BLESSED VETERANS DAY! Thank you to all of our veterans for your service to our country!

TASSO THE TURKEY is warming up and has collected $204 of feathers. Your donation to help dress Tasso (on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall) will provide help to families in our parish who are facing financial need. This fundraiser will run thru Sunday Nov 18. May God bless Tasso with a beautiful coat of feathers!

NATIVITY FAST BEGINS this week on Thursday, November 15. Please make attending the morning services a part of your Nativity Fast, and take part in the Sacrament of Confession.

LOGOS BOOKSTORE SALE ENDS TODAY: Last chance to receive a 20% discount!

DUCK VS. BEAVER FOOD AND BOTTLE DROP DRIVE Show your team spirit and support two worthy causes: the Oregon Food Bank's food drive and ASA through bottle & can deposits. Bring non-perishable foods and bottles/ cans to the decorated barrels in the fellowship hall.

MOTHERHOOD MINISTRY MORNING FELLOWSHIP ... on Wednesday, November 14 at 10:00 am. Paraskevi Whitton will talk about "The Ways We Nurture our Children." Babysitting & light snack are provided.

JOY BOWLING at Kingpins Family Entertainment Center in Cedar Hills on Friday, November 16 at 4:00 pm. All children from grades 3 to 5 are welcome to join the fun!

JR. GOYA FELLOWSHIP (grades 6-8) Saturday, November 17 following Vespers here at the church. See Shannon Rush with questions.

CROSSROADS MINISTRY POTLUCK LUNCHEON is planned for Monday November 19 at 11:00 am. Our speakers will be Holy Trinity Cathedral's head priest and youth director: Fr. Paul Paris and Nima Duncan.

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS PARAKLESIS & DIINNER: Please join us on Friday, November 30 at 6:30 pm at the church for Paraklesis. Following the service we'll enjoy dinner at the Braden home and discussion with Fr. Matthew. RSVP to youthdirector@stjohngoc.org

GATHER AND DECORATE FOR CHRISTMAS: Philoptochos welcomes all women to have fellowship on Wednesday, November 28 at 7:00 pm. We'll trim the tree, sip tea, and sign cards for our away college students.

ST. NICHOLAS CAROLING PARTY and All Church Potluck on Saturday, December 1 after Vespers. Come and enjoy your Church family by sharing a meal, singing, and a special appearance of St. Nicholas! Lenten Potluck sign up sheets are on the standing bulletin board.

2018 KENYAN YOUTH MISSION TEAM… departs on November 28. Please pray for Eleni, Vicki, and Marty, that God grant them wisdom to influence the children with our Orthodox values; that they will begin to make positive choices leading to Gods glory in all things.

THE MISSION STATEMENT OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

The mission of St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church is to reach out and welcome all people to live an Orthodox Christian life, grow spiritually, and become disciples of Jesus Christ through serving others.

PC: Crosby/Chiprout/Weick Altar Servers Team B: Christos, Elias, Judah, Makarios, Vanya
G: Dale/Lubliner Clean-Up Team 2: Gebrehiwot, Weick, Dale, Carper

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Saint Menas of Egypt • Saints Victor and Stephanie of Damascus

The Holy Great Martyr Menas of Egypt, an Egyptian by birth, was a military officer and served in Phrygia under the centurion Firmilian during the reign of the emperors Diocletian (284-305) and Maximian (305-311). When the emperors began the fiercest persecution against Christians in history, the saint refused to serve these persecutors. He removed his soldier's belt (a sign of military rank) and withdrew to a mountain, where he lived an ascetic life of fasting and prayer. Once he happened to arrive in the city during a pagan festival. At the climax of the games the saint's accusing voice rang out, preaching faith in Christ, the Savior of the world. At his trial before the prefect Pyrrhus, the saint bravely confessed his faith, saying that he had come to denounce the impious. The prefect was angered, and had Menas arrested. Pyrrhus offered to restore the saint's former rank if he would offer sacrifice to the pagan gods. When he refused, he was put to cruel tortures, then he was beheaded. This occurred in the year 304. Christians gathered up the martyr's relics by night and hid them until the end of the persecution. Later, they were brought to Egypt and placed in a church dedicated to Saint Menas southwest of Alexandria. The saint received grace from God to work miracles, and to help those in need. Saint Menas is noted for healing various illnesses, delivering people from possession by demons, and as a protector, especially during times of war. We also ask his help in finding lost objects.

The Holy Martyr Victor at Damascus was a soldier during the reign of the emperor Marcus Aurelius the Philosopher (161-180). When the emperor began a persecution against Christians, Victor refused to offer sacrifice to the pagan gods. The saint was given over to torture, but he came through all the torments unharmed. By the power of prayer he was victorious over a sorcerer, who then gave up give sorcery and became a Christian. Through Saint Victor's prayers, blind soldiers suddenly received their sight. Witnessing the miracle, Stephanie, the young Christian wife of one of the torturers, openly glorified Christ, for which she was condemned to a cruel death. She was tied to two palm trees bent to the ground, which when released, sprung back and tore her apart. She was fifteen years old. The martyrs suffered in the second century at Damascus, where their venerable relics were buried.

WELCOME VISITORS to the original Christian Church. At St. John the Baptist you will experience the sacred worship of God as it has taken place for 2,000 years. Our community is a dynamic witness of authentic Christianity, and we welcome all people.

Please note that Holy Communion is reserved **only** for baptized and chrismated Orthodox Christians who have properly prepared—through prayer, fasting and regular Confession—to receive the Sacrament. However everyone may receive blessed bread at the end of the Divine Liturgy. If you have any questions about your experience, please see our visitors table during fellowship or speak with one of our clergy.

SMALL ENTRANCE HYMNS

Resurrectional Hymn (Grave Mode)
O Lord, by Your sacred Cross You abolished death, and granted unto the thief blessed paradise. The Myrrh-bearers 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 evermore.

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

Hymn for Sts. Menas, Victor, and Vincent the Martyrs (4th Mode, *Be quick to anticipate*)
Thy Martyrs, O Lord, in their great contest for Thee received as the prize the crowns of incorruption and life from Thee our immortal God. For since they possessed They 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 of the Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple (4th mode / *Thou Who wast raised up*)
The sacred treasury of God's holy glory, the greatly precious bridal chamber and Virgin, the Savior's most pure temple, free of stain and undefiled, into the House of the Lord on this day is brought forward and brings with herself the grace of the Most Divine Spirit; God's Angels hymn her with songs of praise, for she is truly the heavenly tabernacle.

EPISTLE READING

II Corinthians 4: 6-15 (Eighth Sunday of Luke)
Brethren, it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. For while we live we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you. Since we have the same spirit of faith as he had who wrote, "I believed, and so I spoke," we too believe, and so we speak, knowing that He who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into His presence. For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 10: 25-37 (Eighth Sunday of Luke)
At that time, a lawyer stood up to put Jesus to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read?" And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And He said to him, "You have answered right; do this, and you will live." But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was; and when he saw him, he had compassion, and went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; then he set him on his own beast and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' Which of these three, do you think, proved neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed mercy on him." And Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

PARISH ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, November 11
- **Orthros & Divine Liturgy** 8:45 AM
- Sunday School 12:00 PM
- Theology 101 Adult Education with Dr. Timothy Patitsas 12:00 PM

Tuesday, November 13
- Bible Study 10:00 AM
- **Orthros & Divine Liturgy for St. Phillip the Apostle** 5:30 PM
- Potluck dinner following Liturgy

Wednesday, November 14
- Motherhood Ministry Morning Fellowship 10:00 AM

Thursday, November 15
- **Nativity Fast Begins**
- **Liturgy (with Communion Prayers)** 6:30 AM
- Philoptochos Board Meeting 3:00 PM

Friday, November 16
- **Orthros & Divine Liturgy for Apostle & Evangelist Matthew** 7:30 AM
- GOYA Monastery Retreat
- JOY Bowling at KingPins 4:00 PM

Saturday, November 17
- No Choir Practice
- **Great Vespers** 5:00 PM
- Jr. GOYA Fellowship 6:00 PM

Sunday, November 18
- **Orthros & Divine Liturgy** 8:45 AM
- Sunday School 12:00 PM
- Theology 101 Adult Education 12:00 PM