

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.

St. John's Strategic Plan: The new strategic plan, which was started by Fr. Theodore many months ago, is now underway. Please take part in this important activity, as your observations and opinions will directly affect the future of our parish community. Together we can create a shared vision that builds upon the foundation of these past 20 years. You should have received an email (or will receive a mailing) which describes a "SWOT analysis." **Please fill out one of these by August 4,** and have every family member do the same. (We prefer the on-line form; however a paper form is available as well – see Diane Cherry.) Thank you for your participation!

A BIG THANK YOU and THANK GOD from all the Project Mexico Homebuilding Missionaries. Our fundraising efforts have met all our expenses for the upcoming trip in August. Any additional gifts/donations will be given to Project Mexico for the care of the Orphanage. The Tomato Plant sales raised more than \$700 for the team. Please return your potst o Dn. Innocent for reuse next year.



Thank you for also for your donations from our sponsored fiesta last Sunday. We are excited for this opportunity and grateful for the support of our parish. Gracias! Please keep us in your prayers as we travel to Rosarito, Mexico to build a home for a needy family. Alex, Christos, Constantine, Emelia, Pavlos, Petra, Roberta, Samuel, Stathi, Zacharios, Ula and Dn. Innocent.



Almsgiving Opportunities: Want to Host a Sunday Coffee Hour and at the same time raise money for a worthy cause? 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@stjohnnoc.org. Thank you.

The Annual GOYA raft trip is postponed. Look for more information once a new date is selected.

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.

ASA is hiring! We are seeking both a part-time Math Assistant Teacher and a 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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SUNDAY OF THE HOLY FATHERS OF THE 4TH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

ATHENOGENES THE HOLY MARTYR OF HERACLEOPOLIS

PLAGAL 1ST MODE/6TH MORNING GOSPEL

July 16 2017

On the Sunday that falls from the 13th to the 19th of the present month, we chant the Service to the Holy and God-bearing Fathers who came together in the Seven Ecumenical Councils, that is: the First Council, of the 318 Fathers who assembled in Nicaea in 325 to condemn Arius, who denied that the Son of God is consubstantial with the Father; the Fathers of the First Council also ordained that the whole Church should celebrate Pascha according to the same reckoning; the Second Council, of the 150 Fathers who assembled in Constantinople in 381 to condemn Macedonius, Patriarch of Constantinople, who denied the Divinity of the Holy Spirit; the Third Council, of the 200 Fathers who assembled in Ephesus in 431, to condemn Nestorius, Patriarch of Constantinople, who called Christ a mere man and not God incarnate; the Fourth Council, of the 630 who assembled in Chalcedon in 451, to condemn Eutyches, who taught that there was only one nature, the divine, in Christ after the Incarnation, and Dioscorus, Patriarch of Alexandria, who illegally received Eutyches back into communion and deposed Saint Flavian, Patriarch of Constantinople, who had excommunicated Eutyches; the Fifth Council in 553, of the 165 who assembled in Constantinople for the second time to condemn Origen and Theodore of Mopsuestia, the teacher of Nestorius; the Sixth Council in 680, of the 170 who assembled in Constantinople for the third time, to condemn the Monothelite heresy, which taught that there is in Christ but one will, the divine; and the Seventh Council in 787, of the 350 who assembled in Nicaea for the second time to condemn Iconoclasm.

St. Athenogenes was from Sebastia of Cappadocia and, according to the Synaxaristes, became Bishop of Pidachthoa. He and ten of his disciples were tortured and beheaded by the Governor of Philomachus in the times of Diocletian. There is a second Martyr Athenogenes commemorated today, mentioned by Saint Basil in Chapter 29 of his treatise "On the Holy Spirit"; it is said that as this Athenogenes approached the fire, wherein he was to die a martyric death, he chanted the hymn O Joyous Light in praise of the Holy Trinity (see also Mar. 11).

PC: Crosby/Davis G: Goldman/Poulos Altar Servers Team D: Alexander, Athanasios, Basil VS., Wade, Owen, Simon, Thomas S.
Clean up Team 4: Corazza, Trumppower, Buckley, Williams/Teeney, Soot, Ketrenos B & A, Dunfield, Gonzales, Ramzi

SMALL ENTRANCE HYMNS

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

Coeternal 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 the dead unto life, through His glorious resurrection.

Ton sinanarhon Logon Patri ke Pnevmati, ton ek Parthenu tekthenta is sotirian imon. Animnisomen pisti ke proskinisomen, oti ivthokise sarki anelthin en to stavro ke thanaton ipomine, ke eyire tus tethneotas en ti en thoxo anastasi Afu.

Hymn of the Holy Fathers (Plagal 4th Mode):

Most glorified are You, O Christ our God, Who has established our Fathers as luminous stars upon the earth, and through them did guide us all to the true Faith. O Most Merciful One, glory be to You.

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: Titus 3:8-15 (Holy Fathers):

Brethren, the saying is sure. I desire you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to apply themselves to good deeds; these are excellent and profitable to men. But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels over the Law, for they are unprofitable and futile. As for a man who is factious, after admonishing him once or twice, have nothing more to do with him, knowing that such a person is perverted and sinful; he is self-condemned. When I send Artemas or Tychicus to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; see that they lack nothing. And let our people learn to apply themselves to good deeds, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful. All who are with me send greetings to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 5:14-19 (Holy Fathers):

The Lord said to His disciples: You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. Think not that I have come to abolish the Law and the prophets; I have come not to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. Whoever then relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but he who does them and teaches them shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

PARISH ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 9TH

Sunday, July 16th	Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the 4th Ecumenical Council Orthros & Divine Liturgy	8:45 AM
Wednesday, July 19th	Prophet Elias Orthros & Divine Liturgy followed by Lenten potluck	5:30 PM
Thursday, July 20th	Mom's Night Out - the Hudanish home	6:30 PM
Saturday, July 22nd	Great Vespers College Student BBQ - the Marine Home	5:00 PM 6:30 PM
Sunday, July 23rd	7th Sunday of Matthew Orthros & Divine Liturgy	8:45 AM

