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.

Young Adults - Please mark your calendars for Monday, February 8th, at 6:30 p.m. We will be continuing our book study with Father Theodore on *Repentance and Confession*, by Hieromonk Gregorios at the Dorrance home. We ask that everyone please bring $5 to help with food costs as dinner will be provided. If you have any questions please contact Beth Carper or Carlos Esparza.

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, January 28th 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

St. Anthony's Monastery 2016 Calendars: Please stop by the table outside Logos Bookstore and pick up a 2016 St. Anthony's Monastery calendar. A free-will donation to the Building Fund will be accepted in the box next to the calendars when you pick one up. Checks may be made payable to St. John with "Building Fund" in the memo.

Immediate opening! Agia Sophia Academy is seeking a long-term substitute to teach the remainder of this school year, as our current K/1 teacher has unexpectedly relocated across the country. Full and Part-time options available. Due to the immediacy of this job opening, please email a letter of interest, and resume: ***elisha@asapdx.org***. To find out more visit ***http://www.asapdx.org/about-us/employment***.

Turning to Christ Together: Marriage as a Spiritual Path
A talk and conversation on marriage with Dn. Stephen Muse, PhD

March 11 - 12, 2016

Fri: 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Sat: 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church, Beaverton, OR

Please register online, beginning 1/25/2016:
http://stjohngoc.org/major-upcoming-events/

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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Visit our Parish website at www.stjohngoc.org

12th Sunday of Luke
St. Anthony the Great
January 17, 2016

Plagal 4th Mode / 11th Morning Gospel

St. Anthony was an Egyptian and was born about the year 250 A.D. Following the death of his noble and wealthy parents, he divided the inherited estate with his sister, who was a minor, and provided for her with some relatives. Anthony distributed his half of the estate to the poor and, he,at the age of 20, dedicated himself to the ascetic life. In the beginning Anthony lived near his village but eventually he withdrew into the wilderness on the shore of the Red Sea, where he spent twenty years as a recluse not associating with anyone except with God through constant prayer, reflection and contemplation, patiently enduring unspeakable temptations from the devil. His fame spread throughout the entire world and many disciples gathered around him whom he placed on the path of salvation by his example and words. During his time in the wilderness, only twice did he go to Alexandria. The first time to seek martyrdom during the time of the persecution of the Church and, the second time at the invitation of St. Athanasios, in order to refute the accusation of the Arians. Even though Anthony was not a scholar, nevertheless, he was a counselor and teacher of the most learned men of that time, as was St. Athanasios the Great. When certain Greek philosophers tempted him with literary wisdom, Anthony shamed them with the question: "Which is older, the understanding or the book? Which of these two was the cause of the other?" Ashamed, the philosophers dispersed for they perceived that they only had literary knowledge without understanding and Anthony had understanding. Here is a man who attained perfection in as far as man, in general, can attain on earth. Here is an instructor to instructors and a teacher to teachers, who, for a full eighty five years perfected himself and only in that way was he able to perfect many others. Filled with many years of life and great works, Anthony died in the Lord in the year 335 A.D.

PC: Walsh/Taylor G: Chosvig Altar Boys Team A: Samuel, Zacharias, Nathan, Elias, Gavin, Tasso
Clean up Team 3: Cherry, Makarounis, Chiprout, Knight, Chosvig, Poulos J & P, Contes, Dorrance

Small Entrance Hymns

Resurrectional Hymn for this Sunday (Plagal 4th Mode):
From on high did You descend, O merciful Lord; for us did You endure, three days in the tomb, that we may be released from passions in this world, You Who are our resurrection and our life: Glory unto You, O Lord. *Ex ipsus katilthes, o Efsplagnos. Tafin katethexo triimeros, ina imas eleftherosis ton pathon. I zoi ke i anastasis imon, Kirie, thoxa Si.*

Hymn of St. Anthony the Great (4th Mode):
Emulating the ways of Elijah the zealot, and following the straight paths of the Baptist, O Father Anthony, thou madest of the wilderness a city, and didst support the world by thy prayers. Wherefore intercede with Christ our God that our souls be saved.

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: Hebrews 13:17-21: (Of St. Anthony the Great):
Brethren, obey your leaders and submit to them; for they are keeping watch over your souls, as men who will have to give account. Let them do this joyfully, and not sadly, for that would be of no advantage to you. Pray for us, for we are sure that we have a clear conscience, desiring to act honorably in all things. I urge you the more earnestly to do this in order that I may be restored to you the sooner. Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do His will, working in you that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

GOSPEL READING: Luke 17:12-19: (12th Sunday of Luke):
At that time, as Jesus entered a village, He was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices and said: "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." When He saw them He said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus's feet, giving Him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then said Jesus: "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" And He said to him: "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

Parish Activities For the Week of January 17th

Sunday, January 17th	**St. Anthony the Great**	
	Orthros & Divine Liturgy	8:45 AM
	No Sunday School/Theology 101	
	Outdoor Blessing of the Waters at Portland Waterfront	~12:30 PM
Monday, January 18th	**Church Office Closed for MLK Holiday**	
Tuesday, January 19th	Bible Study	9:30 AM
	Parish Council Meeting - YFR	6:45 PM
	Chili Cook Off Meeting - SFH	7:00 PM
Wednesday, January 20th	Basics of Orthodoxy Class *(all are welcome)*	7:00 PM
	Choir Practice	7:00 PM
Friday, January 22nd	Moms & Tots Bible Study	10:30 AM
	Retreat w/ Abbot Tryphon at Holy Trinity	7:00 PM
Saturday, January 23rd	Retreat w/ Abbot Tryphon cont. at Holy Trinity	9:00 AM
	Jr. GOYA Event TBD	12:00 PM
	M & E Meeting	3:45 PM
	Great Vespers	5:00 PM
	Akathist to St. Xenia	6:00 PM
Sunday, January 24th	**14th Sunday of Luke *(Righteous Xenia of St. Petersburg)***	
	Orthros & Divine Liturgy	8:45 AM
	Sunday School/Theology 101	12:15 PM
	Crosby Baptism	1:30 PM

Welcome Visitors! Stop by our Visitors' Table near the Logos Bookstore so we can welcome you!

New Church Office Hours: Beginning in January, the Church Office will be open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM.

Great Blessing of the Waters on the Portland Waterfront! Please make plans to gather at a new location this year for the Outdoor Blessing of the Water TODAY, immediately following Divine Liturgy (no SS or Theology 101). For more information see ***http://tinyurl.com/stjohn-obw***. Let's have a great turn-out this year for this special annual event!

Basics of Orthodoxy Classes will continues on Wednesday, January 20th at 7:00 PM and continues on Wednesday nights until March 9th. During Lent, from March 28th - April 18th, class will meet on Monday nights at 7:00 PM after Great Compline. A detailed list of weekly topics will be handed out during the first class.

House Blessings: Each household will be contacted by the church office to schedule a date and time. Several homes in the same neighborhood will be visited in the same day, so your patience and flexibility with scheduling are much appreciated! Thank you for your understanding as we work to ensure each household in our community is blessed.

LOST AND FOUND is brimming. Please check the closet near the north fellowship hall doors for items belonging to you and your family. Items remaining after Feb. 14th will donated to a worthy cause.

Show Us Your Skills In The Kitchen by entering a tasty chili in The Great St John Chili Cook-Off, coming up on Sunday, February 21st! Red or green chilis are welcome. Full guidelines are available today from Sam Marine, Chris Perlmutter or Thomaida Hudanish and online at ***www.stjohngoc.org***. Application and $25 registration fee are due by February 7th.

The Senior Ministry is delighted to present Richard Whitton speaking on financial issues relating to seniors on Monday, January 25th from 11-1pm in the parish hall at our monthly luncheon. Please come and bring your favorite dish to share.