

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday Snack: The Hailey family will be hosting today's coffee hour meal in benefit of The Ancient Church: Orthodox Christian Art, Music and Reading Room in Forest Grove. All proceeds will go to supporting this non-profit library and the missionary efforts of our parish.

Glory to God! Because of your faithful hearts, the contributions from last Sunday's snack totalled \$600.51, which is enough to support a mission priest for a year. How beautiful that our parish can share in the labors of an Orthodox priest far away. May God multiply His blessings not only on that priest and on those served by him, but also on all of you who donated so generously. Thanks be to God!

Memorial Invitation: The parish is warmly invited to the two-yr. memorial for Aly (Hope) Weiser-Lilly. Saturday, August 26 at 4:45 pm. A reception of light refreshments will follow Vespers.

Sunday school registration is now open! Please stop by the registration table during coffee hour to register your child/children for class! Registration will be open every Sunday in August.

Register Now for the Greek Open Golf Tournament & Brewfest on September 18 at Langdon Farms! Join Shattered Oaks, pFriem Family Brewers and Two Kilts Brewing for complimentary beer samplings while you golf, not to mention the delicious Greek dinner afterwards. Only \$100 per golfer for the first 100 (or \$50 for just the dinner). See Chris Perlmutter or visit www.greekopen.com today.

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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ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

SAMUEL THE PROPHET

AFTER FEAST OF THE DORMITION OF THE MOST HOLY THEOTOKOS

SECOND MODE/ELEVENTH MORNING GOSPEL

AUGUST 20, 2017

Samuel was the fifteenth and last judge of Israel. He lived eleven hundred years before Christ. Samuel was born of the tribe of Levi of the parents Elkanah and Hannah in a place called Ramatha or Arimathea where the noble Joseph was also born [Joseph of Arimathea]. The barren Hannah besought Samuel from God weeping and dedicated him to God when he was three years of age. Living in Shiloh near the Ark of the Covenant, Samuel, in his twelfth year, had a revelation from God concerning the punishments which were pending before the house of the high priest Eli because of the immorality of his sons Hophni and Phineas. That revelation soon materialized: the Philistines defeated the Israelites, slew both of Eli's sons and captured the Ark of the Covenant. When the messenger informed Eli of this tragedy, he fell dead to the ground and expired in the ninety-eighth year of his life. The same thing occurred to his daughter-in-law, the wife of Phineas. From then on and for twenty years the Israelites were the slaves of the Philistines. After this period of time, God sent Samuel to the people to preach repentance if they wished to be saved from their enemies. The people repented and rejected the foreign idols that they served and recognized Samuel as a prophet, priest and judge. Then Samuel set out with an army against the Philistines and with God's help confused and defeated them and liberated the land and the people. After that, Samuel peacefully judged his people until old age. Seeing him in old age, the people asked him to install a king for them in his place. In vain Samuel tried to turn the people away from this, saying to them that God is their only King but the people stood by their demands. Even though this demand was not pleasing to God, God commanded Samuel to anoint Saul, the son of Kish from the tribe of Benjamin, as their king. Saul reigned for a short time only and God rejected Saul because of his impudence and disobedience and then commanded Samuel to anoint Jesse's son David as king in Saul's place. Before his death, Samuel gathered the entire people and bid them farewell. When Samuel died all of Israel mourned for him and they buried him honorably in his

PC: Chosvig/Lindgren/Crosby G: Goldman/Poulos Altar Servers Team D: Alexander, Athanasios, Basil VS., Wade, Owen, Simon, Thomas S.
Clean-up Team: All hands needed

SMALL ENTRANCE HYMNS

Resurrectional Hymn for this Sunday (Second Mode):

When You descended to the realm of death, You as Life immortal rendered to Hades a mortal blow by Your all radiant divinity. And when You from infernal depths and the darkness below did raise the dead, all the hosts of heaven's powers did proclaim and cry out: O life-giving Christ and our God, we give glory!

Ote katilthes pros ton thanaton, i zoi athanatos, tote ton Athin enekrosas ti astrapi tis theotitos. Ote the ke tus tethneotas ek ton katahthonion anestisas, pase e thinamis ton epuranion ekravgazon. Zothota Christe, o Theos imon, thoxa Si.

Hymn of the Holy Dormition (First Mode):

In giving birth, you did preserve your virginity; in your dormition, you did not forsake the world, O Theotokos. You were translated unto life, since you are the Mother of Life; and by your intercessions do you redeem our souls from death.

Hymn of St. John the Baptist (Second 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 Holy Dormition (Second Mode):

The grave and death could not hold the Theotokos, who is unsleeping in her intercessions and an unfailing hope in her mediations. For as the Mother of Life she was translated to life by Him Who dwelt in her ever-virgin womb.

EPISTLE READING: 1 Corinthians 9:2-12 (11th Sunday after Pentecost):

Brethren, you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord. This is my defense to those who would examine me. Do we not have the right to our food and drink? Do we not have the right to be accompanied by a wife, as the other apostles and the brothers of the Lord and Cephas? Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working for a living? Who serves as a soldier at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard without eating any of its fruit? Who tends a flock without getting some of the milk? Do I say this on human authority? Does not the law say the same? For it is written in the law of Moses, "You shall not muzzle an ox when it is treading out the grain." Is it for oxen that God is concerned? Does He not speak entirely for our sake? It was written for our sake, because the plowman should plow in hope and the thresher thresh in hope of a share in the crop. If we have sown spiritual good among you, is it too much if we reap your material benefits? If others share this rightful claim upon you, do not we still more? Nevertheless, we have not made use of this right, but we endure anything rather than put an obstacle in the way of the Gospel of Christ.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 18:23-25 (11th Sunday of Matthew):

The Lord said this parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the reckoning, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents; and as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him the lord of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But that same servant, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat he said, 'Pay what you owe.' So his fellow servant fell down and besought him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' He refused and went and put him in prison till he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you besought me; and should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord delivered him to the jailers, till he should pay all his debt. So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

PARISH ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 20

Sunday, August 20	Orthros & Divine Liturgy Eleventh Sunday of Matthew Samuel the Prophet	8:45 AM
	Mom's Night Out-Forest Park hike	3:00 PM
Friday, August 25	Sts. Mary & Martha Board Meeting	9:00 AM
Saturday, August 26	Memorials for Ann Davis & Aly Hope Weiser-Lilly	4:45 PM
	Great Vespers	5:00 PM
	Memorial Reception	6:00 PM
	Sunday School kick-off dinner	7:00 PM
Sunday, August 27	Orthros & Divine Liturgy Twelfth Sunday of Matthew	8:45 AM