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.

AUGUST

Sunday School registration thru August!
Please see Jessie Crosby at the registration table after services to register your children for classes.

August 24th Fr. Timothy will be giving a talk at Holy Trinity GOC entitled**:**
"Face to Face and Heart to Heart Connecting Through Christ for Healthier Family Relationships".
Light meza at 6:30 pm, followed by the talk at 7:00 pm. Come and be enriched!

Please support our **"Mom Drive"** during the month of August!
Check the bulletin board for items needed.

August 27th is a **cleaning service day** for the center is on. See Jillian Walsh for more details.

August 28th Come to the **Middle East Festival** at St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church from 12pm to 7pm. Orthodox Choral music by KLIROS at 2pm. Dancing, food and fun for the kids.

SEPTEMBER

September 10th Car and Bike Show and BBQ in the Holy Trinity GOC parking lot on at 12pm.

September 19th Don't miss the **Greek Open** Golf Tournament and dinner**.** greekopen.com

September 24th A NIGHT ON THE AEGEAN Cappela Romana's 25th Anniversary Gala at 6pm at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral. Join His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos, and other honored guests. Featuring live auction, dinner, and live music, following the performance of "Orthodox Music: Ancient & Modern." RSVP at cappellaromana.org or 503-236-8202.

September 25th is the **Recognition dinner for Father Theodore's 25th Anniversary to the Priesthood** on Sunday. Register online: stjohn.org/signup or after services on Sunday's in August

OCTOBER

October 3-5 Bringing Orthodoxy to America Conference here at St. John the Baptist.
On-line reservations at http://come-sf.org/registration/. See Thomaida for details.

October 29th is our **Fall General Assembly** on Saturday, following Vespers.

NOVEMBER

November 5th Sts. Mary & Martha's **WOMEN'S RETREAT** (Young women 14 and up welcome)
Registration begins Sunday, September 11.

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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Bringing Orthodox Christianity to the Portland Westside and Beaverton Area

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8TH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW
FOREFEAST OF THE DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS
THE HOLY PROPHET MICAH
GRAVE MODE/ 8TH MORNING GOSPEL
AUGUST 14, 2016

The Prophet Micah, the sixth of the Twelve Minor Prophets, was descended from the Tribe of Judah and was a native of the city of Moresheth, to the south of Jerusalem. His prophetic service began around the year 778 before Christ and continued for almost 50 years under the kings of Judah: Jotham, Ahaz, and Righteous Hezekiah (721-691 B.C., August 28).

He was a contemporary of the Prophet Isaiah. His denunciations and predictions were in regard to the separate kingdoms of Judah and Israel. He foresaw the misfortunes threatening the kingdom of Israel before its destruction, and the sufferings of Judah during the incursions under the Assyrian emperor Sennacherib.

To him belongs a prophecy about the birth of the Savior of the world: "And thou, Bethlehem, house of Ephratha, art too few in number to be reckoned with the thousands of Judah; yet out of thee shall come forth to Me, one who is to be a ruler in Israel, and His goings forth were from the beginning, even from eternity" (Mic. 5: 2). From the words of the Prophet Jeremiah (Jer. 26: 18-19), the Jews evidently were afraid to kill the Prophet Micah. His relics were discovered in the fourth century after the Birth of Christ at Baraphsatia, through a revelation to the Bishop of Eleutheropolis, Zeuinos.

PC: Crosby/Chosvig G: Goldman Altar Boys Team A: Samuel, Zacharias, Nathan, Elias, Gavin, Tasso
Clean-up Team 1: Becker, Armstrong, Benson, Lowe, Whitton, Marine, Leslie, Mirras, Maletis

Small Entrance Hymns

Resurrectional Hymn for this Sunday (Grave Mode):
O Lord, by Your sacred cross, You abolished death, and granted unto the thief blessed paradise. The myrrhbearers ceased lamenting and turned to joy. The apostles did preach the Good News at Your command, that You had risen from the dead, O Christ our God, bestowing Your mercy upon the world ever more.

Katelisas to Stavro Su ton thanaton, i neoxas to listi ton parathison. Ton Miroforon ton thrinon metevales, ke tis Sis Apostolis kirittin epetaxas, oti anestis Christe o Theos, parehon to kosmo to mega eleos.

Hymn of the Forefeast of the Dormition (4th Mode - *Be quick to anticipate***):**
In faith, O ye people, leap for joy while clapping your hands; * and gather in gladness on this day with longing and shout in radiant jubilance. * For the Theotokos cometh nigh to departing * from the earth unto heights; and we glorify her * with glory as the Mother of God in our unceasing hymns.

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 Forefeast of the Dormition (4th Mode - *On this day Thou hast appeared***):**
In the immaterial * Spirit, the whole world * hath been mystically adorned * upon thy glorious memory; * and it doth cry to thee joyously: * Rejoice, O Virgin, thou boast of the Christian race.

EPISTLE READING: I Corinthians 1:10-17 (8th Sunday after Pentecost):
Brethren, I appeal to you by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree and that there be no dissensions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brethren. What I mean is that each one of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispos and Gaius; lest any one should say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized any one else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 14:14-22 (8th Sunday of Matthew):
At that time, Jesus saw a great throng and he had compassion on them, and healed their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a lonely place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They said to him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass; and taking the five loaves and the two fish he looked up to heaven, and blessed, and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children. Then he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds.

Parish Activities For the Week of August 14th

Sunday, August 14th	**8th Sunday of Matthew**	
	Orthros & Divine Liturgy	8:45 AM
	Great Vespers for the Dormition	6:00 PM
Monday, August 15th	**Dormition of the Theotokos**	
	Orthros & Divine Liturgy	8:30 AM
Tuesday, August 16th	Senior Committee Meeting	1:00 PM
	Parish Council Meeting	6:45 PM
Saturday, August 20th	Memorial for Ann Davis & Aly (Hope) Weiser-Lily	4:45 PM
	Teaching Vespers & Reception	5:00 PM

The Parish of St John the Baptist
Greek Orthodox Church

Invites you to a Recognition Dinner in honor of
Reverend Father Theodore Dorrance
to celebrate his 25th Anniversary to the Priesthood

Sunday, September 25, 2016

5:00 pm – No Host Cockails 6:00 pm – Buffet Dinner & Program

Semi-Formal Attire

Langdon Farms Golf Club
24377 Airport Road NE
Aurora, Or. 97002

RSVP

$55/person
Payment is kindly requested by September 1st
Payment options: online www.stjohngoc.org/signup
and on Sunday's in August
during coffee hour at St. John the Baptist
(Please make checks payable to: St John the Baptist)

Contacts for questions or donation opportunities:
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In conjunction with this celebration, we are putting together a **slide presentation** for the occasion. Kindly send a few **photos** that you may have of your family at church functions, or of your family members with Father, new or old. We hope you are able to attend!

Please send them to Agape Ketrenos at agape@ketrenos.com