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.

Register for Sunday School TODAY

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.

Cappella Romana

Tickets for the 25th Anniversary Season will be on sale TODAY!
Please see Mark Powell for details after services.

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.

****FLASH SALE ENDS TOMORROW****

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 thru 8/8)**

The second and final Beaverton Night Market this summer is coming up on **Saturday, August 13th**.
We had a GREAT time participating in the night market and grossed $2989!

You can still **help prepare Baklava** at Church on these dates:

Tues, Aug. 9th, 9a-12p	Baklava Baking with Eleni
Thurs., Aug. 11th, 7-10p	Baklava Packaging with Thomaida

Mark your Calendar for the **Fall General Assembly**
SATURDAY, Oct 29th following Vespers.

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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Witnessing the Truth of Apostolic Christianity

7th Sunday of Matthew
The Holy and Righteous Martyr Dometius
Plagal 2nd Mode/ 7th Morning Gospel
August 7, 2016

St. Dometius lived in Persia during the fourth century. In his youth he was converted to the Faith by a Christian named Uaros. Forsaking Persia, he withdrew to the frontier city of Nisibis (in Mesopotamia), where he was baptized in one of the monasteries, and also received the monastic tonsure.

Fleeing the ill-will of some of the monks, St. Dometius moved to the monastery of Saints Sergius and Bacchus in the city of Theodosiopolis. The monastery was under the guidance of an archimandrite named Urbelos, a strict ascetic, of whom it was said that for sixty years he did not taste cooked food, nor did he lay down for sleep, but rather took his rest standing up, supporting himself upon his staff.

In this monastery St. Dometius was ordained a deacon, but when the archimandrite decided to have him made a presbyter, the saint, considering himself unworthy, hid himself on a desolate mountain in Syria, in the region of Cyrrhus.

Stories about him constantly spread among the local inhabitants. They began to come to him for healing and for help. Many pagans were brought to faith in Christ by Dometius. And one time, in the locality where St. Dometius struggled with his disciples, the emperor Julian the Apostate (361-363) arrived, traveling on his campaign against the Persians. By order of the emperor, soldiers found St. Dometius praying with his disciples in a cave, and walled them up alive inside

PC: Lindgren/Poulos G: Chosvig Altar Boys Team E: Alexander, Gabriel, Yoas, Pavlos, Noah, Peter
Clean-up Team 10: Wilson, Blankenstein, Hudanish P & J, Hills, Braden, Perlmutter N & D, Stovea, Breen

Small Entrance Hymns

Hymn of Transfiguration (Grave Mode):
You were transfigured on the mountain, O Christ our God, * showing Your glory to Your disciples as much as they could bear. * Shine your ever-lasting light upon us sinners, * through the intercessions of the Theotokos, Giver of Light, * glory to You.

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 You 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.

Repeat Hymn of Transfiguration

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 Holy 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 15:1-17 (7th Sunday after Pentecost):
Brethren, we who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves; let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to edify him. For Christ did not please Himself; but, as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproached thee fell on me." For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 9:27-35 (7th Sunday of Matthew):
At that time, as Jesus passed on from there, two blind men followed Him, crying aloud, "Have mercy on us, Son of David." When He entered the house, the blind men came to Him; and Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to Him, "Yes, Lord." Then He touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith be it done to you." And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly charged them, "See that no one knows it." But they went away and spread His fame through all that district. As they were going away, behold, a dumb demoniac was brought to Him. And when the demon had been cast out, the dumb man spoke; and the crowds marveled, saying, "Never was anything like this seen in Israel." But the Pharisees said, "He casts out demons by the prince of demons." And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every infirmity among all the people.

Parish Activities For the Week of August 7th

Sunday, August 7th	**7th Sunday of Matthew**	
	Orthros & Divine Liturgy	8:45 AM
	Sts. Mary & Martha Board Retreat	12:00 PM
Monday, August 8th	Paraklesis	6:00 PM
	Sts. Mary & Martha Board Meeting	7:00 PM
Tuesday, August 9th	Baklava Assembly & Baking	9:00 AM
	Paraklesis	6:00 PM
	Almsgiving Meeting	7:00 PM
Wednesday, August 10th	Paraklesis	6:00 PM
Thursday, August 11th	Paraklesis	6:00 PM
	Baklava Packaging	7:00 PM
Friday, August 12th	Newsletter Deadline	
	Paraklesis	6:00 PM
Saturday, August 13th	Beaverton Night Market Preparation	1:00 PM
	Memorials for John R. Wehlitz & Ioanna Miller	4:45 PM
	Great Vespers	5:00 PM
	Beaverton Night Market	6:00 PM
Sunday, August 14th	**8th Sunday of Matthew**	
	Orthros & Divine Liturgy	8:45 AM
	Great Vespers for the Dormition	6:00 PM

Restoring the Image—
Women, Beauty, and the Church

Fall Women's Retreat
Saturday, November 5, 2016

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

Sponsored by:
Sts. Mary and Martha Philoptochos
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Registration Details will be available next month!