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 Parent & Ministry Leader Retreat that was scheduled for Saturday, November 21st has been cancelled due to a family emergency with one of the speakers. Thank you for your understanding.

Tasso the Turkey is in need of Feathers! When you purchase feathers to dress him, you will be helping families within our parish for the holidays. Let our offerings to our community be in Thanksgiving for our blessings. Tasso will be on display until November 29th in the South fellowship hall.

Please join us on Saturday, December 5th at 6 PM, as we celebrate the feast of St. Nicholas with Great Vespers and a special celebration! We are looking for helpers to set up, clean up, help with events, provide Lenten desserts, make/serve cider, and donate chocolate coins or oranges for the event. Please look for sign-ups coming soon. Contact Arielle Jungwirth with any questions or to volunteer.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Fall Parish Clean-up last weekend! A good number of volunteers came and got the work done quickly. A special thank you to the children of ASA and their parents who came to help clean up our campus! They did a great job, especially cleaning up the parking lot in the heavy rain and lining up chairs in the church. Looking forward to our next clean-up in the Spring!

Prosforo Workshop 2015 will be held on Saturday, November 21st at 12:30 PM after Liturgy. Come learn how to bake prosfora as an offering for this blessed sacrament. Men, women and young adults are highly encouraged to attend as more prosfora bakers are needed! Are you already a baker who would like tips on how to better your results? Call or e-mail the Church Office to sign up!

A message from the Church Office: Announcements for the Weekly Bulletin are due by NOON on Thursdays. Articles and Announcements for the Monthly Newsletter due the 10th of each month. Father Theodore has been receiving an increasing number of individual notes to announce in church on Sundays. Please ensure the information reaches those who are not able to be present each Sunday. E-mail your announcements to the Church Office in a timely manner. A parish wide e-mail will not be sent out for late announcements. Thank you!

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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8th Sunday of Luke
The Holy Martyrs and Confessors Guria, Samona and Habib
Holy Father Thomas the 2nd, Patriarch of Constantinople
November 15, 2015

Grave Mode / 2nd Morning Gospel

Martyrs Gurias and Samona were prominent citizens of Edessa. During one of the persecutions of Christians, they hid outside the city and lived in fasting and prayer, encouraging true believers who came to them for counsel. However, they were captured and brought before the judge, who threatened them with death if they did not submit to the imperial decree demanding idol worship. These holy martyrs of Christ answered him: ``If we submit to the imperial decree, we will perish, even if you don't kill us.'' After cruel torture, they were thrown into prison, where they remained from August 1 to November 10, enduring hunger, darkness and pain. They were then led out and again tortured, but since they remained unwavering in the Christian Faith, they were condemned to death and beheaded in the year 322, during the reign of the wicked Emperor Licinius. Later Habib, a deacon in Edessa, suffered tortures for Christ his Lord and gave his spirit to God while in the flames. His mother took his body, miraculously intact, from the fire and buried it in a grave with the relics of St. Gurias and St. Samona. When the persecution ceased, Christians built a church in honor of the three martyrs, Gurias, Samona and Habib, and placed their miracle-working relics in a common reliquary. Of the numerous miracles of these wonderful saints of God, the following is especially outstanding: A widow in Edessa had a young daughter who was to marry a Gothic soldier serving in the Greek army. As the mother feared for her daughter's safety if she were to live far away, the Goth swore on the grave of the holy three martyrs that he would do no evil to the maiden, but would take her as his lawful wife, as he had already sworn that he was not already married. In reality, he did have a wife, and when he took the young maiden to his country he kept her, not as his wife but as a slave, until his lawful wife died. He then agreed with his kinsmen to bury his living slave with his dead wife. The girl tearfully prayed to the three holy martyrs to save her, and they appeared to her in the grave, and took her in an instant from the land of the Goths to Edessa, to their church. The following day when the church was opened, they found the young maiden by the tomb of the saints of God, and learned of her miraculous deliverance.

PC: Mirras/Crosby G: Reither Altar Boys Team B: Anthony, Christos, Stathi, Nicholas S., Makarios, Nicholas D.

Clean up Team 4: Corazza, Trumpower, Buckley, Williams/Teeney, Soot, Ketrenos B & A, Dunfield, Gonzales, Ramzi

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 Martyrs - (Plagal 1st Mode):
Since Thou hast given us the miracles of Thy holy Martyrs as an invincible battlement, by their entreaties scatter the counsels of the heathen, O Christ our God, and strengthen the faith of Orthodox Christians, since Thou alone art good and the Friend of man.

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: Ephesians 2:14-22 (Sunday of the 24th Week):
BRETHREN, Christ is our peace, who has made us both one, and has broken down the dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing in his flesh the law of commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby bringing the hostility to an end. And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built into it for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

GOSPEL READING: Luke 10:25-37: (8th Sunday of Luke):
At that time, a lawyer stood up to put Jesus to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? How do you read?" And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have answered right; do this, and you will live. But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was; and when he saw him, he had compassion, and went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; then he set him on his own beast and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' Which of these three, do you think, proved neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed mercy on him." And Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

Parish Activities For the Week of November 15th

Sunday, November 15th	**8th Sunday of Luke**	
	Orthros & Divine Liturgy	8:45 AM
	Sunday School/ No Theology 101	12:15 PM
Monday, November 16th	**Apostle & Evangelist Matthew**	
	Pre-Communion Prayers & Divine Liturgy	5:30 AM
	Senior Luncheon	11:00 AM
Tuesday, November 17th	Pre-Communion Prayers & Divine Liturgy	5:30 AM
	Bible Study	9:30 AM
	Parish Council Meeting	6:45 PM
Wednesday, November 18th	Pre-Communion Prayers & Divine Liturgy	5:30 AM
	ASA Town Hall	7:00 PM
	Choir Practice	7:00 PM
Thursday, November 19th	Pre-Communion Prayers & Divine Liturgy	5:30 AM
	Almsgiving Meeting	7:00 PM
	Lecture 2 of 3 at the Ancient Church Reading Rm.	7:00 PM
Friday, November 20th	Pre-Communion Prayers & Divine Liturgy	5:30 AM
	Moms & Tots Bible Study	10:30 AM
Saturday, November 21st	**Presentation of The Theotokos**	
	Orthros & Divine Liturgy	9:00 AM
	Prosforo Workshop	12:30 PM
	Memorials: *Diane Cherry's Family & Pres. Katherine Hartung*	5:45 PM
	Great Vespers	6:00 PM
	Missions & Evangelism Meeting	7:00 PM
Sunday, November 22nd	**9th Sunday of Luke**	
	Orthros & Divine Liturgy	8:45 AM
	Sunday School/Theology 101	12:15 PM
	Buckley Baptism at St. John Monastery	4:00 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.

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.

You are invited to the baptism of Lucia Marie Buckley on Sunday, November 22nd at 4:00 PM at St. John the Forerunner Monastery in Goldendale, WA. Parents Patrick & Mandi Buckley, along with the Van Sickle family, request your presence at the sacrament. Coffee and treats will be provided by the sisters of St. John and godparents Matthew & Colleen Vansickle. Please RSVP to Mandi at *jusrex@hotmail.com* or at 206-963-6980. Thank you!