

# 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.*

**Take 'n' Bake sales support the Building Fund.** This Sunday please stop by the table in the fellowship hall to pick up a packet so that you can share delicious Tyropita, Spanakopita & Baklava with your friends, coworkers and neighbors. Goal is for every household to collect 5 orders. Pre-orders will be accepted at coffee hour and online from Sept. 1st - Oct. 11th. Pick-up begins Sunday, November 1st.

**Cappella Romana presents RACHMANINOFF's ALL-NIGHT VIGIL** Sung in solemn remembrance of those who lost their lives on 9/11/2001. Free pre-concert talk one hour prior to concert. Saturday, September 12th at 7:30 PM & Sunday, September 13th at 2:30 PM, St. Mary's Cathedral (NW 18th & Couch). Prices start at \$26. Discounts available. Visit [cappellaromana.org](http://cappellaromana.org) or call 503-236-8202 for tickets.

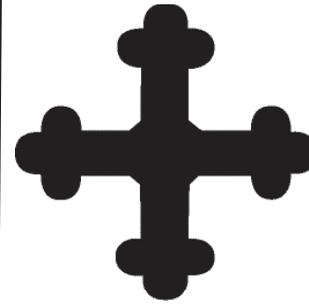
**20th Annual Greek Open Golf Tournament:** Mark your calendars for Monday, September 21st for the Greek Open at Langdon Farms. Check-in for golfers is at 12:00 PM. Player registration fee \$150 before September 7th and includes lunch, golf, tee prize, and dinner. Cocktails and Dinner begin at 5:30 PM. Additional dinner tickets \$50 each. Visit [greekopen.com](http://greekopen.com) to register and purchase tickets.

**St. John the Baptist 15th Annual Women's Fall Retreat "Marriage & Salvation"** will be held September 25th-27th at the Tilikum retreat center in Newberg, Oregon. This year's speaker will be our own Fr. Theodore Dorrance. Registration is now open at <http://stjohngoc.org/ministries/overview/>. Click the link under the Myrrh Bearers heading and follow instructions.

**St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church invites you** to join them for the 38th Annual Middle East Festival on Sunday, September 13th, from Noon to 7pm. Highlights include delicious Middle Eastern food and pastries, children's tent and bouncy house, books and icons, and folk dancing (dabke). In addition, the group Kliros will perform two free mini-concerts at 2pm and 4pm (works by Glagolev, Chesnokov, Toensing, Nikolsky, and Zakkak). St. George is located at 2101 NE 162nd Ave, Portland.

**Lost and Found item** - Logos Bookstore is holding a 33 knot black prayer rope which was found a couple of weeks ago, come and identify to see if it yours.

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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## 13TH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW LEAVETAKING OF THE BEHEADING OF ST. JOHN THE PROPHET, FORERUNNER AND BAPTIST HOLY FATHERS ALEXANDER, JOHN & PAUL THE NEW, PATRIARCHS OF CONSTANTINOPLE

AUGUST 30, 2015

Fourth Mode / 2nd Morning Gospel

### **Patriarchs of Constantinople Alexander, John & Paul**

**Saint Alexander** was sent to the First Ecumenical Council in Nicaea as the delegate of Saint Metrophanes, Bishop of Constantinople (see June 4), to whose throne he succeeded in the year 325. When Arius had deceitfully professed allegiance to the Council of Nicaea, Saint Alexander, knowing his guile, refused to receive him into communion; Arius' powerful partisans threatened that they would use force to bring Arius into the communion of the Church the following day. Saint Alexander prayed fervently that God might spare the Church; and as it turned out Arius died in great pain the next day. Saint Alexander was Bishop from 325 until 337, when he was succeeded by Saint Paul the Confessor, who died a martyr's death at the hands of the Arians (see Nov. 6).

The **Saint John** commemorated here appears to be the one who was Patriarch during the years 562-577, surnamed Scholasticus, who is also commemorated on February 21. He was from Antioch, where he had been a lawyer (scholasticus); he was made presbyter, then was sent to Constantinople as representative (apocrisiarius) of the Patriarch of Antioch, and was appointed Patriarch of Constantinople by the Emperor Justinian.

**Saint Paul** was Bishop of Constantinople during the years 687 - 693, in the reign of Emperor Justinian II, and presided over the Quinisext Council in 692.

PC: J Poulos/Van Sickle G: Benson Altar Boys Team A: Samuel, Zacharias, Nathan, Elias, Gavin, Tasso  
Clean-up Team 3: Cherry, Makarouins, Chiprout, Contes, Dorrance, Poulos J & P, Chosvig, Knight

## SMALL ENTRANCE HYMNS

### 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 ever more and Christ our God has risen from the dead, and granted to the world His great mercy.

*To fedron tis anastaseos kirigma ek tu anggelu mathuse e tu Kiriou mathitrie ke tin progonikin apofasin aporrripsase tis Apostolis kafhomena elegon eskilefte o thanatos igerthi Christos o Theos thorumenos to kosmo to mega eleos.*

### 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 Nativity of the Theotokos (4th Mode):

By your holy nativity, O immaculate one, Joachim and Anna were delivered from the reproach of barrenness, and Adam and Eve from the corruption of death. Your people celebrate it, having been saved from the penalty of their transgressions, crying unto you: The barren gives birth to the Theotokos, the nourisher of Life.

### EPISTLE READING: 1Corinthians 16:13-24 (13th Sunday of the Week):

BRETHREN, be watchful, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love. Now, brethren, you know that the household of Stephanas were the first converts in Achaia, and they have devoted themselves to the service of the saints; I urge you to be subject to such men and to every fellow worker and laborer. I rejoice at the coming of Stephanas and Fortunatus and Achaicos, because they have made up for your absence; for they refreshed my spirit as well as yours. Give recognition to such men. The churches of Asia send greetings. Aquila and Prisca, together with the church in their house, send you hearty greetings in the Lord. All the brethren send greetings. Greet one another with a holy kiss. I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. If any one has no love for the Lord, let him be accursed. Our Lord, come! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you. My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.

### GOSPEL READING: Matthew 21:33-42 (13th Sunday of Matthew):

The Lord said this parable, "There was a householder who planted a vineyard, and set a hedge around it, and dug a wine press in it, and built a tower, and let it out to tenants, and went into another country. When the season of fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants, to get his fruit; and the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than the first; and they did the same to them. Afterward he sent his son to them, saying 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.' And they took him and cast him out of the vineyard and killed him. When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The very stone which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner; this was the Lord's doing, and it was marvelous in our eyes?'"

## PARISH ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 30TH

Sunday, August 30th	<b>13th Sunday of Matthew</b> Orthros & Divine Liturgy 8:45 AM Sunday School Teacher BBQ @ Dorrance Home 5:30 PM
Monday, August 31st	<b>Ecclesiastical New Year / Dn. Ammoun &amp; 40 Virgin Martyrs</b> Orthros & Divine Liturgy followed by festal potluck 5:30 PM
Tuesday, September 1st	Bible Study 9:30 AM
Wednesday, September 2nd	Choir Practice 7:00 PM
Thursday, September 3rd	Greek Open Meeting 7:00 PM
Saturday, September 5th	Great Vespers 6:00 PM Sr. GOYA Fireside Chat @ Duchow-Pressley Home 7:00 PM
Sunday, September 6th	<b>14th Sunday of Matthew</b> Orthros & Divine Liturgy 8:45 AM

**Welcome Visitors!** During Coffee Fellowship, please stop by our Visitors' Table near the Logos Bookstore so we can welcome you.

**Sunday School Registration has begun!** Look for the NEW Registration Forms on the Sunday School bulletin board by the coffee machine in the South Fellowship Hall. Please contact Jessie Crosby at [jessiecrosby27@gmail.com](mailto:jessiecrosby27@gmail.com) with any questions.

**Tomorrow is the last day to bring donations for the Diaper Drive!** *We still need 313 more diapers!* Please help us reach our goal of 2,000 diapers *before* tomorrow. Newborn through size 2 diapers can be dropped in the parish hall. Contact Jillian Walsh at [jilliankehr3@gmail.com](mailto:jilliankehr3@gmail.com) with questions. If you prefer to offer financial assistance, checks can be made out to St. John the Baptist with "diaper drive" in the memo.

**Come celebrate with us!** We will be hosting a 20th Ordination Anniversary Luncheon honoring Fr. Timothy and his family on Sunday, September 13th after Liturgy. Join us for an afternoon of food, sharing memories and celebrating a most beloved priest. Contact the church office with any questions.

**Introducing Grab & Give Bags.** These bags are intended for St John parishioners and visitors to grab, keep handy in their cars and give to people in need. This will be an ongoing ministry of the Almsgiving Committee. If you're interested in helping put together the bags, please email Jennifer Davis at [jennifer@cmania.com](mailto:jennifer@cmania.com) for guidelines.

**Our next photo sessions for Parish Directory Photos are on September 8th and 9th.** Sign up for your picture time on our Parish website under *Major Upcoming Events*. Click the link *Sign up for Picture Time* and follow instructions. Contact Demetri Mirras at 503-646-5955 with any questions.

**Save the date for the upcoming bible seminar!** Sunday school and Missions and Evangelism are hosting a seminar on Reading the Scriptures in the Orthodox Church Oct. 16th & 17th. Please contact Jessie Crosby with any questions.

**Take 'n' Bake assembly** - our goal is to 100 pans each of Tyropita, Spanakopita & Baklava to support our Building Fund. Please consider signing up for TWO 2-hr shifts offered on the Take n Bake bulletin board.