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.

Ducks vs. Beavers Annual Food Drive begins October 11th and runs through November 27th. Each family is asked to donate at least one grocery bag full of food and place it in either the DUCK or BEAVER canister. Last year we collected 681 lbs. Lets beat that this year!

Deadline Reminders from the Church Office: Weekly Bulletin Announcements are due every Thursday by 12:00 noon. Monthly Newsletter articles and announcements are due by the 10th of each month. Dates and times are subject to change. Thank you for your attention to the deadlines and for your help in keeping the Church's activities running smoothly.

Mark your Calendar's for a retreat with Fr. Josiah Trenham entitled *The Bible and the Church: Origin, Inspiration, and use of Holy Scripture.* The retreat will take place Friday, November 13th and Saturday, November 14th at St. John. ***Logos Bookstore will also hold their annual open house where all purchases are 20% off!*** Come listen to an amazing speaker and take advantage of the special sale between the inspirational talks.

"Be the Bee" GOYA Retreat at Camp Angelos will be November 20-22nd. Youth grades 7-12 are invited to attend. Online Registration is now open at *goholytrinity.org*. Contact Christine Whitton at *christine.n.whitton@gmail.com* with any questions.

Our Lost and Found is overflowing! Please check it soon for items that belong to your family. Items remaining after October 11th will be donated to a good cause. Thank you!

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 e-mail Jennifer Davis at *jennifer@ccmania.com* for guidelines.

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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1st Sunday of Luke
The Holy Martyr Kallistratos and those with him
Holy Apostle Aristarchos, Holy Martyr Akylini
September 27, 2015

Plagal of the Fourth Mode / 6th Morning Gospel

Martyr Kallistratos and 49 martyrs with him

Kallistratos was born in Carthage. He was a Christian from birth, for his father and grandfather were Christians. One of Kallistratos' ancestors, Neochorus by name, was a soldier in Jerusalem under Pontius Pilate at the time of the Crucifixion of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Witnessing the many miracles at the time of Christ's death, Neochorus believed in Him, and was instructed in the Faith and baptized by an apostle. Returning home to Carthage, Neochorus brought his Christian Faith with him as a precious pearl. So it was that in time Kallistratos was born, baptized and raised a Christian. While he was in the army, there were no other Christians in his regiment besides him. One of his companions, seeing how St. Kallistratos arose at night and prayed to God, reported him as a Christian to the commander, Persentinian. Persentinian was a cruel torturer of Christians. In order to confirm that Kallistratos was indeed a Christian, the commander ordered him to offer sacrifice to the idols, which Kallistratos straightway refused to do. He was then severely beaten and thrown into the sea. However, the power of God saved him, and he emerged from the sea in sound health. Seeing Kallistratos's endurance and miracles, forty-nine other soldiers came to believe in Christ. They were beaten and thrown into prison with Kallistratos. In prison Kallistratos taught his companions the Faith, and strengthened them. They displayed great bravery in suffering, and the Lord manifested great power through them. Then the evil torturer sent soldiers to the prison by night, and they slew St. Kallistratos and his forty-nine companions. They suffered for the truth in the year 304. A church was later built over their relics.

PC: Patzke/Davis/ Taylor G: Goldman Altar Boys Team E: Alexander, Gabriel, Yoas, Pavlos, Noah
Clean-up Team 7: Gebrehiwot, Hailey, Jungwirth, Deming, Russo, Walters, Hall I, Stebner, Dale

Small Entrance Hymns

Resurrectional Hymn for this Sunday (Plagal 4th Mode):
From on high did You descend, O merciful Lord; for us did You endure, three days in the tomb, that we may be released from passions in this world, You Who are our resurrection and our life: Glory unto You, O Lord. *Ex ipsus katilthes, o Efsplagnos. Tafin katethexo triimeros, ina imas eleftherosis ton pathon. I zoi ke i anastasis imon, Kirie, thoxa Si.*

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. 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: 2 Corinthians 6:16-18; 7:1 (17th Sunday of the Week):
BRETHREN, you are the temple of the living God; as God said, "I will live in them and move among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Therefore come out from them, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch nothing unclean; then I will welcome you, and I will be a father to you, and you shall be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty." Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, and make holiness perfect in the fear of God.

GOSPEL READING: Luke 5:1-11 (1st Sunday of Luke):
At that time, Jesus was standing by the lake of Gennesaret. And he saw two boats by the lake; but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. And when he had ceased speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." And when they had done this, they enclosed a great shoal of fish; and as their nets were breaking, they beckoned to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." For he was astonished, and all who were with him, at the catch of fish which they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; henceforth you will be catching men." And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

Parish Activities For the Week of September 27th

Sunday, September 27th	**1st Sunday of Luke**	
	Orthros & Divine Liturgy	8:45 AM
	Sunday School/Theology 101	12:15 PM
Monday, September 28th	Young Adult Meeting @ the Dorrance Home	6:30 PM
Tuesday, September 29th	Bible Study	9:30 AM
	Tyropita Assembly	10:30 AM
	Almsgiving Committee Meeting	7:00 PM
Wednesday, September 30th	Choir Practice	7:00 PM
	Greek Open Meeting	7:00 PM
Friday, October 2nd	Holy Trinity Greek Festival Begins	10:00 AM
Saturday, October 3rd	Hillier/Poulos Baptisms **followed by cake reception**	3:00 PM
	Nikitas Sardis' & Aly Weiser-Lilly's Memorials	4:45 PM
	Great Vespers **note time change**	5:00 PM
Sunday, October 4th	**2nd Sunday of Luke**	
	Orthros & Divine Liturgy	8:45 AM
	Sunday School/Theology 101	12:15 PM

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

Please NOTE: Theology 101 will now be held in the South Fellowship hall each Sunday due to Sunday School classroom changes.

ONLY THREE SUNDAYS left to place orders for delicious Take N Bake offerings. If every household can collect 5 orders, we'll reach our fund-raising goal. See Christina Blankenstein at the Take N Bake table to place your own order or turn in forms.

Please Join us for the joint baptism of cousins Anastasia Hillier and Panagiotis Poulos on Saturday, October 3rd at 3:00 PM at St. John. A cake reception will follow to celebrate this joyous occasion. Great Vespers will begin at 5:00 PM on October 3rd.

Holy Trinity Greek Festival will take place October 2nd -4th. If you would like to volunteer, please visit the sign up link *http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4eadac22a7fc1-greek*. Contact Chris Perlmutter for any questions at *chris.perlmutter@gmail.com*.

Reading the Scriptures in the Orthodox Church is a seminar that will be hosted by Sunday school and Missions & Evangelism on October 16th & 17th. This two-day seminar is intended to help the Orthodox Christian reader and teacher receive a basic background of the Holy Scriptures. Please contact Jessie Crosby with any questions.

Monthly Newsletter Correction: The Prosforo Workshop will take place Saturday, November 21st. The incorrect date was listed in the Monthly Newsletter "Mark Your Calendars" section. Thank you.