

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 Building Fund Bake Sale: is in need of cake stands, white medium sized baskets, two white vases for flowers, and 3-4 rectangle white plates. If you have any of these display items, please contact Sam at marine.samantha@gmail.com.

Mochas for Missions: 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!

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.

A documentary film is in its final stages of production about the monastics living in an isolated valley in the Republic of Georgia. The film is entitled Devout and beautifully portrays the life of these simple Monks. To learn more about the film, you may listen to an interview on Ancient Faith Radio with the Film Maker at <http://www.ancientfaith.com/podcasts/features/devout>. To watch a trailer and excerpts from the film, visit <http://devoutmovie.com/> and <https://vimeo.com/128060711>. There are links to supporting this documentary at these sites if you wish to do so.

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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SECOND SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

PROPHET ELISHA, METHODIOS THE CONFESSOR & PATRIARCH OF CONSTANTINOPLE

JUNE 14, 2015

First mode / 2nd Morning Gospel

The Holy Prophet Elisha lived nine-hundred years before Christ. When the Lord willed to take the aged prophet Elias to Himself, He revealed to him that He had set aside Elisha, the son of Shaphat, of the tribe of Reuben and from the city of Abel-Menolah, to inherit his prophetic calling. Elias made the Lord's will known to Elisha and draped him in his mantle, asking God for a double portion of the grace of prophecy for him. Elisha at once left his home and his people and followed after Elias. When the Lord took Elias in the fiery chariot, Elisha remained to carry on the work of prophecy with yet greater power than Elias. In his purity and zeal, he was equal to the greatest prophets, and surpassed all the others with the wondrous power given to him by God. He divided the waters of the Jordan as Moses once divided the Red Sea; he made the bitter waters in Jericho drinkable; he brought water down into the trenches in the war against the Moabites; he caused the widow's jars to fill to the brim with oil; he raised the dead son of the Shunammite woman; he fed a hundred people with twenty small loaves; he healed Naaman, captain of the hosts of Syria, of leprosy; he blinded an entire Syrian army and put another to flight; he foretold many events both for the nation and for individuals; and went to his rest at a very great age.

St. Methodius, Patriarch of Constantinople was born in the city of Syracuse in Sicily. He became a monk after completing his secular education and gave himself to the ascetic life in a monastery. During the time of the iconoclast Emperors, he was renowned on all sides as a staunch defender of the veneration of icons. During the reign of the Empress Theodora and her son Michael, he was chosen as Patriarch, fulfilling an earlier prophecy of St. Joannicus the Great. During the first week of the Great Fast, Methodius solemnly carried the icons into the church and wrote a Canon in their honour. Unable to get the better of him in any way, the heretics hired a woman to declare that the Patriarch had physical relations with her. The whole of Constantinople was aghast at this slander. The Patriarch presented himself naked before the court, voluntarily showing them his body all withered and debilitated from fasting. The people rejoiced at hearing that the heretics were put to shame, especially when the woman herself admitted that she had been bribed to slander the Saint. This great confessor of the Faith died peacefully in 847.

PC: N Poulos/Jungwirth G: Blankenstein Altar Boys Team E: Alexander, Gabriel, Yoas, Pavlos, Noah
Clean-up Team 2: Wood, Barnes, Morgan, Powell, Stinman, Gillespie, Muzik, Poulos N & A

SMALL ENTRANCE HYMNS

Resurrectional Hymn for this Sunday (1st Mode):

The stone had been sealed before Your tomb by the Jews and the soldiers guarding did watch o'er Your pure and sacred body; O Savior, the third day You arose, and unto all the world did You give life. Whereby all the heavenly powers did proclaim that You are the giver of life. Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ, glory to Your kingdom, glory to Your dispensation, O You alone Who loves all.

Tu lithu sfragisthentos ipo ton Iutheon, ke stratioton filassonton to ahranton Su soma. Anestis trimeros Sotir, thorumenos to kosmo tin zoin, thia tuto e thinamis ton uranon evoon Si zoothota. Thoxa ti Anastasi Su Christe. Thoxa ti vasilia Su. Thoxa ti ikonomia Su, mone Filanthrope.

Dismissal Hymn of the Prophet (Fourth Mode):

The incarnate Angel, and the Prophets' summit and boast,* the second forerunner of the coming of Christ our God, Elias, the glorious, *from above sent down his grace upon Elisseus; *he doth cast out sickness and doth also cleanse lepers; *and unto all that honour him, he poureth forth streams of cures.

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 for this Sunday (2nd Mode):

A protection of Christians unshamable, intercessor to our Holy Maker, unwavering, reject not the prayerful cries of those who are in sin. Instead, come to us, for you are good; your loving help bring unto us, who are crying in faith to you: hasten to intercede and speed now to supplicate, as a protection for all time, Theotokos, for those who honor you.

EPISTLE READING: Romans 2:10-16: (Sunday of the 2nd Week):

Brethren, glory and honor and peace for every one who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek. For God shows no partiality. All who have sinned without the law will also perish without the law, and all who have sinned under the law will be judged by the law. For it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the law who will be justified. When Gentiles who have not the law do by nature what the law requires, they are a law to themselves, even though they do not have the law. They show that what the law requires is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness and their conflicting thoughts accuse or perhaps excuse them on that day when, according to my gospel, God judges the secrets of men by Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 4:18-23:(Sunday of the 2nd Week):

At that time, as Jesus walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left their boat and their father, and followed him. And he went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.

PARISH ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 14TH

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| Sunday, June 14th | 2nd Sunday of Matthew Orthros & Divine Liturgy Sunday School Awards Maddie Bob's Baptism | 8:45 AM 11:45 AM 1:30 PM |
| Tuesday, June 16th | Bible Study Parish Council Meeting Speaker at Holy Trinity | 9:30 AM 6:45 PM 7:00 PM |
| Wednesday, June 17th | Choir Practice | 7:00 PM |
| Saturday, June 20th | Great Vespers | 6:00 PM |
| Sunday, June 21st | 3rd Sunday of Matthew Happy Father's Day! Orthros & Divine Liturgy | 8:45 AM |

Welcome Visitors! During coffee fellowship, please 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.

You Are Warmly Invited to witness the Baptism of Maddie Bob after services TODAY. Maddie will receive the name Magdalene after St. Mary Magdalene. Come celebrate and pray with Maddie and her family as she enters into the Orthodox Faith.

Holy Trinity will be hosting a special Pan-Orthodox event on Tuesday, June 16th at 7:00 PM.

Author and inspirational speaker, Tiffany Papageorge, will be giving an engaging presentation on her children's book "Who or What's Your Yellow Balloon?" Her book centers on the theme of 'loss,' and has become a worldwide bestseller. She speaks to audiences of all sizes and ages about the powerful subject of loss and the even more powerful process that can transform us, no matter what our age. This will be a most informative evening! Light refreshments will be provided.

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.

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.