

## 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.*

Please see the **Bulletin Board** in the SFH for the **OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS** of the Holy and Great Council 2016 and other upcoming announcements and events.

**Thank you!** Thanks to the Holy Spirit and your inspiring generosity, **we collected over \$3082** on Pentecost and swept past our goal. Our total collected this year is \$5,640, which is \$1,640 above our goal of \$4,000. This is a new record for St. John the Baptist. Congratulations!

**Camp Angelos 2016** is next week. Are your kids going? Register at: [goholytrinity.org](http://goholytrinity.org)

Have you signed up for the **Beaverton Night Market**? It's Sat. July 23rd & August 13th, 6pm-10pm. Space is limited to work the booth—sign up for shifts with Kendall Muzik or Athanasia Poulos. More info on the Fundraising Bulletin Board.

**GOYA RAFT TRIP!** July 31st & August 1st White water Rafting on the Lower Deschutes River for Senior High. Contact Deacon Innocent for details at [pdxdps@gmail.com](mailto:pdxdps@gmail.com)

**BE A HOST** - We have the honor to host a **National Missions & Evangelism Conference** at our parish Oct. 3-5. In an effort to help offset costs for clergy and individuals from small parishes and seminarians, some St. John parishioners have offered to host conference attendees in their homes at no charge. If you are interested in doing this, please talk to Thomaida or fill out the online form available on our parish website. Thank you!

### Greek Open Golf Tournament Dinner and Auction

Monday, September 19th

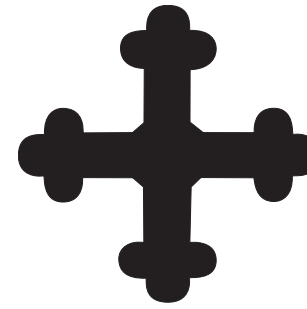
Celebrate with the Special 4th of July Discount

You don't have to golf to participate! Dinner tickets are sold separately.

[www.greekopen.com](http://www.greekopen.com)

If your slice doesn't work out on the course, you can enjoy one at the dinner after.

**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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## 2ND SUNDAY OF MATTHEW MARTYR HYACINTH AND COMPANIONS ANATOLIUS, ABP. OF CONSTANTIOPLE FIRST MODE/ SECOND MORNING GOSPEL JULY 3, 2016

A few weeks ago, 39 of our parishioners took the ONCD (Orthodox Natural Church Development) Survey. Thank you to all who participated in the survey. Again, the participants represented a cross section of the parish. No members of the Strategic Planning Leadership Team or the Parish Council or their spouses were asked to participate, in order to get as broad and unbiased segment of the parish membership as possible. This is a survey that is the first part of our Parish Strategic Plan assessment process. We sent all 39 surveys into ONCD, where their computer randomly chose 30 of the surveys to process. The ONCD Survey measures a parish's health based on eight quality characteristics that all healthy and growing parishes should grade highly in. These characteristics are Empowering Leadership, Gift-based Ministry, Passionate Spirituality, Effective Structures, Inspiring Worship Service, Holistic Small Groups, Need-Oriented Evangelism and Loving Relationships. We received the results of our survey, and just this past week went over the results with our Strategic Plan Leadership Team. Overall, the average grade based on all parishes surveyed is a 50. We scored above average in all eight Quality Characteristics. We had a high score of 65 and a low score of 56, with an overall average of 61, so we are doing a good job. Congratulations! This does not, however, mean that we do not have areas that need improvement. Every team member felt that the survey was beneficial and that we learned some definite areas we can improve in to be a healthier parish. We also feel that the results of this survey will help us to better focus our questions in our own "home-grown" survey, which is our next step in our Parish Assessment process coming this Fall. Stay tuned for more detailed information about the results of the ONCD Survey in the August Newsletter.

PC: Crosby G: Blankenstein Altar Boys Team E: Alexander, Gabriel, Yoas, Pavlos, Noah, Peter  
Clean-up Team 5: Walsh, Daniels, Hudanish T, Keese, Chan, Olson, Ntatsos, Kolpakov, Clary

## SMALL ENTRANCE HYMNS

### Resurrectional Hymn for this Sunday (1st Mode):

The stone 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 Your resurrection, O Christ, glory to Your kingdom, glory to Your dispensation, O You alone Who loves all. *Tu lithu sfragisthenos ipo ton Iutheon, 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.*

### Apolytikion of Martyr Hyacinth & Companions in the Fourth Tone

Thy Martyr, O Lord, in his courageous contest for Thee received the prize of 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 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: Romans 2:10-16 (Sunday of the 2nd Week):

Brethren, glory and honor and peace for every one who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek. For God shows no partiality. All who have sinned without the law will also perish without the law, and all who have sinned under the law will be judged by the law. For it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the law who will be justified. When Gentiles who have not the law do by nature what the law requires, they are a law to themselves, even though they do not have the law. They show that what the law requires is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness and their conflicting thoughts accuse or perhaps excuse them on that day when, according to my gospel, God judges the secrets of men by Christ Jesus.

### GOSPEL READING: Matthew 4:18-23 (2nd Sunday of Matthew)

At that time, as Jesus walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left their boat and their father, and followed him. And he went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.

## PARISH ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 3RD

Sunday, July 3	Orthros & Divine Liturgy National Clergy & Laity Congress-Nashville thru Friday, July 8th	8:45 AM
Monday, July 4	Independence Day Church Office Closed	
Wednesday, July 6	Greek Open Meeting	7:00 PM
Thursday, July 7	Festival Food Booth Meeting	6:15 PM
Friday, July 8	August Newsletter Deadline	4:00 PM
Saturday, July 9	Memorial Robert Lemperis Great Vespers Almsgiving Meeting at the Davis Home	4:45 PM 5:00 PM 6:15 PM
Sunday, July 10	Orthros & Divine Liturgy Camp Angelos thru July 15th	8:45 AM

**Fall Women's Retreat  
Saturday, November 5, 2016  
at St. John the Baptist GOC, Beaverton**

*Restoring the Image—  
Women, Beauty,  
and the Church*

**Kh. Krista West, presenter**

**sponsored by  
Sts. Mary and Martha Philoptochos**

**More information to come.**