

## 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.*

**WINE DRIVE** - You can support The Great St. John Chili Cook-Off by bringing a bottle of Chateau Ste Michelle Dry Riesling, Alamos Malbec, or BV Estates Pinot Noir to church anytime in the next week. All are under \$10 and can be found at your favorite grocery store. Tickets for the Cook-Off are available on our parish website now or at the door. Looking forward to having a great time with you at the Cook-Off on Sunday, Feb. 21st, 5-8 p.m.!

**Marriage Retreat Registration is now open!** Visit <http://stjohngoc.org/major-upcoming-events/> today to sign up. The retreat, entitled *Turning to Christ Together: Marriage as a Spiritual Path, a talk and conversation with Dn. Stephen Muse, PhD*, will take place March 11th at 7:30 PM & March 12th at 11:00 AM at St. John. Please visit our website or contact Sylvia Taylor for more information. Registration forms may also be picked up outside the Church Office.

**Babysitting Available for St. John Families** for the March 11th -12th Marriage Retreat. A limited number of GOYA members will provide in-home babysitting on a first-come, first-served basis within the Beaverton/Portland area. The suggested fee is \$9/hour. Proceeds will fund the Sr. GOYA's Project Mexico trip. Please contact Hanna Makarounis, at 503-367-2565 or [hannacmak@gmail.com](mailto:hannacmak@gmail.com) to make a reservation, no later than March 5th, 2016.

**The refrigerators in the kitchen are full!** They will be cleaned out on a weekly basis by a generous volunteer. All items need to be labeled and dated before being placed in the refrigerator. This includes food for events and Sunday Snack. Unlabeled items will be thrown out. Thank you!

**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](mailto:elisha@asapdx.org). To find out more visit <http://www.asapdx.org/about-us/employment>.

**Women of the Parish, Mark your calendars!** Philoptochos will be visiting St. John the Forerunner Monastery in Goldendale, WA April 8th-10th. Stay tuned for more details.

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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NEW Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday: 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM

*Witnessing the Truth of Apostolic Christianity*

*Visit our Parish website at [www.stjohngoc.org](http://www.stjohngoc.org)*

## SUNDAY OF THE CANAANITE WOMAN OUR RIGHTEOUS FATHER AUXENTIOS OF THE MOUNTAIN FEBRUARY 14, 2016

Fourth Mode / 4th Morning Gospel

**Our Holy Father Auxentios** was a very distinguished administrator in Constantinople among the officials and courtiers of the Emperor Theodosius the Younger. He was set aflame by the love of Christ. Auxentios became a monk and remained only a short time in Constantinople. When men began to praise him, he fled and settled on a mountain near Chalcedon that later became known as Auxentios' mountain. He could not realize his desire to remain there permanently, hidden from men, as some shepherds found him and made his whereabouts known. They began to bring the sick to him to be healed, and he healed many of them. He restored sight to the blind and cleansed lepers, anointing them with oil. He also raised up the palsied and freed many who had been possessed by demons. All this was cause for wonder, but his humility was more wonderful. When he was asked to pray for the healing of someone, he excused himself with the words, "I also am a sinful man." Constrained by many requests, he approached the healing in the following way: either he called all present to pray with him for the sick person, or he first stirred up the faith of the people and told them that God would give according to their faith, or he said over the head of the sick person, "The Lord Jesus Christ heals you." He did this that the wonder worked should not be attributed to him but to the almighty God. He took part in the Fourth Ecumenical Council at Chalcedon and powerfully defended Orthodoxy against the Eutychian and Nestorian heresies. He lived to a great age; then in 470, God took his youthful soul to Himself and left his aged body on the earth from which it was made.

PC: Poulos/Lindgren G: Benson Altar Boys Team E: Alexander, Gabriel, Yoas, Pavlos, Noah, Peter  
Clean up Team 7: Gebrehiwot, Hailey, Jungwirth, Deming, Russo, Walters, Hall I, Stebner, Dale

## 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 the Righteous Auxentios (1st Mode):

Thou didst prove to be a citizen of the desert, an angel in the flesh, and a wonderworker, O Auxentios, our God-bearing Father. By fasting, vigil, and prayer thou didst obtain heavenly gifts, and thou healest the sick and the souls of them that have recourse to thee with faith. Glory to Him that hath given thee strength. Glory to Him that hath crowned thee. Glory to Him that worketh healings for all through thee.

### 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 for this Sunday (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: 2 Corinthians 6:16-18; 7:1: (17th Sunday of the Week):

BRETHREN, you are the temple of the living God; as God said, "I will live in them and move among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Therefore come out from them, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch nothing unclean; then I will welcome you, and I will be a father to you, and you shall be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty." Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, and make holiness perfect in the fear of God.

### GOSPEL READING: Matthew 15:21-28: (17th Sunday of Matthew):

At that time, Jesus went to the district of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and cried, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely possessed by a demon." But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." And he answered, "It is not fair to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table." Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

## PARISH ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 14TH

Sunday, February 14th	<b>Sunday of the Canaanite Woman</b> Orthros & Divine Liturgy 8:45 AM Sr. GOYA Project Mexico Bake Sale <i>during Coffee Fellowship</i> Sunday School/Theology 101 12:15 PM Beth Carper Baptism 2:00 PM
Monday, February 15th	<b>Church Office Closed</b> for Presidents' Day Holiday
Tuesday, February 16th	Bible Study 9:30 AM Parish Council Meeting 6:45 PM
Wednesday, February 17th	Basics of Orthodoxy Class ( <i>all are welcome</i> ) 7:00 PM Choir Practice 7:00 PM
Friday, February 19th	Moms & Tots Bible Study 10:30 AM
Saturday, February 20th	Oratorical Festival Rehearsal Breakfast 9:00 AM Jr. GOYA Scavenger Hunt 1:00 PM Great Vespers 5:00 PM
Sunday, February 21st	<b>Sunday of the Publican &amp; the Pharisee</b> Orthros & Divine Liturgy 8:45 AM Sunday School/Theology 101 12:15 PM Chili Cook-Off 5:00 PM Fast-Free Week

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

**Changes are Coming.** Our Parish Administrator will be returning to a career in nursing beginning in March. We are seeking to fill the position with someone outside our parish and will be publishing a job description & application shortly. If you know of anyone who may be interested in this position, please have them contact the Church Office or John Davis. We appreciate your patience during this transition period.

**Basics of Orthodoxy Classes** will continue on Wednesday, February 17th at 7:00 PM and will be held on Wednesday nights through March 9th. During Lent, from March 28th - April 18th, class will meet on Monday nights at 7:00 PM after Great Compline.

**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 TODAY will be donated to a worthy cause.

**The Senior Ministry warmly invites you** to attend our Pot Luck luncheon on February 22 from 11-1 pm. We are pleased to present Father Theodore who will be speaking to us about confession and repentance.

**Effective Feb 1st**, Logos Bookstore will continue being open on Saturdays only when there are services or scheduled events occurring at the church on Saturdays. When there are no scheduled services or events at the church on Saturdays, then the bookstore will be closed on those Saturdays. People needing to bring prosphora or flowers on a Saturday will be able to enter the church at least a half hour before Great Vespers.

**Thank you!** The Chosvig family would like to thank the community of St. John for their encouragement, support and prayers while Wade was on the hospital. Your love is much appreciated!