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.

Logos Bookstore *will hold their Annual Open House* on Friday, November 13th & Saturday, November 14th during Fr. Josiah's *The Bible and the Church* retreat. Come listen to an amazing speaker and take advantage of the bookstore Open House between the inspirational talks.

Submit Names for the 40 Liturgies. Forms can be found in the narthex and next to the Church Office. To prevent duplication, please only submit names of Orthodox Christians in your immediate family and Orthodox Christians outside our parish. Forms may be turned in on Sundays to the Parish Council members on duty or to the Church Office during office hours.

Please come to the senior luncheon Monday, November 16th from 11-1 pm. Our own Katherine Braden will be sharing ways we can increase our strength, endurance and balance. We are potluck this year so please bring a favorite dish to share. Can't wait to see you there!

All 7-12th graders! Online Registration is OPEN for our GOYA Regional Fall Retreat at Camp Angelos, November 20- 22. The retreat will be led by the Archdiocesan Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministries, Steven Christoforou who is also the mastermind behind the "Be the Bee" YouTube Series Videos. Online registration link can be found on our Holy Trinity homepage. Registration closes Sunday, Nov. 15th. Cost: $90

Parent and Ministry Leader Retreat: "Bringing the Church Home" will be held at St. John on Saturday, November 21st after Liturgy. Light refreshments will be provided. This seminar is sponsored by the Department of Youth & Young Adult Ministries for parents and will run parallel to the "Be the Bee" Retreat that will be going on simultaneously at Camp Angelos for our middle and high school aged-youth. Contact Christine Whitton with any questions.

Prosforo Workshop 2015 will be held on Saturday, November 21st at 12:30 PM after Liturgy. See today's insert for more information. Please contact the Church Office to sign up.

Did you Know? Parish Council Meeting Minutes can be found on the Parish bulletin board in the South Fellowship Hall. These are posted every month after the minutes are approved. Everyone is encouraged to review the PC meeting minutes when they are made available. Please contact a Parish Council representative with any questions that may arise.

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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7TH Sunday of Luke
Synaxis of the Archangels Michael and Gabriel and all the Bodiless Powers
November 8, 2015

Plagal of the 2nd Mode / 1st Morning Gospel

The Angels of God have been commemorated by men from the earliest times, but this commemoration often degenerates into divinization of angels. Heretics always wove fantasies around the angels. Some of them saw the angels as gods and others, if they did not so regard them, took them to be the creators of the whole visible world. The local Council in Laodicea, that was held in the 4th century, rejected in its 35th Canon the worship of angels as gods, and established the proper veneration of them. In the time of Pope Sylvester of Rome and the Alexandrian Patriarch Alexander, in the fourth century, this Feast of the Archangels was instituted, to be celebrated in November. November is the 9th month after March, and it is thought that the world was created in March. The 9th month represents the 9 orders of angels that were the first created beings. St. Dionysius the Areopagite writes of these 9 orders in his book *Celestial Hierarchies* and are as follows: six-winged Seraphim, many-eyed Cherubim, godly Thrones, Dominions, Virtues, Powers, Principalities, Archangels, and Angels. The leader of the whole angelic army is the Archangel Michael. When Satan fell away from God and carried half the angels with him to destruction, Michael arose and cried to the unfallen angels, "Let us give heed! Let us stand aright; let us stand with fear!" and the angelic army sang aloud "Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heaven and earth are full of Thy glory!" Among the angels there rules a perfect unity of mind, of soul, and of love; of total obedience of the lesser powers to the greater and of all to the holy will of God. Each nation has its guardian angel, as does each individual Christian. We must keep in mind that, whatever we do, openly or in secret, we do in the presence of our guardian angel and that, on the Day of Judgement, a great multitude of holy angels of heaven will be gathered around the throne of Christ, and the thoughts, words, and deeds of every man will be laid bare before them. May God have mercy on us and save us, through the prayers of the holy Archangel Michael and all the bodiless powers of heaven. Amen.

PC: Jungwirth/VanSickle G: Goldman Altar Boys Team A: Samuel, Zacharias, Nathan, Elias, Gavin, Tasso
Clean up Team 3: Cherry, Makarounis, Chiprout, Knight, Chosvig, Poulos J & P, Contes, Dorrance

Small Entrance Hymns

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 Your 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.
Angelike thinamis epi to mnima Su, ke i filassontes apenekrothisan. ke istato Maria en to tafo zitusa to achranton Su soma. Eskilefsas ton Athin me pirasthis ip aftu ipindisas ti Partheno, thorumenos tin zoin o Anastas ek ton nekron, Kirie thoxa Si.

Hymn of the Bodiless Powers - (4th Mode/Thou Who wast raised up):
Supreme Commanders of the Hosts of the Heavens, * we, the unworthy, importune and beseech you * that by your supplications ye encircle us * in the shelter of the wings * of your immaterial glory, * guarding us who now fall down * and cry to you with fervour: * Deliver us from dangers of all kinds, * as the great marshals of the heavenly hosts on high.

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 Theotokos's Presentation - (4th Mode/Thou Who wast raised up):
The sacred treasury of God's holy glory, * the greatly precious bridal chamber and Virgin, * the Savior's most pure temple, free of stain and undefiled, * into the House of the Lord * on this day is brought forward * and bringeth with herself the grace * of the Most Divine Spirit; * her do God's Angels hymn with songs of praise, * for she is truly the heavenly tabernacle.

EPISTLE READING: Hebrews 2:2-10 (The Synaxis of the Holy Archangels & Bodiless Powers):
BRETHREN, if the message declared by angels was valid and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard him, while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his own will. For it was not to angels that God subjected the world to come, of which we are speaking. It has been testified somewhere, "What is man that thou art mindful of him, or the son of man, that thou carest for him? Thou didst make him for a little while lower than the angels, thou hast crowned him with glory and honor, putting everything in subjection under his feet." Now in putting everything in subjection to him, he left nothing outside his control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to him. But we see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for every one. For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through suffering.

GOSPEL READING: Luke 8:41-56 (7th Sunday of Luke):
At that time, there came to Jesus a man named Jairus, who was a ruler of the synagogue; and falling at Jesus' feet he besought him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she was dying. As he went, the people pressed round him. And a woman who had a flow of blood for twelve years and had spent all her living upon physicians and could not be healed by anyone, came up behind him, and touched the fringe of his garment; and immediately her flow of blood ceased. And Jesus said, "Who was it that touched me?" When all denied it, Peter said, "Master, the multitudes surround you and press upon you!" But Jesus said, "Some one touched me; for I perceive that power has gone forth from me." And when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling, and falling down before him declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched him, and how she had been immediately healed. And he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace." While he was still speaking, a man from the ruler's house came and said, "Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the Teacher any more." But Jesus on hearing this answered him, "Do not fear; only believe, and she shall be well." And when he came to the house, he permitted no one to enter with him, except Peter and John and James, and the father and mother of the child. And all were weeping and bewailing her; but he said, "Do not weep; for she is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. But taking her by the hand he called, saying, "Child, arise." And her spirit returned, and she got up at once; and he directed that something should be given her to eat. And her parents were amazed; but he charged them to tell no one what had happened.

Parish Activities For the Week of November 8th

Sunday, November 8th	**7th Sunday of Luke**	
	Orthros & Divine Liturgy	8:45 AM
	Sunday School/Theology 101	12:15 PM
Monday, November 9th	**St. Nektarios, Bishop of Pentopolis**	
	Orthros & Divine Liturgy *(ASA Attends)*	7:30 AM
	Young Adults at the Dorrance Home	6:30 PM
Tuesday, November 10th	Bible Study	9:30 AM
Wednesday, November 11th	Choir Practice	7:00 PM
Friday, November 13th	Moms & Tots Bible Study	10:30 AM
	Daily Vespers	6:30 PM
	Fr. Josiah Retreat Begins	7:30 PM
Saturday, November 14th	Pre-Communion Prayers & Divine Liturgy	9:00 AM
	Fr. Josiah Retreat Continues	11:00 AM
	Great Vespers ***Note Time Change***	**3:00 PM**
Sunday, November 15th	**8th Sunday of Luke**	
	Orthros & Divine Liturgy	8:45 AM
	Sunday School/Theology 101	12:15 PM

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

REMEMBER! Bring back a full bag of non-perishible food items for the *Ducks vs. Beavers Food Drive* benefitting the Oregon Food Bank.

Young Adults: Our next meeting is Monday, November 9th, at 6:30 PM. We will be continuing our book study with Father Theodore on *Repentance and Confession*, by Hieromonk Gregorios at the Dorrance home. Please contact Beth Carper or Carlos Esparza with any questions.

The Retreat with Fr. Josiah Trenham entitled *The Bible and the Church: Origin, Inspiration, and use of Holy Scripture* will take place Friday, November 13th and Saturday, November 14th at St. John. ***Volunteers are needed!*** Let's all work together as a parish to show hospitality to our visitors. Sign up on the rolling bulletin board in the South Fellowship Hall or call the church office to let us know where you can help. There is no set cost for attending. You will have the opportunity to help fund the event by giving a free will offering each night. Thank you in advance!