

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.

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.

Pan Orthodox Vacation Church School 2017 for youth from **1st-8th** grades held at Holy Trinity. Dates are August 14th-18th. The focus this year is on the Theotokos. Keep an eye on the Holy Trinity website for registration at goholytrinity.org

Summer Coffee Hours & Almsgiving Opportunities - Individuals and Ministries are invited to host a coffee hour during July and August and donate all the free-will offerings collected to a St. John the Baptist supported cause. Please contact the church office to sign up for a coffee hour date at 503.644-7444 or email: churchoffice@stjohngoc.org Thank you

Special Project Mexico Coffee Hour Snack sponsored NEXT Sunday July 9. Our Project Mexico Home building Missionaries will host. Please consider making a donation to help us get there.

Ordination vestments for Constantine Trumpower. As you know, Constantine will be ordained in August. (Details on the bulletin board.) We are collecting funds to cover the cost of his vestments. If you would like to make a donation, make a check payable to St. John's with Trumpower vestments in the memo line. May it be blessed!

ASA announcements:

Summer Camp. It's not too late to register your kids for the ASA summer camp. You can register for one week, a few, or all four, and you can do either half day or full day. For the full month, half day is \$500 and full day is \$750. Or it's \$200 per week (half or full day).

Summer Office Hours: Since school is out for the Summer, please forgive any delay you may experience in responding, due to limited office hours. The school office will be open from 9am - 1pm most weekdays, but visit our website's online calendar for exact office closure dates.

Summer Play dates. Join ASA once a month for an informal play date in the park!

Monday	July 17th	10am	Pioneer Park	Beaverton
Wednesday	August 9th	3pm	Barsotti Park	Aloha

We're hiring! We are seeking both a part-time Math Assistant Teacher & Janitor for the 2017-18 school year. Days are M/W/F for each, visit www.asapdx.org to learn more.

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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FOURTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

DEPOSITION OF THE ROBE OF THE THEOTOKOS AT BLANCERNAE

3RD MODE/4TH MORNING GOSPEL

July 2, 2017

During the reign of Leo the Great (457-474) two patricians and brethren on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land lodged with an old widow, a Christian of Jewish descent. Seeing the many miracles wrought at a small shrine in her house, they pressed her until she revealed to them that she had the robe of the most holy Theotokos kept in a small coffer. Our Lady had had two virgins in her lifetime who attended upon her; before her holy dormition, she gave each of them one of her divine garments as a blessing. This old widow was of the family of one of those two virgins, and it had come through the generations into her hands. With the permission of God, that this holy relic might be had for the profit of many, the two men took the garment by stealth and brought it to Blachernae near Constantinople, and building a church in honor of the Apostles Peter and Mark, they secretly enshrined the garment therein. But here again, because of the multitude of miracles that were worked, it became known to the Emperor Leo, and a magnificent church was built, as some say, by that same Leo, but according to others, by his predecessors Marcian and Pulcheria, and enlarged by Leo when the holy robe was found. The Emperor Justin the Younger completed the church, which the Emperor Romanus IV Diogenes raised up immediately again after it had burned in 1070. It burned again in 1434, and from that time it remained a small house of prayer together with the renowned holy spring. After the seventh century, the name Blachernae was given to other churches and monasteries by their pious founders out of reverence for this famous church in Constantinople. In this church John Catacuzene was crowned in 1345; also, the Council against Acindynus, the follower of Barlaam, was convoked here (see the Second Sunday of the Great Fast)

PC: Taylor/VanSickle G: Clayton/Dale Altar Servers Team B: Team B: Christos, Nicholas, Basil C., Kyle, Makarios, Nicolas
Clean-up Team 2: Wood, Powell, Stinman, Gillespie, Muzik

SMALL ENTRANCE HYMNS

Resurrectional Hymn for this Sunday (3rd Mode):

Let all things above in heav'n rejoice, and let all things below on earth be glad. With all the might and strength of His arm, an eternal deed the Lord did perform: beneath His feet, He has trampled down death by death, and first born of the dead has He become. From the depths of Hades, has He delivered us, and to all the world has granted His great redeeming mercy.

Effrenestho ta urania, agallastho ta epigia, oti epiise kratos en vrahioni aftu o Kyrios. Epatise to thanato ton thanaton, prototokos ton nekron egeneto, ek kilias Athu erisato imas ke paresche to kosmo to mega eleos.

Hymn of the Theotokos (4th Mode):

O Ever-Virgin Theotokos, shelter of mankind, you have bestowed upon your people a mighty investure, even your immaculate body's raiment and sash, which by your seedless childbirth have remained incorrupt; for in your nature and time are made new. Wherefore, we implore you to grant peace to the world, and great mercy to our souls.

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 for the Feast (Tone Four: *Thou Who wast raised up*)

O Godly shelter that covers all mankind, the sacred robe that covered your sacred body have you bestowed on all the faithful graciously, O pure Virgin, as a robe of divine incorruption. As we celebrate with love its august deposition, we cry to you with faith, O graced of God: Rejoice, O Lady, you boast of the Christian race.

EPISTLE READING: Hebrews 9:1-7 (of the Theotokos)

Brethren, the first covenant had regulations for worship and an earthly sanctuary. For a tent was prepared, the outer one, in which were the lampstand and the table and the bread of the Presence; it is called the Holy Place. Behind the second curtain stood a tent called the Holy of Holies, having the golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant covered on all sides with gold, which contained a golden urn holding the manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant; above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot now speak in detail. These preparations having thus been made, the priests go continually into the outer tent, performing their ritual duties; but into the second only the high priest goes, and he but once a year, and not without taking blood which he offers for himself and for the errors of the people.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 8:5-13 (Fourth Sunday of Matthew)

At that time, as Jesus entered Capernaum, a centurion came forward to Him, beseeching Him and saying, "Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, in terrible distress." And He said to him, "I will come and heal him." But the centurion answered Him, "Lord, I am not worthy to have You come under my roof; but only say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I am a man under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this,' and he does it." When Jesus heard him, He marveled, and said to those who followed him, "Truly, I say to you, not even in Israel have I found such faith. I tell you, many will come from east and west and sit at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, while the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth." And to the centurion Jesus said, "Go; be it done for you as you have believed." And the servant was healed at that very moment.

PARISH ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 2ND

Sunday, July 2nd	Fourth Sunday of Matthew Deposition of the Robe of the Theotokos at Blancher-nae St. John Maximovitch Orthros & Divine Liturgy Doxology for Independence Day	8:45 AM
Tuesday, July 4th	Independence Day Church Office Closed	
Saturday, July 8th	Memorials for Haralambos Pavlatos and Constandena Pagano Great Vespers	5:00 PM
Sunday, July 9th	Orthros & Divine Liturgy Camp Angelos begins	8:45 AM

Have a safe and happy 4th of July!
God Bless America!

Fr. Timothy's New Office. Fr. Timothy has been with our parish for nearly 9 years and we have never provided him with proper working space. To correct that oversight, the Parish Council approved the addition of an office for Fr. Timothy in the best place they could identify in the building, which is in the South Fellowship Hall. This will provide him with proper, space, lighting, ventilation, and privacy. (To do this, we are giving up approximately 20-30 seats in the SFH, which will only affect events with more than 300 people.) This is a reflection of who we are and where we are going. We are truly a growing community that is Christ-centered and willing to make sacrifices to properly care for a most important part of our church, our clergy.

Fr. Matthew's Schedule. During the week, Fr. Matthew will be at the church, Tuesday -Friday. He will be out on Mondays. (Fr. Timothy will be at the church on Mondays.)

20th Anniversary. In light of the major parish events which have occurred in the last month, the parish council has decided to celebrate our 20th anniversary in a more subdued manner, with a simple commemoration after the Sunday Liturgy on October 1. For the 25th anniversary we will plan a major event.

Camp Angelos 2017. The theme of camp this year is "#blessed" and it begins on July 9th. Register your kids (ages 9-17) to go! Go to: <https://app.campdoc.com/register/holytrinity>

The Annual GOYA Raft Trip is Sunday, July 23 to Monday, July 24 This is a perfect time to make and create great connections, to challenge yourself and to bond as a group. We are hoping that many of you can go. Please RSVP to Dn. Innocent ASAP at pdxdps@gmail.com. May God bless all your summer plans and allow you to draw closer to Christ in these long warm days.