

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Our Parish Anniversary is Today!** Please join us for a special fellowship today to celebrate 20 years of bringing Orthodox Christianity to Portland Metro West, from the first Divine Liturgy at the Kingstad Business Center in Beaverton.

**Collecting Pregnancy Resource Center Donations Today** We are collecting diapers sizes 3-5, baby bottles, nipples, new or gently used maternity/baby clothes up to 12 mo. (After today items will have to be brought by individuals to the PRC.) Checks can also be made to St. John with PRC in the memo. Checks can also be made to St. John with PRC in the memo.

**Take 'n' Bake - Order Yours and Help to Prepare** We are taking orders for scrumptious tyropita and spanakopita today after Liturgy. These are 7x11 pans of the savory and buttery Greek dishes for you to either give as gifts or to serve your friends and family for the holidays! Still only \$22 each! If you want to help prepare the dishes, please sign up at the bulletin board. Lots of time slots are available and many hands are needed! Please see Kathryn Becker or Thomaida with your questions!

**JOY Field Trip** Join us after Sunday school for a trip to OMSI.

**Men's Worktrip to the Monastery** The men of St. John will be having a work party for the sisters of the Monastery on October 6-7. We will be driving up Friday night, working on Saturday, and then driving back home Saturday night. If you can make it please RSVP to Deacon Innocent.

**The 66th Annual Greek Festival** at Holy Trinity Cathedral in Portland is Friday - Saturday, October 8 - 9 from 10:00 am to 10:00 pm and Sunday, October 10 from 11:00 am to 8:00 pm.

**Parents in Prayer** We invite you to attend a special prayer service for parents on October 11 at 9 am. We will pray the "Akathist to the Mother of God, the Nurturer of Children". You are welcome to bring your children with you! Praying together is a great way to calm and nurture our souls while strengthening our fellowship as parents. We hope you will join us!

**St John the Forerunner Monastery Annual Benefit Dinner** held at Fort Dalles Readiness Center is Sunday, October 15. Please consider attending this lovely event. Make your reservations at: [stjohnmonastery.org](http://stjohnmonastery.org)

**Hellenic - American Cultural Center & Museum presents** "Ancient Futures - Gala for the Arts" is Saturday November 4. A festive evening is planned with silent/live auctions, games, and other fun activities. Reserve your ticket at: [haccmgala.wordpress.com](http://haccmgala.wordpress.com). Reservations close Oct. 23.

**Save the date - Fall Women's Retreat** We will have our women's retreat November 10-12 in Canby Grove. Fr. Paul Jaroslaw will speak about "St. Innocent of Alaska and the Way of the Cross." Registration opens TODAY at \$175 and goes up to \$190 on October 15.

**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 chrismated 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, then wipe your mouth afterward.

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## SECOND SUNDAY OF LUKE

ST. ANANIAS, APOSTLE OF THE SEVENTY & ST. ROMANOS THE MELODIST

PLAGAL FOURTH MODE/SIXTH MORNING GOSPEL

OCTOBER 1, 2017

**Saint Ananias, Apostle of the Seventy** The Holy Apostle Ananias of the Seventy, was the first Bishop of Damascus. The Lord ordered him to restore the sight of Saul, the former persecutor of Christians, then baptize him (Acts 9:10-19, 22:12). Saul became the great preacher and Apostle Paul. St. Ananias boldly and openly confessed Christianity before the Jews and the pagans, despite the danger.

From Damascus, he went to preach at Eleutheropolis, where he healed many of their infirmities. Lucian, the prefect of the city, tried to persuade the holy one to offer sacrifice to idols. Because of Ananias' staunch and solid confession of Christ, Lucian ordered that he be tortured. Harsh torments did not sway the witness of Truth. Then the torturers led him out beyond the city, where they stoned him. The saint prayed for those who put him to death. His relics were later transferred to Constantinople.

**Saint Romanos the Melodist** was born in the fifth century in the Syrian city of Emesa of Jewish parents. After moving to Constantinople, he became a church sacristan in the temple of Hagia Sophia. The monk spent his nights at prayer in a field or in the Blachernae church beyond the city.

The saint was not a talented reader or singer. Once, on the eve of the Nativity of Christ, he read the kathisma verses. He read so poorly that another reader had to take his place. The clergy ridiculed Romanos, which devastated him. On the day of the Nativity, the Mother of God appeared to the grief-stricken youth in a vision while he was praying before her Kyriotissa icon. She gave him a scroll and commanded him to eat it. Thus was he given the gift of understanding, composition, and hymnography. That evening at the all-night Vigil Romanos sang, in a wondrous voice, his first Kontakion: "Today the Virgin gives birth to the Transcendent One..." All the hymns of St. Romanos became known as kontakia, in reference to the Virgin's scroll. St. Romanos was also the first to write in the form of the Oikos, which he incorporated into the all-night Vigil at his places of residence (In Greek, "oikos").

PC: Crosby/Davis G: Dale Altar Servers Team E: Constantine, Yoas, Pavlos, James, Noah, Peter  
Clean up Team 4: Buckley, Gebreyesus, Gonzales, Blankenstein, Clary

## SMALL ENTRANCE HYMNS

### Resurrectional Hymn (Plagal Fourth Mode)

From on high did You descend, O Merciful Lord. For us did You endure three days in the tomb, that we may be released from passions in this world. You who are our resurrection and our life, glory unto to You, O Lord.

*Ex ipsus katilthes, o Efsplagnos. Tafin katethexo triimeros, ina imas eleftherosis ton pathon. I zoi ke i anastasis imon, Kirie, thoxa Si.*

### Hymn of St. Ananias of the Seventy (Third Mode)

O Holy Apostle Ananias, intercede with the merciful God that He grant unto our souls forgiveness of offences.

### Hymn of St. Romanos the Melodist (Plagal Fourth Mode)

In you, O Father, is preserved undistorted what was made in the image of God; for taking up the cross, you followed Christ and by example taught, that we should overlook the flesh, since it passes away, and instead look after the soul, since it is immortal. And therefore, O devout Romanos, your spirit rejoices with the angels.

### 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 the Theotokos (Second 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: 2 Corinthians 6:16-18, 7:1 (Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost)

Brethren, What agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; as God said, "I will live in them and move among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Therefore come out from them, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch nothing unclean; then I will welcome you, and I will be a father to you, and you shall be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty." Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, and make holiness perfect in the fear of God.

### GOSPEL READING: Luke 6:31-36 (Second Sunday of Luke)

The Lord said: "As you wish that men would do to you, do so to them. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the selfish. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful."

## PARISH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, October 1

**Second Sunday of Luke**

**St. Ananias of the Seventy**

**Orthros & Divine Liturgy**

Sunday School & Theology 101

JOY to OMSI

8:45 AM

12:15 PM

1:00 PM

Tuesday, October 3

Bible Study - the Epistle of St. James

Council of Ministries Meeting

10:00 AM

6:30 PM

Wednesday, October 4

**Small Compline & Akathist**

**to the Mother of God, Healer of Cancer**

7:00 PM

Friday, October 6

**Apostle Thomas**

**Orthros & Divine Liturgy**

Moms 'n' Tots Bible Study - Book of Psalms

Men's Work Trip to the Monastery

7:30 AM

10:30 AM

Saturday, October 7

**Great Vespers**

5:00 PM

Sunday, October 8

**Third Sunday of Luke**

**Pelagia the Righteous**

**Orthros & Divine Liturgy**

Sunday School & Theology 101

8:45 AM

12:15 PM

