

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.

Mark your calendars! We will be creating a new Parish Directory. Photos will be taken on the following dates: Monday, August 10th; Tuesday, August 11th; Tuesday, September 8th; and Wednesday, September 9th from 1:00 PM to 8:30 PM. You will be contacted to sign up for your picture time. ****Please note the change in August dates.**

Thank you for hosting Agia Sophia Academy for an ASA Sunday. The students enjoyed the chance to chant during the service and Elisha & Molly appreciated the opportunity to share during Theology 101. A big "Thank You" to the SJB community for another wonderful year!

Janitor Needed: Agia Sophia Academy is seeking a part-time Janitor for the 2015-16 school year. Schedule is approximately 2.5 hours per day on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, with possible flexibility. Compensation is between \$11-13 an hour, depending on experience. Learn more at <http://www.asapdx.org/about-us/employment> or by contacting ASA at 503.641.4600.

Enroll at ASA: Combine our beautiful Orthodox faith with a rich academic environment and give your child a strong foundation for life. Openings available for 3-yr olds in our Montessori Primary Classroom, as well as in our K/1 grade classroom. Contact Agia Sophia Academy at 503-641-4600 or online at www.asapdx.org to learn more!

20th Annual Greek Open Golf Tournament: Mark your calendars for Monday, September 21st for the Greek Open at Langdon Farms. Check-in for golfers is at 12:00 PM. Player registration fee \$150 before September 7th and includes lunch, golf, tee prize, auction and dinner. Cocktails and Dinner begin at 6:30 PM. Additional dinner tickets \$50 each. Visit greekopen.com to register or to purchase tickets.

Registration is Open for Camp Angelos 2015 "Receive the Light!" Camp is August 16th-21st for all youth ages 9-17. Online registration only. The link can be found at goholytrinity.org under the 'forms' tab at the bottom of the homepage. Cost is \$285 per camper, \$200 for additional siblings. 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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3RD SUNDAY OF MATTHEW ~ FATHER'S DAY

THE HOLY MARTYR JULIANOS OF TARSUS, THE HOLY HEIROMARTYR TERENTIOS BISHOP OF ICONIUM

JUNE 21, 2015

Second Mode/Third Morning Gospel

Martyr Julian was of noble and senatorial origin. He lived in Tarsus in Cilicia and suffered during the reign of Diocletian. Although he was only eighteen, he was educated in the Faith and a strong Christian. He was led from town to town for an entire year being tortured and told to deny Christ. Julian's mother was sent to counsel her son to deny Christ, but instead gave him the opposite advice, encouraging him not to despair but with thanksgiving and courage go to his death. The torturers then sewed Julian in a sack with sand, scorpions and serpents and tossed the sack into the sea. His relics were tossed by the waves to the shore and the faithful translated them to Alexandria and honorably buried them in the year 290 A.D. Later, St. Julian's relics were translated to Antioch. Later St. John Chrysostom delivered a eulogy for the holy martyr Julian, saying: "From the mouth of the martyr proceeded a holy voice and, together with the voice, a light emanated brighter than the rays of the sun. Take anyone, be it a madman or one possessed, and bring him to the grave of this saint where the relics of the martyr repose and you will see how he [the demon] without fail will leap out and flee as from a burning fire."

Nativity of St. John the Baptist: Celebrated June 24th. Six months before his appearance in Nazareth to the All-holy Virgin Mary, the Archangel Gabriel appeared to Zacharias, the high priest, in the Temple at Jerusalem. He told Zacharias that he and his elderly wife, Elizabeth, would conceive a son. Because Zacharias doubted this message, he was struck dumb (not able to speak). Nine months passed and when the relatives gathered on the eighth day after John's birth to circumcize and name the child, they asked the father the name of his son. He, still not being able to speak, wrote: "John." At that moment his tongue he became able to speak. The news concerning this spread throughout all of Israel and even reached King Herod. So, when Herod sent soldiers to slay all the male children, he directed men to Zacharias' home also, but Elizabeth fled with the child. Enraged, Herod sent men to Zacharias in the Temple to slay him. Elizabeth hid with the child in a cave where she died soon after. The young child John remained in the wilderness alone under the care of God and God's angels.

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

SMALL ENTRANCE HYMNS

Resurrectional Hymn for this Sunday (2nd Mode):

When You descended to the realm of death, You as Life immortal rendered to Hades a mortal blow by Your all radiant divinity. And when You from infernal depths and the darkness below did raise the dead, all the hosts of heaven's powers did proclaim and cry out: O life-giving Christ and our God, we give glory!

Ote katilthes pros ton thanaton, i zoi athanatos, tote ton Athin enekrosas ti astrapi tis theotitos. Ote the ke tus tethneotas ek ton katahthonion anestisas, pase e thinamis ton epuranion ekravgazon. Zothota Christe, o Theos imon, thoxa Si.

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.

Hymn of the Martyr (4th Mode):

Thy Martyr, O Lord, in his courageous contest for Thee received as the prize the crown of incorruption and life from Thee, our immortal God. For since he possessed Thy strength, he cast down the tyrants and wholly destroyed the demons' strengthless presumption. O Christ God, by his prayers, save our souls, since Thou art merciful.

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 5:1-10: (3rd Sunday of Matthew):

BRETHREN, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in our hope of sharing the glory of God. More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us. While we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Why, one will hardly die for a righteous man -- though perhaps for a good man one will dare even to die. But God shows his love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we are now justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 6:22-33: (3rd Sunday of Matthew):

The Lord said, "The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is sound, your whole body will be full of light; but if your eye is not sound, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You

cannot serve God and mammon. Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat or what you shall drink, nor about your body, what you shall put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add one cubit to his span of life? And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O men of little faith? Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek all these things; and your heavenly Father knows you need them all. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well."

PARISH ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 21ST

Sunday, June 21st	Happy Father's day! 3rd Sunday of Matthew Orthros & Divine Liturgy	8:45 AM
Monday, June 22nd	Missions & Evangelism Meeting	7:00 PM
Tuesday, June 23rd	Great Vespers & Orthros <i>at St. John the Forerunner Monastery</i>	6:00 PM
Wednesday, June 24th	Nativity of St. John the Forerunner Hours & Divine Liturgy <i>at St. John the Forerunner Monastery</i> Choir Practice	8:00 AM 7:00 PM
Thursday, June 25th	Sunday School Curriculum Meeting	7:30 PM
Saturday, June 27th	Great Vespers	6:00 PM
Sunday, June 28th	4th Sunday of Matthew Orthros & Divine Liturgy	8:45 AM

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

Vacation Church School is THIS week, June 22-26th 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM at Holy Trinity. Please visit goholytrinity.org to sign up. Sr. GOYA volunteers are needed. Contact Christine Whitton at christine.n.whitton@gmail.com if you are interested in volunteering or have any questions.

Building Fund Bake Sale: We still need volunteers to help with the July 1st bake sale event, ESPECIALLY MEN WHO LOVE TO BAKE. 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.