Kyle, Levi, Aiden, Thomas, Petros, Gabriel  
All Parish Clean-Up

## SMALL ENTRANCE HYMNS

### Hymn of Holy Pentecost (Plagal 4th Mode):

Blessed art Thou, O Christ our God, Who hast shown forth the fishermen as supremely wise by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit, and through them didst draw the world into Thy net. O Befriender of man, glory be to Thee.

**Entrance Hymn:** Be exalted, O Lord, in Your strength. We will sing and chant of Your mighty acts. Save us, O good Comforter, we sing to You: Alleluia.

### Repeat Hymn of Pentecost - Greek:

*Evlogitos i Christe o Theos imon o Pansofus tus aliis anathixas kata pemsas aftis to Pnevma to Agion ke thi afton tin ikumenin saginefsas, filanthrope thoxa Si.*

### Kontakion of the Pentecost (Plagal 4th Mode):

Once, when He descended and confounded the tongues, the Most High divided the nations; and when He divided the tongues of fire, He called all men into unity; and with one accord we glorify the All-holy Spirit.

### EPISTLE READING: Acts 2:1-11 (Sunday of Pentecost):

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. And they were amazed and wondered, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians, we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God."

### GOSPEL READING: John 7:37-52; 8:12(Sunday of Pentecost):

On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and proclaimed, "If any one thirst, let him come to me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the scripture has said, 'Out of his heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" Now this He said about the Spirit, which those who believed in Him were to receive; for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified. When they heard these words, some of the people said, "This is really the prophet." Others said, "This is the Christ." But some said, "Is the Christ to come from Galilee? Has not the scripture said that the Christ is descended from David, and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David was?" So there was a division among the people over Him. Some of them wanted to arrest Him, but no one laid hands on Him. The officers then went back to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, "Why did you not bring Him?" The officers answered, "No man ever spoke like this man!" The Pharisees answered them, "Are you led astray, you also? Have any of the authorities or of the Pharisees believed in Him? But this crowd, who do not know the law, are accursed." Nikodemos, who had gone to Him before, and who was one of them, said to them, "Does our law judge a man without first giving him a hearing and learning what he does?" They replied, "Are you from Galilee too? Search and you will see that no prophet is to rise from Galilee." Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

## PARISH ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 4TH

Sunday, June 4th	<b>Holy Pentecost</b> <b>Orthros &amp; Hierarichal Divine Liturgy</b> 8:45 AM <b>Kneeling Prayer Service</b> 11:30 AM followed by Farewell Luncheon for the Dorrance Family
Monday, June 5th	<b>Holy Spirit Monday</b> <b>Services are at Holy Trinity Cathedral</b> <b>Orthros</b> 9:00 AM <b>Divine Liturgy</b> followed by reception 10:00 AM
Wednesday, June 7th	Mom's Night Out-the Daniel's home 6:30 PM Choir Practice 7:00 PM
Thursday, June 8th	Men's Mountain Retreat-Rhododendron
Saturday, June 10th	Memorials for George Miles, Florence (Photini) Carper and Mina Roussos 4:45 PM <b>Great Vespers</b> 5:00 PM Jr. GOYA -end of the year event 6:00 PM Sr. GOYA-end of the year event 6:00 PM
Sunday, June 11th	<b>Sunday of All Saints</b> <b>St. Bartholomew</b> <b>Orthros &amp; Divine Liturgy</b> 8:45 PM Sunday School Awards 12:00 PM  <b>Apostle's Fast begins June 12th</b>

Welcome!

Your Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos,  
Bishop Apostolos & Archdeacon Evlogios

