

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.

Quilting Items: If you are interested in quilting, Ken Leese has offered to donate his beloved grandmother's quilting items to St. John's church members. A display of the items will take place on Saturday, June 13th at 3:00 PM at the church, and anyone interested may come collect items they could use. Left-over items will be donated to a charitable cause of Ken's choice.

Check out the new parish Web site! We have revamped the parish Web site at www.stjohngoc.org. The old site served us well for many years - thank you James Ketrenos and others involved! - but we ultimately decided that a technology and content refresh was needed. Patrick Barnes is serving as the Webmaster. Please send feedback, updates, corrections, issues, etc. to him at webmaster@stjohngoc.org.

St. John the Forerunner Monastery Feast Day Celebration: You are cordially invited to celebrate the feast of The Nativity of St. John the Forerunner June 23rd & 24th at the monastery in Goldendale, Washington. Great Vespers & Orthros will begin Tuesday, June 23rd at 6:00 PM. Hours & Divine Liturgy on Wednesday, June 24th begin at 8:00 AM. Lodging is available at Quality Inn Suites 509-773-5881 and Ponderosa Motel 509-773-5842.

Building Fund Bake Sale: Thank you to our current bake sale fund-raiser volunteers. We still need volunteers to help during the July 1st bake sale event. If you would like to volunteer, have any questions, would like to bake, or have an idea to add to the fund-raiser, please e-mail Sam Marine at marine.samantha@gmail.com.

Pan-Orthodox Vacation Church School 2015 "Fishers of Men" June 22nd-26th. Held at Holy Trinity, this will be a week-long day camp filled with an abundance of activities, fun, and fellowship! Online registration is now open. The registration link can be found at goholytrinity.org under the 'forms' tab at the bottom of the homepage. Contact Christine Whitton at christine.n.whitton@gmail.com with questions

Get excited for Camp Angelos 2015 "Receive the Light!" August 16th-21st. For all youth ages 9-17, this will be a fun-filled week of faith, fun, fellowship, arts & crafts, sports, Orthodox music, campfires, skits, and MORE! Online registration is now open. The registration link can be found at goholytrinity.org under the 'forms' tab at the bottom of the homepage. Contact Christine Whitton at christine.n.whitton@gmail.com with questions.

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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1ST SUNDAY OF MATTHEW - ALL SAINTS THE HOLY MARTYR THEODOTUS OF ANCYRA AND OUR RIGHTEOUS FATHER PANAGIS BASIAS JUNE 7, 2015

Plagal of the 4th mode / 1st Morning Gospel

We celebrate the Sunday of All Saints on the Sunday following Holy Pentecost. It began as a day to honour All Martyrs; to them were added all the ranks of Saints who bore witness to Christ in other ways. Guided by the teaching of the Divine Scriptures and Apostolic Tradition, we the pious honour all the Saints, the friends of God, for they are keepers of God's commandments, shining examples of virtue, and benefactors of mankind. Of course, we honour the known Saints especially on their own day of the year, but since many Saints are unknown, and their number has increased with time, and will continue to increase until the end of time, the Church has appointed that once a year a common commemoration be made of all the Saints. This is the harvest of the coming of the Holy Spirit into the world that we celebrated one week ago on the Feast of Pentecost; it is the "much fruit" brought forth by that "Grain of wheat that fell into the earth and died" (John 12:24); it is the glorification of the Saints as "the foundation of the Church, the perfection of the Gospel, they who fulfilled in deed the sayings of the Saviour" (Sunday of All Saints, Doxastikon of Vespers).

The Holy Martyr Theodotus was a married man and an innkeeper in Ancyra in the time of the Emperor Diocletian. Although he was married, he lived according to the words of the Apostle: 'Let them who have wives be as though they had not' (I Cor. 7:29). He kept the inn, in order to be able to unsuspectingly help Christians, and his inn was a refuge for persecuted Christians. Theodotus secretly sent help to the Christian refugees in the mountains and secretly gathered the bodies of those who had been killed, giving them burial. At that time, seven maidens were tortured for Christ and thrown into a lake. One of them appeared to St. Theodotus and told him to take her body out of the lake and bury it. Under the cover of night, Theodotus set off with a companion to carry out the martyr's wishes, and led by an angel of God, succeeded in finding all seven bodies and burying them. But his friend betrayed him to the authorities. Theodotus endured all the tortures as though not in his own body, having his whole mind steeped in God. Theodotus was beheaded in the year 303. A priest buried the martyr's body on a hillside outside the city. A church dedicated to St. Theodotus was later built on the site.

PC: Lindgren/Braden G: Benson Altar Boys Team D: Nathaniel, Demetrius, Constantine, Athanasios, Wade, Owen
Clean-up Team 1: Becker, Armstrong, Benson, Leslie, Lowe, Marine, Whitton, Tussing

SMALL ENTRANCE HYMNS

Resurrectional Hymn for this Sunday (Plagal 4th Mode):

From on high did You descend, O merciful Lord; for us did You endure, three days in the tomb, that we may be released from passions in this world, You Who are our resurrection and our life: Glory unto You, O Lord.

Ex ipsus katilthes, o Efsplagnos. Tafin katethexo triimeros, ina imas eleftherosis ton pathon. I zoi ke i anastasis imon, Kirie, thoxa Si.

Hymn of All Saints (4th Mode):

Adorned in the blood of Thy Martyrs throughout all the world as in purple and fine linen, Thy Church, through them, doth cry unto Thee, O Christ God: Send down Thy compassions upon Thy people; grant peace to Thy commonwealth, and great mercy to our souls.

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 All Saints (Plagal 4th Mode):

As to creation's Planter, all the world doth offer unto Thee * as nature's first-fruits the God-bearing Martyrs, Lord, for they bare witness unto Thee. * Thus, preserve Thou Thy Church by their entreaties, O Saviour, in the profoundest peace, * through the pure Theotokos, O Thou Who art greatly merciful.

EPISTLE READING: Hebrews 11:33-40, 12: 1-2 (Sunday of All Saints):

BRETHREN, all the saints through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were tempted, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated - of whom the world was not worthy - wandering over deserts and mountains and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfection of our faith.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 10:32-33; 37-38; 19:27-30 (Sunday of All Saints):

The Lord said to his disciples, "Every one who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven; but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny him before my Father who is in heaven. He who loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and he who loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and he who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me." Then Peter said in reply, "Lo, we have left everything and followed you. What then shall we have?" Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, in the new world, when the Son of man shall sit on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And every one who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life. But many that are first will be last, and the last first."

PARISH ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 7TH

Sunday, June 7th	All Saints ASA Sunday Orthros & Divine Liturgy LAST DAY of Sunday School/Theology 101 Sr. GOYA Elections & BBQ @ Poulos Home	8:45 AM 12:15 PM 1:00 PM
Monday, June 8th	Apostles Fast Begins Site Committee Meeting	7:00 PM
Tuesday, June 9th	Bible Study Young Adults <u>at the house</u>	9:30 AM 7:00 PM
Wednesday, June 10th	Stewardship Meeting ASA Spring Performance Choir Practice	6:00 PM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM
Saturday, June 13th	Carlos Esparza Baptism Quilting Item Display ASA Commemorative Memorials Great Vespers	11:00 AM 3:00 PM 5:45 PM 6:00 PM
Sunday, June 14th	2nd Sunday of Matthew Orthros & Divine Liturgy Sunday School Awards	8:45 AM 11:45 AM

Welcome Visitors! During coffee hour, stop by our Visitors' Table near the Logos Bookstore so we can welcome you.

Join us for a Baby Shower in Honor of Athanasia Poulos: Saturday, June 20th at 2:00 PM at the home of Jennifer Davis. Hosted by Jennifer Davis, Stephanie Makarounis and Sandy Duchow-Pressley. Please RSVP to Stephanie at 503-245-7812 or smakarounis@mac.com.

Mochas for Missions: *You signed checks for amounts large and small to answer the mission call. You gave change that was spare, to show in your actions that you care. Our Parish helped missions in our small way, to help others find Orthodoxy one day. Our community raised a grand total of **\$5,157.65** and exceeded our **\$4000** goal.* Thank you to everyone for making this year such a success. May God bless you for your support and generosity!

The Lost and Found is overflowing! Please check for items belonging to you and yours. Any items remaining will be collected and donated to a good cause on June 15th. Thank you!

You Are Warmly Invited to the Baptism of Carlos Esparza on Saturday, June 13th at 11:00 AM. Come pray with Carlos and the whole community as Carlos enters the Orthodox Faith and receives the name Paisios after St. Paisios of the Holy Mountain.

Read the Psalms in 60 days! Logos Bookstore is sponsoring their annual Summer Reading Program to begin July 1st. Participants may commit to reading the Psalms by signing up on the Commitment Roster displayed on the Summer Reading Program table near Logos Bookstore. Sign up now and be eligible to win a complimentary Psalter at the end of the 60 day reading program.