

# 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

**Register for Sunday School today!** If you haven't already done so, please stop by the registration table during coffee hour to register your child/children for class!.

**Young Professionals Dinner** (the new young adult group) Join us for dinner, fellowship, and lively discussion with Fr. Matthew at Jon & Lisa Corazza's house Monday September 4 at 6pm. Feel free to bring a beverage of your choice. RSVP to Beth Carper.

**Logos Bookstore Summer Reading Program** is quickly coming to completion. Please prepare a list of questions that you may have from your reading of the first five books of the Holy Bible as recorded by the Prophet St. Moses. There will be an opportunity for our questions to be answered soon after the end of the summer reading program. In addition, the drawing for the Orthodox Study Bible will also take place at that time for those who have participated in the summer reading program.

**Agia Sophia Academy** Please join the staff and student of ASA for Divine Liturgy and Blessing of the School on Friday September 8 at 8:30am (Feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos). Fellowship coffee and treats to follow.

**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](http://www.greekopen.com) today.

**40th Annual Middle East Festival** at St. George Antiochan Church is today from 12pm to 7pm. Enjoy music, dancing, great food, and church tours.

**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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Bringing Orthodox Christianity to the Portland Westside and Beaverton Area

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## TWELFTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW ST. PHANOURIOS THE GREAT MARTYR & ST. POIMEN THE RIGHTEOUS

THIRD MODE/FIRST MORNING GOSPEL

AUGUST 27, 2017

**St. Phanourios the Great Martyr.** Little is known of the holy Martyr Phanourios, except that which is depicted concerning his martyrdom on his holy icon, which was discovered in the year 1500 among the ruins of an ancient church on Rhodes, when the Moslems ruled there. Thus he is called "the Newly Revealed." The faithful pray to Saint Phanourios especially to help them recover things that have been lost, and because he has answered their prayers so often, the custom has arisen of baking a Phaneropita ("Phanourios-Cake") as a thank-offering.

**Saint Poimen the Righteous** was from Egypt and shone forth in the ascetical life in Scete in the fourth century. As a boy he visited various spiritual teachers, including Saint Paisios the Great, who said of him: "This child will save many; the hand of God is on him." In time Poimen became a monk himself, drawing two of his brothers with him into monasticism. Saint Poimen was renowned for his discretion and many of his sayings and deeds are preserved in the Paradise of the Fathers and the Sayings of the Fathers.

PC: Walsh/Keese G: Reiter/Carper Altar Servers Team E: Alexander, Gabriel, Yoas, Pavlos, Noah, Peter  
Clean-up Team: All hands needed

## SMALL ENTRANCE HYMNS

### Resurrectional Hymn for this Sunday (Mode Three):

Let all things above in heaven 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 womb of Hades has He delivered us, and to all the world has granted His great redeeming mercy.

*Effrenestho ta urania, agalliastho 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 Martyr Phanourios (Mode Four: *Be quick to anticipate*):

A heavenly song of praise is brightly sung on the earth; \* the hosts of the Angels keep an earthly festival now in splendour and radiant joy \* from on high, they praise with hymns thy sufferings and struggles; \* and below, the Church does laud the heavenly glory \* you found by your contests and pains, O glorious Phanourios.

### Hymn of St. John the Baptist (Mode Two):

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 Nativity of the Theotokos (Mode Four):

By your holy nativity, O immaculate one, Joachim and Anna were delivered from the reproach of barrenness, and Adam and Eve from the corruption of death. Your people celebrate it, having been saved from the penalty of their transgressions, crying unto you: The barren gives birth to the Theotokos, the nourisher of Life.

### EPISTLE READING: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 (12th Sunday of Matthew)

Brethren, I would remind you in what terms I preached to you the gospel, which you received, in which you stand, by which you are saved, if you hold it fast--unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then He appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, He appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God which is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

### GOSPEL READING: Matthew 19:16-26 (12th Sunday of Matthew)

At that time, a young man came up to Him, saying, "Teacher, what good deed must I do, to have eternal life?" And He said to him, "Why do you ask me about what is good? One there is who is good. If you would enter life, keep the commandments." He said to him, "Which?" And Jesus said, "You shall not kill, You shall not commit adultery, You shall not steal, You shall not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother, and, You shall love your neighbor as yourself." The young man said to Him, "All these I have observed; what do I still lack?" Jesus said to him, "If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me." When the young man heard this he went away sorrowful; for he had great possessions. And Jesus said to His disciples, "Truly, I say to you, it will be hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." When the disciples heard this they were greatly astonished, saying, "Who then can be saved?" But Jesus looked at them and said to them, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

## PARISH ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 20

Sunday, August 27	<b>Orthros &amp; Divine Liturgy Twelfth Sunday of Matthew St. Phanourios the Great Martyr &amp; St. Poimen the Righteous</b>	8:45 AM
Tuesday, August 29	<b>Orthros &amp; Divine Liturgy The Beheading of St. John the Baptist</b>	8:30 AM
Saturday, September 2	Great Vespers	5:00 PM
Sunday, September 3	<b>Orthros &amp; Divine Liturgy Thirteenth Sunday of Matthew Hiero Martyr Anthimos Bishop of Nikomedea &amp; Righteous Theoktistos</b>	8:45 AM