

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Moms Night Out group will be meeting at the Jungwirth home for a festive harvest themed potluck on Tuesday, October 10 at 6:30 pm.

Men's Morning Study led by Fr. Matthew begins Wednesday, October 11, 6:00-7:00 am. Bring suggestions for topics/books. They will meet the second Wednesday & last Thursday each month.

Parents in Prayer We invite you to attend a prayer service for parents and godparents on Wednesday, October 11 at 9:00 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.

Young Professionals will be meeting, Friday, October 13 at 6:30 pm at Nathaniel & Kristina Lubliner's home. For details and to RSVP contact Beth Carper at youthdirector@stjohnnoc.org.

GOYA Fireside Chat will be held on Saturday, October 14 at 6:00 pm at the Davis' home.

Annual Food Drive begins Sunday, October 15 benefitting the Oregon Food Bank. Please remember those in need when you shop for your family. *"We are not asked merely to call ourselves Christians, we are asked to be Christians through our deeds."* ~St. Ignatius of Antioch

Have you reserved your seat? The Monastery Builders Benefit Dinner and Auction at Fort Dalles Readiness Center is Sunday, October 15 at 5:30 pm. The speaker this year is Fr. Vasili Hillhouse. Make your reservations at: stjohnmonastery.org

Crossroads (55+) Ministry Potluck Luncheon is Monday, October 16 from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm. Our speaker is Father John Mancantelli.

Philoptochos board elections are coming soon on Sunday, November 5 after church. You can help to lead and guide our charitable ministries within the church! Nominations must be turned in by October 31 to the elections team: Sandy, Eleni, and Fr. Matthew.

All Saints Eve has been cancelled because this ministry does not currently have a leader. If you have any questions, please contact Beth Carper at youthdirector@stjohnnoc.org

Hellenic-American Cultural Center & Museum presents "Ancient Futures - Gala for the Arts" on Saturday November 4. A festive evening is planned with silent/live auctions, games, and other fun activities. Reserve your ticket by October 23 at: hacmgala.wordpress.com.

Fall Women's Retreat - Register now and pay only \$175. On October 15 the price increases to \$190. The retreat is November 10-12 at Canby Grove. Fr. Paul Jaroslaw will speak about "St. Innocent of Alaska and the Way of the Cross."

Sermon Notes: _____

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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THIRD SUNDAY OF LUKE PELAGIA THE RIGHTEOUS

FIRST MODE/SEVENTH MORNING GOSPEL

OCTOBER 8, 2017

Saint Pelagia the Righteous. St. Pelagia was a prominent harlot of the city of Antioch, and a pagan. She used her great wealth to adorn herself and live in luxury. At that time, the Archbishop of Antioch invited the holy Bishop of Edessa, Nonnus, who is commemorated Nov. 10th, to speak to several bishops at a local church. While St. Nonnus was speaking, Pelagia happened to pass by the open doors of the church. While the other bishops averted their eyes, St. Nonnus wept, saying "Woe unto us lazy and careless people, who will have to give account at the day of Judgement for not having been as zealous and careful to please God as this poor woman has been to adorn her body for fleeting pleasure!" He then prayed fervently to the Lord for the conversion of Pelagia.

The next day Pelagia was among those who listened to St. Nonnus preach on the holy Gospel at the Divine services. Pelagia was inspired by his words and wrote to St. Nonnus, asking him to receive her. St. Nonnus instructed her to come to the church and confess her offences before the entire congregation, if her repentance was true. Pelagia quickly followed his advice and begged the Bishop to be accepted in holy Baptism to protect her from falling back into her sinful habits. The whole city of Antioch rejoiced at the baptism of Pelagia. A nun undertook guiding her in the spiritual life and by prayer and the sign of the cross, Pelagia resisted the temptations to return to her former life. She gave away her wealth to the poor and freed her slaves. She then departed for the Mount of Olives near Jerusalem, where she lived as a recluse, feigning to be a eunuch called Pelagius. She lived in such holiness and repentance that within three or four years she was deemed worthy to repose in an odor of sanctity, in the middle of the fifth century. Her tomb on the Mount of Olives has been a place of pilgrimage ever since.

PC: Weick/Vansickle G: Blankenstein/Chosvig Altar Servers Team A: Samuel, Zacharias, Basil C., Elias, Gavin, Tasso, John

Clean up Team 5: Hailey, Schwartz, Hudanish P&J, Hudanish T.

SMALL ENTRANCE HYMNS

Resurrectional Hymn for this Sunday (First Mode)

The stone that had been sealed before Your tomb by the Jews and the soldiers guarding did watch o'er Your pure and sacred body. O Savior the third day You arose, and unto all the world did You give life, whereby all the heavenly powers did proclaim that You are the giver of life. Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ. Glory to Your Kingdom. Glory to Your dispensation, O You alone who loves all.

Tu lithu sfragisthentos ipo ton Iutheon, ke stratioton filassonton to ahranton Su soma. Anestis triimeros Sotir, thorumenos to kosmo tin zoin, thia tuto e thinamis ton uranon evoon Si zoothota. Thoxa ti Anastasi Su Christe. Thoxa ti vasilia Su. Thoxa ti ikonomia Su, mone Filanthrope.

Hymn of St. Pelagia (Plagal Fourth Mode)

In thee the image was preserved with exactness, O Mother; for taking up thy cross, thou didst follow Christ, and by thy deeds thou didst teach us to overlook the flesh, for it passeth away, but to attend to the soul since it is immortal. Wherefore, O righteous Pelagia, thy spirit rejoiceth 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 9:6-11 (Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost)

Brethren, he who sows sparingly also will reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work. As it is written, "He scatters abroad, He gives to the poor; His righteousness endures forever." He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your resources and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for great generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

GOSPEL READING: Luke 7:11-16 (Third Sunday of Luke)

At that time, Jesus went to a city called Nain, and His disciples and a great crowd went with Him. As He drew near to the gate of the city, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a large crowd from the city was with her. And when the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." And He came and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And He said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." And the dead man sat up, and began to speak. And He gave him to his mother. Fear seized them all; and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" and "God has visited His people!"

PARISH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, October 8	Third Sunday of Luke Pelagia the Righteous Orthros & Divine Liturgy	8:45 AM
	Sunday School & Theology 101	12:15 PM
Tuesday, October 10	Bible Study - The Epistle of St. James	10:00 AM
	Moms Night Out - at the Jungwirth Home	6:30 PM
Wednesday, October 11	Men's Morning Study	6:00 AM
	Akathist to the Theotokos, Nurturer of Children	9:00 AM
	Take 'n' Bake Preparation	6:30 PM
Friday, October 13	Moms 'n' Tots Bible Study - The Book of Psalms	10:30 AM
	Young Professionals Dinner - at N & K Lubliner	6:30 PM
Saturday, October 14	Take 'n' Bake - Spanakopita Assembly	9:00 AM
	Choir Practice	3:00 PM
	Great Vespers	5:00 PM
	GOYA Fireside Chat - at the Davis' Home	6:00 PM
Sunday, October 15th	Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council Orthros & Divne Liturgy	8:45 AM
	Sunday School & Theology 101	12:15 PM
	Monastery Builders Benefit Dinner and Auction	5:30 PM

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Fun with Knives Come out and help us prep a large pile of onions for Take 'n' Bake Spanakopita filling. We're going to dice and saute onions and chop herbs and have a great time doing it! See Jon Corazza with questions or just stop in for an hour. Two sessions: Wednesday, Oct. 11 6:30-8:30 pm and Wednesday, Oct. 18 8:00-10:00 pm.

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Pre-Order Take 'n' Bake Less than 10 days left to order online or in person at coffee hour. See how the proceeds add up on the Building Fund bulletin board. Please share this delicious opportunity with everyone you know. \$22/pan for frozen, ready-to-bake Spanakopita and Tyropita. Pickup is November 1-15. And it's the perfect solution for a busy weeknight dinner!

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Many Hands Make Delicious Food Check the church calendar for all Spanakopita and Tyropita Assembly dates. We'll have WAY more fun if you're there! Our goal is to have enough helpers to make a dozen extra pans to set aside for families in need.