

# 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.*

**Oregon Food Bank Drive** happening now. Accepting food and monetary donations. A \$20 donation allows the OFB to distribute 60 meals. Make checks payable to St. John the Baptist.

**Oregon Food Bank's**, Kyle Hummel, Corporate & Community Relations Coordinator is our Guest Speaker during the Theo. 101 adult class **TODAY!** 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 tomorrow night 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.

**"What is the Church?" Sacrament, Theosis & the Body of Christ.** Fr. Theodore is speaking at the Ancient Faith Reading Room on Wednesday, Oct. 26th at 7pm. 1930 Pacific Ave. Forest Grove

**FINAL Take 'n Bake Assembly Dates:** Tuesday, Oct. 25th-Tyropita & Saturday, Oct. 29th-Spanakopita  
Pls RSVP to Sandy (for Tues.) and Pres. Stacey (for Sat.), if you can help us finish this for our **Building Fund!**

### FALL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

**Saturday, October 29th** 2017 Budget Approval **6pm after Vespers**

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

*Light snacks will be provided*

**Oratorical Festival Informational Meeting** is Sunday, Oct. 30th in the church at the beginning of Sunday school. All 6th-12th grade parents and students are invited to join Jill H.

**Joy Monastery Trip** for Parents of 3rd, 4th and 5th graders. Please mark your calendars for our semi-annual Monastery Trip on Friday, November 18th to Saturday, November 19th. This is an excellent opportunity for our children to bond with their Orthodox friends. They'll learn about our faith from the sweet sisters who tell stories so well! RSVP by Friday, November 11th to Katherine, Naomi or Athena.

The **All Saints Eve Party** has been a Christian alternative to Halloween in our Parish since its inception almost 20 years ago. This event was left without a chair since last year. It was our hope that someone would step-up to chair this event, but no one has. In hopes of listening to the body at large and the desires of the people, this event will not take place this year. Contact Beth Carper for questions or to chair the event next year.

**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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## SIXTH SUNDAY OF LUKE ST. JAMES THE BROTHER OF THE LORD FIRST MODE/ SEVENTH MORNING GOSPEL OCTOBER 23, 2016

Holy Apostle James, the Brother of God (Adelphotheos) was the son of Righteous Joseph the Betrothed of the Most Holy Theotokos (December 26). From his early years James was a Nazarene, a man especially dedicated to God. The Nazarenes vowed to preserve their virginity, to abstain from wine, to refrain from eating meat, and not to cut their hair. The vow of the Nazarenes symbolized a life of holiness and purity, commanded formerly by the Lord for all Israel. When the Savior began to teach the nation about the Kingdom of God, St James believed in Christ and became His apostle. He was chosen as the first Bishop of Jerusalem.

St James presided over the Council of Jerusalem and his word was decisive (Acts 15). In his thirty years as bishop, St James converted many of the Jews to Christianity. Annoyed by this, the Pharisees and the Scribes plotted together to kill St James. They led the saint up on the pinnacle of the Jerusalem Temple and asked what he thought of Jesus. The holy Apostle began to bear witness that Christ is the Messiah, which was not the response the Pharisees were expecting. Greatly angered, the Jewish teachers threw him off the roof. The saint did not die immediately, but gathering his final strength, he prayed to the Lord for his enemies while they were stoning him. St James' martyrdom occurred about 63 A.D.

The holy Apostle James composed a Divine Liturgy, which formed the basis of the Liturgies of Sts Basil the Great and John Chrysostom. The Church has preserved an Epistle of St James, one of the books of the New Testament.

In 1853, Patriarch Hierotheus of Alexandria sent to Moscow a portion of the relics of St James. The Church distinguishes between the holy Apostle James the Brother of God, and St James the son of Zebedee (April 30) and St James the son of Alphaeus (October 9)

PC: Keese/Lindgren G: Becker Altar Servers Team A: Samuel, Zacharias, Nathan, Elias, Gavin, Tasso  
Clean up Team 1: Becker, Armstrong, Benson, Lowe, Whitton, Marine, Leslie, Mirras, Maletis

## SMALL ENTRANCE HYMNS

### Resurrectional Hymn for this Sunday (1st 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 our resurrected Christ. Glory to Your Kingdom. Glory to Your dispensation, O You alone who loves all.

*Tu lithu sfragisthentos ipo ton luthoon, 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 the Holy Apostle James, the Brother of the Lord (4th Mode):

As a disciple of the Lord, O righteous one, Thou hast received the Gospel. As a Martyr thou art never turned away. As the Brother of God thou hast boldness. As a hierarch thou canst intercede. Do thou intercede with Christ God that He save our souls.

### 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: Galatians 1:11-19 (St. James, See 20th Sunday):

**Brethren,** I would have you know that the gospel which was preached by me is not man's gospel. For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it; and I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and had called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia; and again I returned to Damascus. Then after three years I went up Jerusalem to visit Cephas, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord's brother.

### GOSPEL READING: Luke 8:26-39 (6th Sunday of Luke):

At that time, as Jesus arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, there met him a man from the city who had demons; for a long time he had worn no clothes, and he lived not in a house but among the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, and said with a loud voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beseech you, do not torment me." For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him; he was kept under guard, and bound with chains and fetters, but he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the desert.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss. Now a large herd of swine was feeding there on the hillside; and they begged him to let them enter these. So he gave them leave. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned. When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled, and told it in the city and in the country. Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. And those who had seen it told them how he who had been possessed with demons was healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked him to depart from them; for they were seized with great fear; so he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but he sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.

## PARISH ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 23RD

Sunday, October 23th	<b>Sixth Sunday of Luke Holy Apostle James, the Brother of the Lord Orthros &amp; Divine Liturgy</b>	8:45 AM 12:15 PM
Monday, October 24th	Young Adults-Dinner & Prayer at the Dorrance Home	6:30 PM
Tuesday, October 25th	Bible Study Take 'n' Bake-Tyropita <b>St. Demetrios-Orthros &amp; Divine Liturgy</b> followed by Festal Potluck	9:30 AM 11:00 AM 5:30 PM
Wednesday, October 26th	<b>St. Demetrios the Myrhhstreaming</b> Choir Practice Forest Grove Reading Room Lecture (Fr. Theodore)	7:00 PM 7:00 PM
Friday, October 28th	Mom's 'n Tots Bible Study	10:30 AM
Saturday, October 29th	Take 'n' Bake-Spanakopita Great Vespers <b>Fall General Assembly</b>	9:00 AM 5:00 PM 6:00 PM
Sunday, October 30th	<b>Fifth Sunday of Luke Orthros &amp; Divine Liturgy</b> Sunday School/Theology 101	8:45 AM 12:15 PM

### Stay Up-to Date on Important Parish Events and Announcements!

Are you a recent member of the church? Would you like to receive the Parish-wide announcements via email? Are you an established member and haven't received an email in a while?

Please take a moment to let me know and I will add you to the listing.

You may do this via email at: [churchoffice@stjohngoc.org](mailto:churchoffice@stjohngoc.org)

### TODAY IS THE FINAL DAY! PARISH-WIDE SURVEY EXTENDED

Today, Sunday, October 23rd, is the FINAL DAY  
to complete the Strategic Planning Survey.

Please have your voice heard and complete the survey!

<http://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/3019406/StJGOC-Survey>

The password is: **orthodox.**