

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.

Participate in the Diaper Drive benefiting First Image, Beaverton's Pregnancy Resource Center. Throughout the month of August we will be collecting diapers and wipes. Newborn through size 2 diapers and wipes can be dropped in the parish hall. Volunteers are needed to deliver diapers to the Center. Contact Jillian Walsh at jilliankehr3@gmail.com with questions or to volunteer. If you prefer to offer financial assistance, checks can be made out to St. John the Baptist with "diaper drive" in the memo. Help us reach our goal of 2,000 diapers!

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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8TH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW SAINT PARASKEVI THE RIGHTEOUS MARTYR HEIROMARTYRS HERMOLAOS, HERMIPPUS AND HERMOCRATES JULY 26TH, 2015

Grave Mode / 8th Morning Gospel

Righteous Martyr Paraskevi, who was from a certain village near Rome, was born to pious parents, Agatho and Politia. Since she was born on a Friday (in Greek, *Paraskevi*), she was given this name, which means "preparation" or "preparedness". From childhood she was instructed in the sacred letters and devoted herself to the study of the Divine Scriptures, while leading an ascetic life and guiding many to the Faith of Christ. During the reign of the Emperor Antoninus Pius, she was apprehended because she was a Christian and was urged to worship the idols, but she answered with the words of Jeremias: "Let the gods that have not made heaven and the earth perish from off the earth" (Jer. 10:11). She endured exceedingly painful torments, and was beheaded in the year 140. The faithful pray to her for the healing of eye ailments.

Saint Hermolaos and those with him were priests of the Church in Nicomedia, living in hiding after the Emperor Maximian had burnt to death the 20,000 Martyrs of Nicomedia (see Dec. 28). It was Hermolaos who converted St. Panteleimon (see July 27th). When St. Panteleimon was seized as a Christian and was asked by Maximian who it was that had turned him from the idols, the Saint, enlightened by God that the time of his teacher's martyrdom also was at hand, revealed to Maximian that it was Hermolaos the priest. Saint Hermolaos was taken with Saints Hermippus and Hermocrates, and when they had confessed Christ to be the only true God, they were beheaded in the year 305. St. Hermolaos, along with St. Panteleimon, is one of the Holy Unmercenaries.

PC: Braden/Walsh G: Blankenstein Altar Boys Team A: Samuel, Zacharias, Nathan, Elias, Gavin, Tasso
Clean-up Team 8: Patzke, Rich, Hall I, McKenzie, Downs, Ionescu, Reiter

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.

Katelistas to Stavro Su ton thanaton, i neoxas to listi ton parathison. Ton Miroforon ton thrinon metevalues, ke tis Sis Apostolis kirittin epetaxas, oti anestis Christe o Theos, parehon to kosmo to mega eleos.

Hymn of the Martyrs (4th Mode):

Thy Martyrs, O Lord, in their courageous contest for thee* Received as the prize the crowns of incorruption and life, from Thee, our immortal God. * For since they possessed Thy strength, they cast down the tyrants* and wholly destroyed the demons' strengthless presumption. * O Christ God, by their prayers, save our souls, since thou art merciful.

Hymn of St. Paraskevi (1st Mode):

Showing a diligence befitting thy calling, O namesake of preparedness, thou hast gained, as thy dwelling, a faith worthy of thy name, O prize-winning Paraskevi. Hence, thou pourest forth healings and intercedest for 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 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: Galatians 3:23-29; 4:1-5: (St. Paraskevi: Thursday of the 15th Week):

BRETHREN, before faith came, we were confined under the law, kept under restraint until faith should be revealed. So that the law was our custodian until Christ came, that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a custodian; for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise. I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no better than a slave, though he is the owner of all the estate; but he is under guardians and trustees until the date set by the father. So with us; when we were children, we were slaves to the elemental spirits of the universe. But when the time had fully come, God sent forth his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 14:14-22 (8th Sunday of Matthew):

At that time, Jesus saw a great throng; and he had compassion on them, and healed their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a lonely place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They said to him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass; and taking the five loaves and the two fish he looked up to heaven, and blessed, and broke and gave

the loaves to the crowds. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children. Then he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds.

PARISH ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 26TH

Sunday, July 26th	8th Sunday of Matthew Orthros & Divine Liturgy	8:45 AM
Monday, July 27th	St. Panteleimon NO LITURGY Take N' Bake Fundraiser Meeting	11:00 AM
Wednesday, July 29th	No Choir Practice	
Saturday, August 1st	Dormition Fast Begins Great Vespers	6:00 PM
Sunday, August 2nd	9th 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.

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@stjohnnoc.org.

Bon Voyage! The Tussing family's last Sunday at St John before moving to Boston to attend Holy Cross School of Theology will be Sunday, August 16th. Everyone is encouraged to come to the Parish Dormition Picnic on Saturday, Aug. 15th to say goodbye and wish Steve, Katie and family well before their departure!