

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.

Young Adults: Please mark your calendars for Monday, November 9th, at 6:30p.m. We will be continuing our book study with Father Theodore on Repentance and Confession, by Hieromonk Gregorios at the Dorrance home. Please contact Beth Carper or Carlos Esparza with any questions.

Mark your Calendars 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. **Volunteers are needed!** Let's all work together as a parish to show hospitality to our visitors. Sign up on the rolling bulletin board in the South Fellowship Hall or call the church office to let us know where you can help. There is no set cost for attending. You will have the opportunity to help fund the event by giving a free will offering each night. Thank you in advance!

Logos Bookstore will hold their Annual Open House on Friday, November 13th and Saturday, November 14th during Fr. Josiah's *The Bible and the Church* retreat. Come listen to an amazing speaker and take advantage of the bookstore Open House between the inspirational talks.

Prosforo Workshop 2015 will be held on Saturday, November 21st at 12:30 PM after Liturgy. Come learn how to bake prosfora as an offering for this blessed sacrament. Men, women and young adults are highly encouraged to attend as more prosfora bakers are needed! Are you already a baker who would like tips on how to better your results? Call or e-mail the Church Office to sign up!

Do you have SEO and/or Google Analytics knowledge? ASA is looking for a volunteer to help us increase our school's website (WordPress) visibility. Contact the office 503-641-4600 or info@asapdx.org to lend a hand and teach us a few tricks to keep it going long-term.

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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5TH SUNDAY OF LUKE THE HOLY WONDERWORKING UNMERCENARIES COSMAS & DAMIAN AND THEIR MOTHER THEODOTA OUR RIGHTEOUS FATHER DAVID OF EUVIA

NOVEMBER 1, 2015

Plagal of the First Mode / 11th Morning Gospel

Saints Cosmas and Damian

Unmercenaries and wonderworkers, they were brothers in the flesh and in the spirit, born somewhere in Asia of a pagan father and a Christian mother. After their father's death, their mother Theodota devoted all her time and energy to the upbringing of her sons as true Christians. God helped her, and her sons grew as two choice fruits and as two holy lamps. They were skilled in medicine and ministered to the sick without payment, and so fulfilled Christ's command: 'Freely have ye received; freely give' (Matt. 10:8). They were so strict in their unpaid ministry to men that Cosmas became greatly enraged with his brother Damian when he took three eggs from a woman, Palladia, and gave orders that, after his death, he should not be buried with his brother. In fact, holy Damian had not taken those eggs as a reward for healing Palladia's sickness, but because she had sworn by the Most Holy Trinity that he should have them. However, after their death in Feremean, they were buried together in obedience to a revelation from God. These two holy brothers were great wonderworkers both during their lifetime and after their death. A farm labourer, on lying down to sleep at one time, was attacked by a snake, which entwined itself around his mouth and stomach. This poor man would have breathed his last in the greatest torment had he not at the last moment invoked the help of Saints Cosmas and Damian. Thus the Lord glorified forever by miracles those who glorified Him here on earth by their faith, purity and mercy.

PC: N Poulos/Crosby G: Becker Altar Boys Team E: Alexander, Gabriel, Yoas, Pavlos, Noah, Peter
Clean-up Team 2: Wood, Barnes, Morgan, Powell, Stinman, Gillespie, Muzik, Poulos N & A

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 Unmercenaries (Plagal 4th Mode):

O holy Unmercenaries and wonderworkers, visit our infirmities; freely ye received, freely give to us.

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: 1 Corinthians 12:27-31; 13:1-8: (Of the Holy Unmercenaries):

Brethren, you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then workers of miracles, then healers, helpers, administrators, speakers in various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? But earnestly desire the higher gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way. If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. Love is patient and kind; love is not jealous or boastful; it is not arrogant or rude. Love does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrong but rejoices in the right. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.

GOSPEL READING: Luke 16:19-31: (5th Sunday of Luke):

The Lord said, "There was a rich man, who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, full of sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table; moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried; and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes, and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus in his bosom. And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy upon me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in anguish in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not

be able, and none may cross from there to us.' And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' But Abraham said, 'They have Moses, and the prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if some one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to them, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced if some one should rise from the dead.'"

PARISH ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 1ST

Sunday, November 1st	5th Sunday of Luke Orthros & Divine Liturgy Oratorical Festival Meeting <i>*Immediately after Liturgy*</i> Sunday School/Theology 101	8:45 AM 12:15 PM
Tuesday, November 3rd	Bible Study Philoptochos Informational Meeting	9:30 AM 7:00 PM
Wednesday, November 4th	Choir Practice	7:00 PM
Friday, November 6th	Moms & Tots Bible Study	10:30 AM
Saturday, November 7th	Fall Parish Clean-Up Great Vespers Jr. GOYA Fireside Chat <i>Location TBD</i>	9:00 AM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM
Sunday, November 8th	7th Sunday of Luke Orthros & Divine Liturgy Sunday School/Theology 101	8:45 AM 12:15 PM

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

Calling all 6-12th grade parents and students! Please come to a brief informational meeting TODAY about this year's Oratorical Festival with Jill H. We will meet at the beginning of Sunday School in the church.

Women of the parish... Please attend the Philoptochos Informational Meeting Tuesday, November 3rd at 7pm, led by Jeannie Ranglas, San Francisco Metropolis Philoptochos President. Please do not miss this historic event!!!

Thank you all for supporting SAMP - Support a Mission Priest - Last week collected more than \$400 to support this OCMC program. This money will support the livelihood of Indigenous Mission Priests in developing countries. If you still wish to contribute or would like more information: see Deacon Innocent.

REMEMBER! Bring back a full bag of non-perishable food items for the *Ducks vs. Beavers Food Drive* benefitting the Oregon Food Bank.

Parish Spring Clean-up Saturday November 7 from 9am-Noon. Please come and help get the church cleaned up and ready for the start of the Nativity Fast. Just a few hours by many makes the work fun, fast and easy. Bring your cleaning gloves and any special supplies you might like to use. Snacks and treats will be served at noon. If you have questions, see Robert Crosby.