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.

All women of St. John are warmly invited to celebrate the upcoming birth of Baby Girl Buckley. A baby shower will be held at the Goldman home (14671 SW Moet Ct. Tigard, OR 97224) on Saturday, July 25th at 2:00 PM. Bring a small package of diapers along with your gift to participate in a prize raffle. Contact Eleni at 971-235-5548 for more information or to RSVP. If unable to attend, please offer your prayers for Patrick & Mandy during this very special and exciting time!

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 11:00 AM. 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.

SAVE THE DATE! St. John the Baptist's Fall Women's Retreat will be held September 25th-27th at the Tilikum retreat center in Newberg. This year's speaker will be our own Fr. Theodore Dorrance. Details coming soon!

The Building Fund Bake Sale in Forest Grove was a great success! We exceeded our goal and made $537 from the event. A special thank you to everyone who supported the bake sale and our vision of building a new church.

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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The Holy 630 Fathers of the 4th Ecumenical Council, Holy Mother Makrina sister of St. Basil the Great, Holy Father Dius Abbot of Antioch

July 19, 2015

Plagal of the Second Mode / 7th Morning Gospel

The Holy Fathers of the Seven Ecumenical Councils are commemorated on the Sunday between the 13th and 19th of July. The Seven Ecumenical Councils occurred between the years of 325 and 787. Whenever a particular question of heresy would arise, the clergy would be called together by hierarchs of the Church and prayerfully decide if the teaching in question was heretical or true. Most of the heresies attacked the dual natures of Christ--that He is both fully God and fully man. It was also during these councils that the Creed was established, the manner of determining and celebrating Pascha was decided and the veneration of icons was upheld.

Saint Makrina, the elder sister of Saints Basil the Great and Gregory of Nyssa, was sought after by many as a bride because of her beauty, wisdom, and illustrious birth, and while still young she was betrothed to a nobleman. When her betrothed died, Makrina refused any other suitors, saying that it is not right to be betrothed to more than one person, considering him not dead, but alive in God. Instead Makrina devoted herself to a life of virginity, asceticism, and prayer. When her brother Basil returned from a brilliant career in the best schools of Constantinople and Athens, puffed up with not a little youthful pride, it was the ardent admonitions and holy example of his blessed sister that persuaded him to turn from seeking worldly glory to the service of God. Saint Makrina and her mother, Emmelia, became monastics and founded a monastery. In time Emmelia died and later, Basil. Nine months after the death of St. Basil, Gregory came to visit with his sister and found her on her death bed. St. Makrina was buried by her brother Gregory, who wrote a moving account of her last days and his grief at seeing such a light pass out of the world. She found rest in the Lord in the year 379 A.D.

PC: VanSickle/J Poulos G: Benson Altar Boys Team E: Alexander, Gabriel, Yoas, Pavlos, Noah

Clean-up Team 7: Gebrehiwot, Hailey, Trichos, Jungwirth, Deming, Perlmutter J & C, Walters, Russo, Stebner

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 Holy Fathers (Plagal 4th Mode):
Most glorified art Thou, O Christ our God, Who hast established our Fathers as luminous stars upon the earth, and through them didst guide us all to the true Faith. O Most Merciful One, glory be to Thee.

Hymn of St. Makrina (Plagal 4th Mode):
In thee the image was preserved with exactness, O Mother; for taking up thy cross, thou didst follow Christ, and by thy deeds thou didst teach us to overlook the flesh, for it passeth away, but to attend to the soul since it is immortal. Wherefore, O righteous Makrina, thy spirit rejoiceth with the Angels.

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: Titus 3:8-15: (See October 11th):
TITUS, my son, the saying is sure. I desire you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to apply themselves to good deeds; these are excellent and profitable to men. But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels over the law, for they are unprofitable and futile. As for a man who is factious, after admonishing him once or twice, have nothing more to do with him, knowing that such a person is perverted and sinful; he is self-condemned. When I send Artemas or Tychicos to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; see that they lack nothing. And let our people learn to apply themselves to good deeds, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful. All who are with me send greeting to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 5:14-19: (See July 11th):
The Lord said to his disciples, "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. Think not that I have come to abolish the law and the prophets; I have come not to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Whoever then relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but he who does them and teaches them shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven."

Parish Activities For the Week of July 19th

Sunday, July 19th	**The Holy Fathers of the 4th Ecumenical Council** Orthros & Divine Liturgy	8:45 AM
Monday, July 20th	**Prophet Elias** Orthros & Divine Liturgy	8:30 AM
Wednesday, July 22nd	Choir Practice	7:00 PM
Saturday, July 25th	Great Vespers	6:00 PM
Sunday, July 26th	**8th Sunday of Matthew** Orthros & Divine Liturgy	8:45 AM

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

Parish Directory photos will be taken on: Monday, August 10th; Tuesday, August 11th; Tuesday, September 8th; and Wednesday, September 9th from 1:00 PM to 8:30 PM. You may begin signing up for your photo times on our Parish website under ***Major Upcoming Events***. Click the link ***Sign up for Picture Time*** and follow instructions to sign up. Please contact Demetri Mirras at 503-646-5955 or the Church Office with any questions. Volunteers will be available to assist with sign-ups after church on Sundays.

House for rent beginning in mid-August. The 4 Bedroom, 2 bathroom home is located in Tigard, Oregon. For More information, contact Steve at *steve.r.tussing@gmail.com* or 503-523-7851.

Sunday School Registration: Begins Sunday, August 2nd after church. Look for the NEW Registration Forms on the Sunday School bulletin board by the coffee machine in the South Fellowship Hall. Please contact Jessie Crosby at *jessiecrosby27@gmail.com* or the Church office with any questions.

Read the Psalms in 60 days! Logos Bookstore is sponsoring their annual Summer Reading Program, which began on July 1st. It's not too late to participate! 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.

REGISTER NOW 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.

Paniyiri Church Picnic for the Feast of the Dormition: Join us for food, dancing and fellowship to celebrate this beautiful Feast Day of the Theotokos. The picnic will be at Cedar Hills Park on Saturday, August 15th following Liturgy. Cost is $7 per person or $20 per family. Main dish provided. Sign up to bring a side dish and bring beverages for yourself or to share. RSVP to Presvytera Stacey after church on Sundays or to the Church Office at *churchoffice@stjohngoc.org*.