

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.

The **Beaverton Night Market** was so much fun and we grossed **\$2,989** for our first night!

Thank you to all who volunteered or came out to support us.

Please come out for round two on August 13th 6pm-10pm @ Cedar Hills Blvd and Millikan Way

Picnic-Volunteer needed

The Parish Council approved a motion to have a Non-sponsored Church Picnic (similar to a potluck event), in conjunction with our August Feast-day, provided a PC approved volunteer steps forward to coordinate it. If you are interested, please speak with John Davis or another PC member.

GOYA Raft Trip

Bon Voyage to our Sr. GOYA's, as they 'Shoot the Deschutes'. God bless you and have a great time today and tomorrow!

Register for Sunday School!

Sunday School Registration opens **Sunday, August 7th**. Registration is open for the month of August. Please see Jessie Crosby at the registration table after services to register your children for classes. The first day of Sunday school is Sept. 11th.

FLASH SALE

Register NOW to golf at the 2016 **Greek Open Golf Tournament** for just \$100, a \$50 savings! Visit www.greekopen.com and click the flash sale banner before it's too late!! (offer valid 8/1 - 8/8)

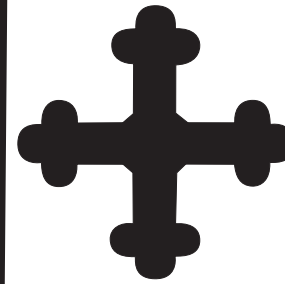
A time for Celebration

Fr. Theodore Dorrance's 25th Anniversary to the Priesthood on Sunday, September 25th at Langdon Farms Country Club. On-line reservations will be available soon on the Parish website: www.stjohngoc.org and after services on Sunday's in August.

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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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6TH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW FOREFEAST OF THE PROCESSION OF THE PRECIOUS CROSS EUDOCIMUS THE RIGHTEOUS OF CAPPADOCIA PLAGAL 1ST MODE/ 6TH MORNING GOSPEL JULY 31, 2016

Eudocimus was born in Cappadocia of devout parents, Basil and Eudocia. At the time of the Emperor Theophilus (829-842 A.D.), Eudocimus was a young officer in the army. Even as an officer, he exerted all effort to live according to the commandments of the Holy Gospel. Preserving his purity undefiled, he avoided conversing with any woman, except his mother; he was merciful toward the misfortunate and needy, conscientious in reading holy books and more conscientious in his prayers to God. He avoided vain gatherings and verbosity. "Among the throngs and worldly vanity, he was a lily among thorns and as gold in the fire." Because of his unusual good works, the emperor appointed him as the commander of Cappadocia. In this high position, Eudocimus strived to be just before God and before men.

According to the Providence of God he died at an early age, in his thirty-third year. His relics were found to possess healing properties. An insane man touched his grave and immediately became whole; a child also touched his grave and was made whole. After eighteen months, his mother opened his coffin and found his body as though it were still alive, without any signs of decay or corruption. A wonderful aroma emitted from the body of the saint. His relics were later translated to Constantinople and buried in the new church of the Holy Theotokos which the parents of this righteous Eudocimus built.

PC: Keese/Taylor G: Blankenstein Altar Boys Team D: Demetrius, Constantine, Athanasios, Basil, Wade, Owen, Simon
Clean-up Team 8: Feyler, Jones/Kuchillis, Lindgren, Rush, Wehlitz, Solomon, Mansager, Crosby, Gebreeyus

SMALL ENTRANCE HYMNS

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

Eternal with the Father and the Spirit is the Word, Who of a Virgin was begotten for our salvation. As the faithful we both praise and worship Him, for in the flesh did He consent to ascend unto the Cross, and death did He endure. And He raised unto life the dead, through His all-glorious resurrection.

Ton sinanarhon Logon Patri ke Pnevmati, ton ek Parthenu tekthenta is sotirian imon. Animmisomen pisti ke proskinisomen, oti ivthokise sarki anelthin en to stavro ke thanaton ipomine, ke eyire tus tethneotas en ti en thoxo anatsi Aftu.

Hymn of St. Eudocimus (4th Mode, Be Quick to Anticipate):

The One that hath called thee from the earth to Heaven to dwell * preserveth thy body uncorrupted after thy death, O saintly Eudocimus; * for in living modestly and chastely, O blest one, * thou didst keep thy flesh free of all stain and defilement; * with boldness, therefore, pray unto Christ that we may all 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 Feast of Transfiguration (Grave Mode):

On the mount Thou wast transfigured, and Thy disciples, as much as they could bear, beheld Thy glory, O Christ our God; that when they should see Thee crucified, they would know Thy passion to be willing, and would preach to the world that Thou, in truth, art the Effulgence of the Father.

EPISTLE READING: Romans 12:6-14 (6th Sunday of Matthew):

Brethren, having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; he who teaches, in his teaching; he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who contributes, in liberality; he who gives aid, with zeal; he who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness. Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with brotherly affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Never flag in zeal, be aglow with the Spirit, and serve the Lord. Rejoice in your hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints, practice hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 9:1-8 (6th Sunday of Matthew)

At that time, getting into a boat Jesus crossed over and came to His own city. And behold, they brought to him a paralytic, lying on his bed; and when Jesus saw their faith He said to the paralytic, "Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven." And behold, some of the scribes said to themselves, "This man is blaspheming." But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise and walk?' But that you may know that the Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins"--he then said to the paralytic--"Rise, take up your bed and go home." And he rose and went home. When the crowds saw it, they were afraid, and they glorified God, who had given such authority to men.

PARISH ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 31ST

Sunday, July 31st	Orthros & Divine Liturgy GOYA Raft Trip	8:45 AM 12:00 PM
Monday, August 1st	Dormition Fast begins thru Aug. 15th Paraklesis	6:00 PM
Tuesday, August 2nd	Paraklesis Strategic Planning Meeting	6:00 PM 7:00 PM
Wednesday, August 3rd	Paraklesis	6:00 PM
Thursday, August 4th	Paraklesis	6:00 PM
Friday, August 5th	Paraklesis	6:00 PM
Saturday, August 6th	Holy Transfiguration Orthros & Divine Liturgy Great Vespers	8:30 AM 5:00 PM
Sunday, August 7th	Orthros & Divine Liturgy	8:45 AM

Fall Women's Retreat Saturday, November 5, 2016

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

Today's woman faces a dizzying array of conflicting messages on beauty and femininity. Khouria Krista brings a fresh perspective on an important topic and will discuss how the Church's understanding of beauty can instruct, inform, and inspire women today.

Kh. Krista West, presenter

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