

# 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.*

**An Opportunity To Give.** Do you have extra air miles? Agia Sophia Academy is looking for someone to donate air miles to send a representative to the National Conference on Orthodox Christian Schools that will be held in Chicago in August. Please contact Christina (Bournelis) Blankenstein at christina@asapdx.org or 503-641-4600 if you are able to help us! Thank you for your support!

**Jr. GOYA Lock-In** for current 6th-8th graders. This week Friday, June 23rd 8:00 pm -Saturday, June 24th 10:00 am 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

**Our Stewardship Budget Goal** is \$480,000 with \$366,715 pledged. Thank you very much!

**ASA Summer Playdates.** Just because school is out doesn't mean you can't see your friends. Join ASA once a month for an informal playdate in the park!

Thursday	June 29th	1pm	Magnolia Park	Hillsboro
Monday	July 17th	10am	Pioneer Park	Beaverton
Wednesday	August 9th	3pm	Barsotti Park	Aloha

**Men's Breakfast.** Save the date! Saturday, July 29th at 8:30am. Please join us for a spiritually led discussion with Fr. Matthew. Cost is \$5 per man. No RSVP needed. All men are welcome.

**Constantine Trumpower to be Ordained to the Priesthood.** It is with great joy that we announce Constantine (Chuck) Trumpower's scheduled ordination to the Priesthood on **August 6th**. After his ordination he will continue to serve at St. John the Baptist Church in Anaheim as Assistant Priest under Fr. John Kariotakis, who baptized Constantine as a child at Holy Trinity!

If you would like to **help honor this blessed event**, please consider a donation to help **cover the cost** of his **ordination vestments**. Contributions can be made payable to: St. John the Baptist GOC, with "Trumpower Vestments" written in the memo line.

Please pray for Constantine, his family, and his new parish. May they all be blessed!

**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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## SECOND SUNDAY OF MATTHEW LEONTIUS, HYPATIUS, THEODULUS THE MARTYRS OF SYRIA

1ST MODE/2ND MORNING GOSPEL

JUNE 18, 2017

Theodulus, Leontius, and Hypatius were Roman soldiers. The Holy Martyr Leontius, a Greek by origin, served as a military-chief in the Phoenician city of Tripoli during the reign of Vespasian (70-79). Leontius was distinguished for his bravery and good sense, and was held dear due to his virtuousness.

The emperor appointed Adrian as governor of the Phoenician district, with full powers to hunt out Christians, and in case of their refusal to give them over to torture and death. On his way to Phoenicia, Adrian received a report that Leontius had turned many away from the pagan gods. The governor sent the tribune Hypatius to Tripoli, so as to find and arrest Leontius. Along the way the tribune fell seriously ill, and in a dream was told to ask the God of Leontius to intercede. He told his soldiers and his friend Theodulus what he had heard. They did as the angel said and he was immediately healed.

Upon their arrival in the city, a stranger met them and invited them to his house, where he lavishly hosted the travellers. Learning that their hospitable host was Leontius, they fell on their knees and asked him to enlighten them with faith in the True God. They were baptized here, and when the Saint prayed over them calling on the Name of the Most Holy Trinity, a luminous cloud overshadowed the newly-baptized and poured forth rain. The remaining soldiers in search of their commander arrived in Tripoli, where the governor Adrian had also arrived. Learning what had happened, he ordered Leontius, Hypatius, and Theodulus to be brought to him. After threatening them with torture and death, he demanded that they renounce Christ and offer sacrifice to the Roman gods.

All the martyrs firmly confessed their faith in Christ. St. Hypatius was put under a column and racked with iron claws, and St. Theodulus was mercilessly beaten with rods. Seeing their steadfastness, they beheaded them. And after torture, they sent St. Leontius to prison. In the morning he came before the governor. Adrian tried to entice the Holy Martyr with honors and rewards, and accomplishing nothing, he gave him over to new tortures. The Holy Martyr was suspended head downwards from a pillar with a heavy stone about his neck, but nothing could make him renounce Christ. The governor gave orders to beat the sufferer with rods until he died. They then threw the body of the Holy Martyr Leontius outside the city, but Christians reverently gave it burial near Tripoli. The death of the Holy Martyrs occurred between 70-79.

PC: Weick/Crosby G: Goldman/Poulos Altar Servers Team E: Alexander, Gabriel, Yoas, Pavlos, Noah, Peter  
Clean-Up Team I Becker, Armstrong, Lowe, Whitton, Marine, Mirras with PARISH ASSIST except all father's.

**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!**

## SMALL ENTRANCE HYMNS

### Resurrectional Hymn for this Sunday (1st Mode):

The stone had been sealed before Your tomb by the Jews and the soldiers guarding did watch o'er Your pure and sacred body; O Savior, the third day You arose, and unto all the world did You give life. Whereby all the heavenly powers did proclaim that You are the giver of life. Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ, glory to Your kingdom, glory to Your dispensation, O You alone Who loves all.

*Tu lithu sfragisthentos ipo ton Iutheon, ke stratioton fillassonton to ahranton Su soma. Anestis triimeros Sotir, thorumenos to kosmo tin zoin, thia tuto e thinamis ton uranon evoon Si zoothota. Thoxa ti Anastasi Su Christe. Thoxa ti vasilia Su. Thoxa ti ikonomia Su, mone Filanthrope.*

### 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 Theotokos (2nd Mode):

A protection of Christians unshamable, intercessor to our Holy Maker, unwavering, reject not the prayerful cries of those who are in sin. Instead, come to us, for you are good; your loving help bring unto us, who are crying in faith to you: hasten to intercede and speed now to supplicate, as a protection for all time, Theotokos, for those who honor you.

### EPISTLE READING: Romans 2:10-16 (Second Sunday after Pentecost):

Brethren, there will be glory and honor and peace for every one who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek. For God shows no partiality. All who have sinned without the law will also perish without the law, and all who have sinned under the law will be judged by the law. For it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the law who will be justified. When Gentiles who have not the law do by nature what the law requires, they are a law to themselves, even though they do not have the law. They show that what the law requires is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness and their conflicting thoughts accuse or perhaps excuse them on that day when, according to my gospel, God judges the secrets of men by Christ Jesus.

### GOSPEL READING: Matthew 4:18-23 (Second Sunday after Pentecost):

At that time, as Jesus walked by the Sea of Galilee, He saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. And He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they left their nets and followed Him. And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and He called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed Him. And He went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.

## PARISH ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 18TH

Sunday, June 18th	Father's Day <b>Second Sunday of Matthew Orthros &amp; Divine Liturgy</b>	8:45 AM 12:00 PM
	Welcome Reception for the Swehla Family	
Tuesday, June 20th	Parish Council Meeting	6:45 PM
Wednesday, June 21st	Choir Practice	7:00 PM
Friday, June 23rd	<b>Great Vespers &amp; Orthros</b> at the Monastery	6:00 PM
Saturday, June 24th	<b>Nativity of St. John the Baptist Hours &amp; Divine Liturgy</b> at the Monastery	8:00 AM
	Luncheon to follow	
	<b>Great Vespers</b>	5:00 PM
Sunday, June 25th	<b>Installation of Fr. Matthew Swehla by Metropolitan Gerasimos Orthros &amp; Divine Liturgy</b>	8:45 AM
	Luncheon to follow	

**The Parishioners of St. John the Baptist  
Warmly Welcome the Swehla Family!**

**Father Matthew  
Presvytera Annie  
Joseph (1)  
Nicholas (4)  
Peter (6)  
Thomas (9)  
Dèbora (19)  
Dimas (20)**