

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.

Youth Choir will begin today immediately following Divine Liturgy in the North Fellowship Hall.

Due to multiple children having severe allergies, St. John the Baptist Church is now **Sesame Free**. This is exactly like our peanut free policy. Foods that include sesame are: store bought hummus, tahini sauce, sesame crackers and sesame on breads. **Please read all food labels.** Thank you for helping keep our children safe!

THANK YOU! to everyone who baked and donated to St John the Forerunner Monastery during the July and August Sunday coffee hours. Our goal was to hopefully collect \$1000 and we collected \$1041.15!

The Second Annual St. John's Take 'n' Bake fundraiser is currently taking orders! Stop by the Take 'n' Bake table during coffee hour now until Oct. 16th to pre-order Greek dishes and pick up your order forms so you can sell to friends and coworkers! Online ordering available. See Christina Blankenstein for more info.

Please join the **Crossroads Senior Ministry** for our first potluck luncheon. Monday, September 19th from 11am. This will be a time dedicated to getting to know each other better. See you there!

Volunteers are Needed for the Baklava assembly at St. John's kitchen on Tuesday, September 20th, 5-9p. Join us for a 2-hour shift! We'd love to have you. Please contact Jennifer B. to sign up.

The 1st **Festival at Holy Apostles Church** in Vancouver, WA is on September 24th at 11am.

Men's Fall Work Trip to the Monastery in Goldendale
September 30th-October 1st See Gregory Walsh or Deacon Innocent to Sign up or for more info.

GOYA Pilgrimage/Retreat to St. John the Forerunner Monastery in Goldendale
October 21st-22nd See Deacon Innocent for Details.

Fall General Assembly is Saturday, October 29th following Vespers.



A key emphasis of the Strategic Plan is to provide an opportunity for wide-participation of the parish.

Because this process relies on consensus of the parish at each stage of the plan, we will take the time to achieve general agreement by the parishioners, according to the teaching and holy Tradition of our Church. <http://stjohngoc.org/our-parish/strategic-plan/>

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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SUNDAY AFTER THE CROSS EUMENIUS THE WONDERWORKER, BISHOP OF GORTYNIA HOLY MARTYR ARIADNI

FOURTH MODE/SECOND MORNING GOSPEL

SEPTEMBER 18, 2016

Saint Eumenius from the time of his youth was noted for his virtuous life. He strove to serve the One God and therefore he shunned worldly temptations. Concerned for the salvation of his soul, he distributed all his substance to the poor.

By the blessing of God, St Eumenius was chosen as Bishop of Gortynia on the island of Crete. The Saint, like a compassionate father, comforted his flock in their sorrows, and cared for the orphaned and indigent. His prayers were so strong before God that once, during a drought, he called forth abundant rain upon the earth.

St Eumenius wisely and zealously defended the Orthodox Faith against the Monophysite heresy. For his opposition to the heresy, the Saint was banished to the Thebaid, where he died in the 7th century. His body was then transferred and buried in Gortynia.

The Holy Martyr Ariadni - In the Phrygian town of Promisea, during the reign of Emperor Hadrian, there lived a pagan nobleman named Tertullus. The maiden Ariadni was his slave and a Christian. On the day of his son's birth, Tertullus prepared a great sacrificial offering to the idols, but the pious Ariadni did not attend, remaining at home to pray to the true God. Her master was enraged at this and tried to coerce her to deny Christ and to worship idols. When Ariadni refused, he tormented her with beatings and other cruel tortures and cast her into prison. When he released her from prison, he drove her away from the house.

Soon afterward he regretted having released her, and sent servants to seize her and return her to him. By then, Ariadni was already a great distance from the town. She was passing by a huge rock when she saw her pursuers, and she prayed to God and the rock opened and hid her. The servants became confused by this and began to quarrel and fight among themselves, and killed each other.

PC: Keese/Poulos G: Chosvig Altar Servers Team A: Samuel, Zacharias, Nathan, Elias, Gavin, Tasso
Clean up Team 6: Ketrenos J & K, Lubliner D & J, Lubliner N, Goldman, Thienes, Tesfamicael, Taylor, Hatch

SMALL ENTRANCE HYMNS

Hymn of the Exaltation of the Cross (1st Mode):

Save, O Lord, Thy people and bless Thine inheritance. Grant Thou unto Thy faithful victory over adversaries; and by the power of Thy Cross, do Thou preserve Thy commonwealth.

Resurrectional Hymn for this Sunday (4th Mode):

When the tidings of the resurrection from the glorious angel was proclaimed unto the women disciples and our ancestral sentence also had been abolished, to the Apostles with boasting did they proclaim that death is vanquished evermore and Christ our God has risen from the dead and granted to the world His great mercy.

Repeat Hymn of the Cross

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 Exaltation of the Cross (4th Mode/Original Melody):

Thou Who wast raised up on the Cross of Thine own will, * O Christ our God, do Thou bestow Thy compassions * upon this, Thy new commonwealth named after Thee. * Gladden with Thy sovereign might * our most Orthodox hierarchs, * and vouchsafe them victory * over every false teaching; * and as Thy help in war may they possess * the weapon of peace, the trophy invincible.

EPISTLE READING: Galatians 2:16-20 (Sunday After the Cross):

Brethren, you know that a man is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the law, because by works of the law shall no one be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again those things which I tore down, then I prove myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law, that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

GOSPEL READING: Mark 8:34-38, 9:1 (Sunday After the Cross):

The Lord said: "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? For what can a man give in return for his life? For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." And he said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see that the kingdom of God has come with power."

PARISH ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 18TH

Sunday, September 18th	Sunday after the Holy Cross Orthros & Divine Liturgy	8:45 AM
	Sunday School/Theology 101	12:15 PM
Monday, September 19th	Crossroads Senior Ministry	11:00 AM
	Greek Open	12:00 PM
	Greek Open dinner	6:00 PM
Tuesday, September 20th	Bible Study	9:30 AM
	Take 'n' Bake-Baklava	11:00 AM
	Parish Council Meeting	6:45 AM
Wednesday, September 21st	Choir Practice	7:00 PM
Friday, September 23rd	Conception of St. John the Forerunner ASA Orthros & Divine Liturgy	7:30 AM
	Sts. Mary & Martha Philoptochos Board Meeting	9:30 AM
	Moms 'n Tots Bible Study	10:30 AM
Saturday, September 24th	Sts. Silouan & Tekla Orthros & Divine Liturgy	8:00 AM
	Holy Apostles Church Festival	11:00 AM
	Great Vespers	5:00 PM
Sunday, September 25th	First Sunday of Luke Orthros & Divine Liturgy	8:45 AM
	Sunday School/Theology 101	12:15 PM
	Fr. Theodore's 25th Anniversary Dinner	5:00 PM



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