

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.

Men's Night Out will be Sunday, Jan. 22nd at Patrick Barnes' home at 5:00pm. He will provide main course and salad. Patrick is going to get us some catered food or appetizers, so please bring \$5.00 to help defray the cost. Also bring your favorite libations. RSVP to robert.downs.iii@gmail.com.

'Mom's Night Out' Dinner Party at Presvytera Stacey's home on Monday, Jan. 23rd at 6:30pm. All moms are welcome. No children please :)

ASA Open House: Whether you're a community member interested in learning more about our Orthodox School or a parent looking into enrolling your child at Agia Sophia Academy in the fall, we invite you to stop by anytime between 5-7pm on Thursday, Jan 26th during our Open House. Meet the teachers, enjoy a student tour, see our facility: we are excited to see you! www.asapdx.org 503.641.4600

How to Present the Orthodox Faith: a FREE seminar sponsored by the Missions & Evangelism Committee. Jan 26th and 27th (7pm), Jan 28th (9am, 12:30pm). An experienced Missionary Priest – Fr. Russell Radoicich, Pastor of Holy Trinity Serbian Orthodox Church in Butte, MO, will be our speaker. Fr. Russell will teach us how he has been successful in bringing many to Orthodoxy through his efforts in Montana. Each lecture is a “building block” for the whole picture, so, you won't want to miss any of them. See insert for details.

Visit the Salem Mission: Sunday, Jan. 29th. Enjoy worship and a potluck coffee hour with our brothers and sisters in Salem, meeting at the Blanchet High School chapel at 4373 Market St NE. **9:00am Orthros & Liturgy.** To carpool or caravan, contact Thomaida Hudanish (thomaida.pdx@gmail.com) and plan to meet at **8:00 a.m. for departure.**

The 3rd annual Holy Trinity Talent Show Saturday, Feb. 4th. Doors open at 6:00pm. Got talent? We're looking for: Singers Dancers Comics Actors Musicians. Or any talent you'd like to share! Please contact: Maria Souza @ 503-804-0222 kmsouzafamily@gmail.com for questions or reservations.

The 2017 Chili Cook-Off is Sunday, Feb. 12th. Save the date, review guidelines and register as a contestant at stjohngoc.org. Deadline to register as a contestant is Feb. 1st. \$15/person and \$50/family. Tickets available online or at the door.

OCMC Missionary to Guatemala, Jesse Brandow will be giving a talk with a slide presentation on Saturday, Feb. 25th at 6pm after Great Vespers. Jesse has served as a Missionary to Guatemala for the past 2 years and is a graduate of St. Vladimir Orthodox Theological Seminary and doing wonderful work in Guatemala.

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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SUNDAY OF ZACCHAEUS THE HOLY APOSTLE TIMOTHY THE VENERABLE MARTYR ANASTASIOS, THE PERSIAN

PLAGAL SECOND MODE/9TH MORNING GOSPEL

JANUARY 22, 2017

Apostle Timothy was one of the 70 Apostles. He was born in Lystra of a Greek father and a Jewish mother. The Apostle Paul praised his mother and grandmother because of their sincere faith. “ I yearn to see you again, recalling your tears, so that I may be filled with joy, as I recall your sincere faith that first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and that, I am confident, lives also in you” (II Timothy 1: 4-5). Timothy first met with the St. Paul in Lystra and was himself a witness when he healed the one lame from birth. Later, Timothy was a constant traveling companion of Paul, traveling with him to Achaia, Macedonia, Italy and Spain. Sweet in soul, he was a great zealot for the Faith, and a superb preacher. Timothy contributed much to the spreading of the Christian Faith. Paul calls him “my own son in the faith.” “Paul an apostle of Christ Jesus, Who is our hope, to Timothy, my own son in the Faith: grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and Jesus Christ our Lord” (I Timothy 1: 1-2). After Paul's martyrdom, Timothy learned from St. John the Evangelist. When John was banished from Ephesus to the island of Patmos, Timothy remained in Ephesus as bishop. During the time of an idolatrous feast, the pagans, treacherously attacked and killed Timothy about the year 93 A.D. His relics were sent to Constantinople and interred in the Church of the 12 Apostles along side Sts. Luke and Andrew the First-called.

Saint Anastasios was a Persian, the son of a Magus, and a soldier in the Persian army in the days of Chosroes II, King of Persia. His Persian name was Magundat. When Chosroes captured Jerusalem in 614 BC and took the Precious Cross away, captive, Magundat heard of the miracles that came to pass through the Cross of our salvation. He was perplexed that an instrument of torture should be so highly honored by the Christians, yet seized with longing to learn their Faith, he sought out instruction in the whole divine dispensation of Christ: His Incarnation, Passion, and Resurrection. His soul was filled with wonder and joy, he went to the Holy City, he was baptized, and became a monk, receiving the new name of Anastasios.

He read the lives of the Saints and holy Martyrs, and was filled with love for them to such a degree that he prayed to be worthy of a martyr's. Unable to contain his longing, he left his monastery. He encountered Persian Magi at Caesarea, and rebuked them. He was taken before the Persian ruler, questioned, beaten, and imprisoned. He was then taken to Persia, where, after many tortures, he was hung by one hand, strangled with a noose, and beheaded. The translation of his holy relics is celebrated on the 24th of this month.

PC: Taylor/Davis G: Becker Altar Servers Team D: Demetrius, Constantine, Athanasios, Basil, Wade, Owen, Simon

Clean up Team 3: Cherry, Makarounis, Chiprout, Knight, Chosvig, Poulos J & P, Contes, Dorrance

SMALL ENTRANCE HYMNS

Resurrectional Hymn for this Sunday (Plagal 2nd Mode):

When the angelic powers appeared at Your tomb and those who guarded You became as though dead, and standing by Your sepulcher was Mary, seeking Your pure and sacred Body then You did vanquish Hades and uncorrupted by its touch You came unto the Virgin, bestowing the gift of life. O You Who rose from the dead, Lord, we give glory to You.

Angelike thinamis epi to mnima Su, ke i filassontes apenekrothisan. ke istato Maria en to tafo zitusa to achranton Su soma. Eskilefsas ton Athin me pirasthis ip aftu ipindisas ti Partheno, thorumenos tin zoin o Anastas ek ton nekron, Kirie thoxa Si.

Hymn of St. Timothy the Apostle (4th Mode):

Since thou hast been instructed in uprightness thoroughly and wast vigilant in all things, thou wast clothed with a good conscience as becometh one holy. Thou didst draw from the Chosen Vessel ineffable mysteries; and having kept the Faith, thou didst finish a like course, O Hieromartyr and Apostle Timothy. Intercede with Christ God that our souls be saved.

Hymn of the Holy Martyr Anastasios (4th Mode):

Thy Martyr, O Lord, in his courageous contest for Thee * received as the prize the crowns of incorruption and life from Thee, our immortal God. * For since he possessed Thy strength, he cast down the tyrants * and wholly destroyed the demons' strengthless presumption. * O Christ God, by his prayers, save our souls, since Thou art merciful.

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 Meeting of the Lord (1st Mode):

Thou Who didst sanctify the Virgin's womb by Thy birth, and didst bless Symeon's hands as was meet, by anticipation hast even now saved us, O Christ God. But grant peace in the midst of wars unto Thy commonwealth and strengthen the hierarchs whom Thou hast loved, O only Friend of man.

EPISTLE READING: I Timothy 4:9-15 (32nd Sunday after Pentecost):

Timothy, my son, the saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance. For to this end we toil and strive, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe. Command and teach these things. Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Till I come, attend to the public reading of scripture, to preaching, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophetic utterance when the council of elders laid their hands upon you. Practice these duties, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress.

GOSPEL READING: Luke 19:1-10 (15th Sunday of Luke):

At that time, Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. And there was a man named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector, and rich. And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not, on account of the crowd, because he was small of stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he made haste

and came down, and received him joyfully. And when they saw it they all murmured, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have defrauded any one of anything, I restore it fourfold." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost."

PARISH ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 22ND

Sunday, January 22nd	Sunday of Zacchaeus St. Timothy, the Apostle Orthros & Divine Liturgy 8:45 AM Sunday School/Theology 101 12:15 PM Chili Cook-Off Planning Meeting 1:00 PM Parish Council Meeting 1:00 PM Men's Night Out at the Barnes home 5:00 PM
Monday, January 23rd	ASA Special Guest Day 10:00 AM Mom's Night Out at the Dorrance home 7:00 PM
Tuesday, January 24th	St. Xenia of St. Petersburg Akathist to St. Xenia of St. Petersburg 8:45 AM Bible Study 9:30 AM Lecture by Fr. Russell at the Cedar Mill Library 6:00 PM
Wednesday, January 25th	Choir Practice 7:00 PM Basics of Orthodoxy Class: The Human Person 7:00 PM
Thursday, January 26th	ASA Open House 5:00 PM How to Present the Orthodox Faith Lecture Series: Eastern vs. Western Mindset 7:00 PM
Friday, January 27th	Mom's n' Tots Bible Study 10:30 AM How to Present the Orthodox Faith Lecture Series: The Theotokos 7:00 PM
Saturday, January 28th	How to Present the Orthodox Faith Lecture Series: The Scriptures 9:00 AM Morality & Spirituality 12:30 PM
Sunday, January 29th	Sunday of the Canaanite Woman Orthros & Divine Liturgy 8:45 AM Sunday School/Theology 101 12:15 PM

Basics of Orthodoxy Classes Check the full schedule on the bulletin board and online. Each class in this 14-part introductory series is free and open to the public. Come for one or attend an entire season to learn about Orthodoxy for the first time or refresh your knowledge.