

# 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.*

**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, August 15th to say goodbye and wish Steve, Katie and family well before their departure!

**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](mailto:steve.r.tussing@gmail.com) or 503-523-7851.

**Sign up for your Parish Directory photos** on our Parish website under *Major Upcoming Events*. Click the link *Sign up for Picture Time* and follow instructions. 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.

**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](mailto: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!

**You are Invited to the Naming of the Roseburg Mission Parish** on Saturday, September 12th at the Roseburg Mission Chapel (Located upstairs at St. George Episcopal Church, 1024 SE Cass Avenue in Roseburg, Oregon). Pre-Communion Prayers and Divine Liturgy begin at 9:40 AM with Naming Service, Luncheon and Silent Auction to follow. Suggested luncheon donation is \$15 per person. Please RSVP by August 22nd to [RoesburgMission.eventbrite.com](http://RoesburgMission.eventbrite.com).

**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, and dinner. Cocktails and Dinner begin at 5:30 PM. Additional dinner tickets \$50 each. Visit [greekopen.com](http://greekopen.com) to register or to purchase tickets.

**St. John the Baptist 15th Annual Women's Fall Retreat "Marriage & Salvation"** will be held September 25th-27th at the Tilikum retreat center in Newberg, Oregon. This year's speaker will be our own Fr. Theodore Dorrance. Registration is now open at <http://stjohngoc.org/ministries/overview/>. Click the link under the Myrrh Bearers heading and follow instructions.

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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## 10TH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

HOLY APOSTLE MATTHIAS, HOLY FATHER CONSTANTINE, PATRIARCH OF CONSTANTINOPLE,  
THE HOLY HEIROMARTYR JAMES, METROPOLITAN OF RHODES  
AUGUST 9, 2015

First Mode / 10th Morning Gospel

### Holy Apostle Matthias

Judas, by betraying Christ, fell from his apostleship (Acts 1: 25), and out of despair ended his life with a wretched and shameful death (Matt. 27: 5). In order that there would still be Twelve apostles, all the disciples gathered in one place after the Ascension of Christ (120 men and women), and they chose two men, Joseph, called Barsabas, and Matthias. They set Barsabas and Matthias in front of the assembly. Then they prayed to God and cast lots, "and the lot fell upon Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven Apostles" (Acts 1: 15-26). Matthias fulfilled the work of apostleship and the prophecy concerning Judas, which the Holy Spirit foretold by the mouth of David: "And his bishopric let another take" (Ps. 108:7). After Pentecost, Matthias preached the Gospel in Ethiopia, and completed his life there in martyrdom.

**The Holy Dormition of the Theotokos** is commemorated August 15th. The Theotokos was granted to know of her repose before it took place and it was her wish to see each of the twelve apostles beforehand. Accordingly they were miraculously transported from the ends of the earth to where she lived in Jerusalem. After blessing each of them, the Theotokos fell asleep and was buried in a tomb. Then Thomas, who had not arrived with the others, came and wishing to see her face one last time, he requested that the tomb be opened. It was opened and they found that the Theotokos's body was not there. Our church teaches that the Most Holy Mother of God fell asleep (died), rose in bodily form and was taken to Heaven by her Son. This is why we call this feast the Dormition, because after falling asleep, our Lord raised her from the dead, transforming death into sleep. Even in the manner of her death, we see evidence of the holiness of the Theotokos. Orthros & Liturgy for this great feast will be celebrated this coming Saturday morning at 8:00 a.m.

PC: Jungwirth/Mirras G: Chosvig Altar Boys Team C: Tobias, Kyle, Levi, Aiden, Thomas, Petros  
Clean-up Team 10: Wilson, Blankenstein, Smith, Pederson, Hudanish P & J, Hills, Perlmutter N & D, Stovea

## SMALL ENTRANCE HYMNS

### Hymn of Transfiguration (Grave Mode):

You were transfigured on the mountain, O Christ our God, \* showing Your glory to Your disciples as much as they could bear. \* Shine your ever-lasting light upon us sinners, \* through the prayers of the Theotokos, Giver of Light, \* glory to Thee.

### 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.

### Repeat Hymn of Transfiguration

### 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 Transfiguration (Grave Mode):

On the mount Thou wast transfigured, and Thy disciples, as much as they could bear, beheld Thy glory, O Christ our God; that when they should see Thee crucified, they would know Thy passion to be willing, and would preach to the world that Thou, in truth, art the Effulgence of the Father.

### EPISTLE READING: 1 Corinthians 4:9-16 (10th Sunday the Week):

BRETHREN, God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, like men sentenced to death; because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are ill-clad and buffeted and homeless, and we labor, working with our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we try to conciliate; we have become, and are now, as the refuse of the world, the off-scouring of all things. I do not write this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel. I urge you, then, be imitators of me.

### GOSPEL READING: Matthew 17:14-23 (10th Sunday of Matthew):

At that time, a man came up to Him and kneeling before Him said, "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and he suffers terribly; for often he falls into the fire, and often into the water. And I brought him to Your disciples, and they could not heal him." And Jesus answered, "O faithless and perverse generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him here to me." And Jesus rebuked him, and the demon came out of him, and the boy was cured instantly. Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?" He said to them, "Because of your little faith. For truly I say to you, if you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move hence to yonder place,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you. But this kind never comes out except by prayer and fasting." As they were gathering in Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of man is to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill Him, and He will be raised on the third day."

## PARISH ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 9TH

Sunday, August 9th	<b>10th Sunday of Matthew</b> Orthros & Divine Liturgy	8:45 AM
Monday, August 10th	Parish Directory Photos Small Paraklesis Greek Dance Lessons	6:30 PM 7:30 PM
Tuesday, August 11th	Parish Directory Photos Small Paraklesis Strategic Planning Meeting	6:30 PM 7:30 PM
Wednesday, August 12th	Small Paraklesis Greek Open Meeting No Choir Practice	6:30 PM 7:30 PM
Thursday, August 13th	Small Paraklesis Greek Dance Lessons	6:30 PM 7:30 PM
Friday, August 14th	Great Vespers/Litia/Artoclasia	6:30 PM
Saturday, August 15th	<b>Dormition of the Theotokos</b> Orthros & Divine Liturgy Paniyiri Parish Picnic at Cedar Hills Park Great Vespers	8:00 AM 10:30 AM 6:00 PM
Sunday, August 16th	<b>11th Sunday of Matthew</b> Orthros & Divine Liturgy	8:45 AM

**Welcome Visitors!** Stop by our Visitors' Table near the Logos Bookstore so we can welcome you.

**Sunday School Registration has begun!** 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](mailto:jessiecrosby27@gmail.com) with any questions.

**Please remember!** Several children in our community have severe allergies to peanuts & tree nuts. Some of our children are so sensitive that even breathing in airborne particles of allergens causes life threatening reactions. To ensure their protection, please be mindful that St John is a designated PEANUT FREE campus. Thank you for your attention to this and for keeping our community a safe place for all of our parishioners.

**Sunday School is still looking for a Lead and an Assistant Teacher** for our 1st/2nd grade class for the 2015-2016 school year. We are anticipating 15 children in this grade level. An outlined curriculum is available to assist with instruction. If you are interested, please contact Jessie Crosby at [jessiecrosby27@gmail.com](mailto:jessiecrosby27@gmail.com).

**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](mailto:churchoffice@stjohnnoc.org).