

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.

Thank you to everyone who supported the Diaper Drive! We collected 2859 diapers and 4660 baby wipes for First Image, Beaverton's Pregnancy Resource Center and exceeded our goal of 2,000 diapers in the month of August!

Introducing Grab & Give Bags. These bags are intended for St John parishioners and visitors to grab, keep handy in their cars and give to people in need. This will be an ongoing ministry of the Almsgiving Committee. If you're interested in helping put together the bags, please email Jennifer Davis at jennifer@ccmania.com for guidelines.

Take 'n' Bake assembly - our goal is to 100 pans each of Tyropita, Spanakopita & Baklava to support our Building Fund. Please consider signing up for TWO 2-hr shifts offered on the Take n Bake bulletin board.

Take 'n' Bake sales support the Building Fund. This Sunday please stop by the table in the fellowship hall to pick up a packet so that you can share delicious Tyropita, Spanakopita & Baklava with your friends, coworkers and neighbors. Goal is for every household to collect 5 orders. Pre-orders will be accepted at coffee hour and online from Sept. 1st - Oct. 11th. Pick-up begins Sunday, November 1st.

Cappella Romana presents RACHMANINOFF's ALL-NIGHT VIGIL Sung in solemn remembrance of those who lost their lives on 9/11/2001. Free pre-concert talk one hour prior to concert. Saturday, September 12th at 7:30 PM & Sunday, September 13th at 2:30 PM, St. Mary's Cathedral (NW 18th & Couch). Prices start at \$26. Discounts available. Visit cappellaromana.org or call 503-236-8202 for tickets.

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 to register and 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://stjohnnoc.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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14TH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW MIRACLE OF ARCHANGEL MICHAEL AT COLASSAI THE HOLY MARTYR KALOTHOTI SEPTEMBER 6, 2015

Plagal of the First Mode / 3rd Morning Gospel

Nativity of the Theotokos - Tuesday, September 8th

It is fitting that the first and last major feasts of the ecclesiastical year are those of the Nativity and Dormition of the Theotokos respectively. According to the ancient tradition of the Church, the Theotokos was born of the pious couple Joachim and Anna, who, to their great sorrow, were barren for fifty years. They lived prayerfully and kept only a third of their income for themselves, giving a third to the poor and a third to the Temple. Once when they had come to Jerusalem to offer sacrifice at the Temple, Joachim was publicly scorned by the High Priest for his childlessness. Joachim and Anna, greatly grieved, prayed fervently that God would grant them the miracle that he had wrought for Abraham and Sarah, and give them a child in their old age. Then, praying separately in a secluded place, angels appeared to each of them and revealed to them that they would be given a blessed daughter, "by whom all nations will be blessed, and through whom will come the salvation of the world." They both rushed home to tell one another the joyous news, and embraced when they met. Anna conceived and gave birth to the Most Holy Theotokos. Joachim and Anna reposed in peace, not long after they had sent her to live in the Temple in Jerusalem. Sts. Joachim and Anna are commemorated Sept. 9th.

PC: N Poulos/Lindgren G: Blankenstein Altar Boys Team B: Anthony, Christos, Stathi, Nicholas S., Makarios, Nicholas D.
Clean-up Team 4: Corazza, Trumpower, Dunfield, Williams, Gonzales, Ketrenos B & A, Soot, Buckley, Ramzi

SMALL ENTRANCE HYMNS

Resurrectional Hymn for this Sunday (Plagal 1st Mode):

Coeternal with the Father and the Spirit is the Word, Who of a Virgin was begotten for our salvation. As the faithful we both praise and worship Him, for in the flesh did He consent to ascend unto the Cross, and death did He endure, and He raised the dead unto life, through His glorious resurrection. *Ton sinanarhon Logon Patri ke Pnevmati, ton ek Parthenu tekthenta is sotirian imon. Animnisomen pisti ke proskinisomen, oti ivthokise sarki anelthin en to stavro ke thanaton ipomine, ke eyire tus tethneotas en ti en thoxo anastasi Aftu.*

Hymn of the Miracle of the Arch. Michael at Colassai (4th Mode/Thou who wast raised up):

Supreme Commander of the Hosts of the Heavens, * we, the unworthy, importune and beseech thee * that by thy supplications thou encircle us * in the shelter of the wings * of thine immaterial glory, * guarding us who now fall down * and cry to thee with fervor: * Deliver us from dangers of all kinds, * as the great Marshal of the heavenly hosts on high.

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 the Nativity of the Theotokos (4th Mode):

By your holy nativity, O immaculate one, Joachim and Anna were delivered from the reproach of barrenness, and Adam and Eve from the corruption of death. Your people celebrate it, having been saved from the penalty of their transgressions, crying unto you: The barren gives birth to the Theotokos, the nourisher of Life.

EPISTLE READING: 2 Corinthians 1:21-24; 2:1-4 (Sunday of the 14th Week):

BRETHREN, it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has commissioned us; he has put his seal upon us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee. But I call God to witness against me - it was to spare you that I refrained from coming to Corinth. Not that we lord it over your faith; we work with you for your joy, for you stand firm in your faith. For I made up my mind not to make you another painful visit. For if I cause you pain, who is there to make me glad but the one whom I have pained? And I wrote as I did, so that when I came I might not suffer pain from those who should have made me rejoice, for I felt sure of all of you, that my joy would be the joy of you all. For I wrote you out of much affliction and anguish of heart and with many tears, not to cause you pain but to let you know the abundant love that I have for you.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 22:2-14 (14th Sunday of Matthew):

The Lord said this parable, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a marriage feast for his son, and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the marriage feast; but they would not come. Again he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, Behold, I have made ready my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves are killed, and everything is ready; come to the marriage feast.' But they made light of it and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore to the thoroughfares, and invite to the marriage feast as many as you find.' And those servants went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. But when the king

came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment; and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and cast him into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

PARISH ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 6TH

Sunday, September 6th	14th Sunday of Matthew Orthros & Divine Liturgy	8:45AM
Monday, September 7th	Labor Day Holiday - Church Office Closed	
Tuesday, September 8th	Nativity of the Theotokos Orthros & Divine Liturgy *note time and date change Parish Directory Photos	8:30 AM
Wednesday, Septemeber 9th	Parish Directory Photos Choir Practice	7:00 PM
Thursday, September 10th	Senior Ministry Meeting - Young Family Room	11:00 AM
Saturday, September 12th	Roseburg Mission Naming Ceremony Great Vespers Jr. GOYA Kick-off Event	9:40 AM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM
Sunday, September 13th	Sunday before the Elevation of the Cross Orthros & Divine Liturgy Fr. Timothy's 20th Ordination Anniversary Luncheon	8:45 AM 12:00 PM
Monday, September 14th	Exaltation of the Holy Cross Orthros & Divine Liturgy - ASA Attends	7:30 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 with any questions.

This is your last chance to sign up for directory pictures. Five photo sessions are still available on the afternoon of September 9th. Sign up for your picture time 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 with any questions.

Come celebrate with us! We will be hosting a 20th Ordination Anniversary Luncheon honoring Fr. Timothy and his family on Sunday, September 13th after Liturgy. Join us for an afternoon of food, sharing memories and celebrating a most beloved priest. Contact the church office with any questions.

Save the date for the upcoming Bible Seminar! Sunday school and Missions and Evangelism are hosting a seminar on Reading the Scriptures in the Orthodox Church Oct. 16th & 17th. Please contact Jessie Crosby with any questions.