

# 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.*

**TONIGHT at 5:30pm is the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Monastery Builders Benefit Dinner and Auction**

This year's speaker is Maria Papaioannou, the sister of Fr. Paisios, Abbot of St. Anthony's Monastery in Florence, AZ. Donations may be made at [www.stjohnmonastery.org](http://www.stjohnmonastery.org)

**BIG Thank You from the Staff & Children of ASA** to all of you for your support of the Greek Open Golf Tournament & Dinner! We had record breaking attendance for the tournament and the dinner! If you have any questions or comments (or would like to join the committee), contact Christina Blankenstein at [christina@asapdx.org](mailto:christina@asapdx.org) or visit our website at [www.asapdx.org](http://www.asapdx.org)

**Ministering Together** - ASA's new principal, Ranae Rice, invites the St. John's community to engage in a collaborative discussion about our working relationship, offer helpful feedback to the school leadership from a parishioner's view, and brainstorm ideas on how we can support one another and be involved in our different ministries. This open meeting will be held Thursday, October 13th at 9am in the YFR. Childcare provided.

**Crossroad Senior Ministry:** Please join us in welcoming Fr. Paul Paris of Holy Trinity to our Oct. 17th luncheon. Fr. Paul will speak at 11:00 and our potluck luncheon will follow at 12:00. All are welcome!

**Oregon Food Bank's**, Kyle Hummel, Corp. & Community Relations Coor. is our Guest Speaker during the **Theo. 101 adult class** on Sunday, Oct. 23rd. This talk coincides with our Annual Ducks vs. Beaver Food Drive for the OFB. He is very knowledgeable and passionate in his work at the OFB. You won't want to miss him!

**Young Adults**-Join us Monday, October 24th at for a time of discussion, dinner and prayer with Fr. Theodore at the Dorrance home. Please see Beth Carper to RSVP and for more details.

## FALL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

**2017 Budget Approval**

**Saturday, October 29th**

**6pm after Vespers**

**We encourage everyone to attend or to have each family represented.**

*Light snacks will be provided*

**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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## THIRD SUNDAY OF LUKE JAMES THE APOSTLE, SON OF ALPHEAUS ANDRONICUS & HIS WIFE ATHANASIA OF EGYPT GRAVE MODE/ FIFTH MORNING GOSPEL

**OCTOBER 9, 2016**

The Holy Apostle James, the son of Alphaeus, was one of the Twelve Apostles. He was the brother of the Apostle and Evangelist Matthew. After the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, the lot fell to James to preach the Gospel of Christ in Eleutheropolis and the surrounding areas, and then in Egypt, where he suffered for his Savior. With great power in word and in deed, James disseminated the saving news of the incarnate Word of God, destroying idolatry, driving demons out of men, and healing every infirmity and disease in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. His labor and zeal were crowned with great success. Many pagans came to believe in Christ, churches were built and organized, and priests and bishops were ordained. James suffered in the Egyptian town of Ostracina, being crucified by the pagans. Thus, this great and wonderful apostle of Christ took up his abode in the Heavenly Kingdom, to reign eternally with the King of Glory.

The Venerable Andronicus and his wife Athanasia were citizens of Antioch during the reign of Theodosius the Great. Andronicus was a goldsmith by trade. He and his wife were very devout, continually striving to follow the way of the Lord. He gave a third of his income to the poor, another third to the church, and supported his family with the last third. After two children were born to them, they agreed to live as brother and sister. However, according to God's unfathomable providence, both of their children died on the same day, and they were in great sorrow. Then the holy martyr Julian appeared to Athanasia at the children's grave, and comforted her with the tidings that her children were in the Kingdom of God, and were better off there than with their parents on earth. Andronicus and Athanasia left everything and went to Egypt and received the monastic tonsure-St. Andronicus with the elder Daniel at Scetis; and Athanasia in the convent in Tabennisi. Pleasing God by their long years of asceticism, they at last went to the Eternal Kingdom of Christ. St. Athanasia reposed first, and eight days later, St. Andronicus.

PC: Davis/Mirras G: Benson Altar Servers Team D: Demetrius, Constantine, Athanasios, Basil, Wade, Owen, Simon  
Clean up Team 9: Feyler, Jones/Kuchillis, Lindgren, Rush, Wehlitz, Solomon, Mansager, Crosby, Gebreeysee

## SMALL ENTRANCE HYMNS

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

O Lord, by Your sacred Cross You abolished death, and granted unto the thief blessed paradise. The Myrrh-bearers ceased lamenting and turned to joy. The Apostles did preach the Good News at Your command, that You had risen from the dead, O Christ our God, bestowing Your mercy upon the world evermore.

*Katelisas to Stavro Su ton thanaton, i neoxas to listi ton parathison. Ton Miroforon ton thrinon metevales, ke tis Sis Apostolis kirittin epetaxas, oti anestis Christe o Theos, parehon to kosmo to mega eleos.*

### Hymn of Apostle James, Son of Alphaeus (3rd Mode):

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

### 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 Theotokos (2nd 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: II Corinthians 6:1-10 (16th Sunday after Pentecost):

Brethren, working together with him, then, we entreat you not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, "At the acceptable time I have listened to you, and helped you on the day of salvation." Behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We put no obstacle in any one's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, tumults, labors, watching, hunger; by purity, knowledge, forbearance, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

### GOSPEL READING: Luke 7:11-16 (3rd 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 FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 9TH

Sunday, October 9th	<b>Third Sunday of Luke Orthros &amp; Divine Liturgy</b>	8:45 AM
	Sunday School/Theology 101	12:15 PM
	<b>Monastery Benefit Dinner in The Dalles</b>	5:30 PM
Tuesday, October 11th	Bible Study	9:30 AM
	Mom's Night Out- Marine Home	6:30 PM
	Sts. Mary & Martha Focus Group Gathering	7:00 PM
Wednesday, October 12th	<b>St. Simeon, the New Theologian ASA Orthros &amp; Divine Liturgy</b>	7:30 AM
	Choir Practice	7:00 PM
	Almsgiving Meeting	7:00 PM
Thursday, October 13th	Ministering Together (ASA & SJB)	9:00 AM
Friday, October 14th	Mom's 'n Tots Bible Study	10:30 AM
Saturday, October 15th	Great Vespers	5:00 PM
Sunday, October 16th	<b>Fourth Sunday of Luke Orthros &amp; Divine Liturgy</b>	8:45 AM
	Sunday School/Theology 101	12:15 PM

### 2016 FALL WOMEN'S RETREAT

*Restoring the Image ~  
Women, Beauty, and the Church*

Presenter: Kh. Krista West

Time: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Date: Saturday, November 5

Location: St. John the Baptist GOC

Registration fee:

\$25.00

(mail or hand deliver registration to the Church)

Don't forget to enter the fundraiser RAFFLE!

It's a WIN-WIN!!