FR. MATTHEW AT SUMMER CAMP: On July 20-31, Fr. Matthew will be in California for the metropolis summer camp and for time with family. Please contact Holy Trinity Cathedral if you have any urgent pastoral needs.

GOYA FARM PARTY is today at 5:30 pm at the Rich's Farm.

ASA PLAYDATE IN THE PARK The children of ASA and St. John will be having fun at Cooper Mountain Nature Park on Tuesday, July 16 at 2:00 pm.

MOM'S NIGHT OUT will gather for a potluck at Jill Hudanish's home on Thursday, July 25 at 6:30 pm. All moms are invited for this wonderful fellowship time.

COORDINATOR NEEDED: The Dormition of the Theotokos Feast Day Potluck Picnic, tentatively scheduled for Saturday, August 17, is in need of a coordinator. The date is fast approaching! We will not be able to celebrate this important feast without someone to organize it. Charity Reiter is available to answer any questions that you might have. Or contact the church office to volunteer.

SALEM SUNDAYS - Join other St. John families to visit the Salem Greek Orthodox Mission on Aug 4, or Sept 1. To sign up call Thomaida at 503-277-3928. Visit to learn about and encourage the growth of Orthodoxy in our state capital.

SUMMER FELLOWSHIP HOSTS: As we enter the warm days of summer, don't forget to show your ***Philoxenia*** ("Love for Strangers") by hosting a Sunday fellowship. Don't let our summer visitors leave with an empty stomach. Pick a day and sign up on the fellowship sign-up sheet, posted by the kitchen doorway.

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: Dale/Stebner/Chosvig Altar Servers Team A: Noah, Athanasios, Basil VS, Peter, Owen
G: Lubliner N. & K. & Black Clean-Up Team 9:Poulos, Perlmutter N&D, Powell, Reiter, Rush

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Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the Fourth Ecumenical Council • St. Aquila, Apostle of the 70

On the Sunday that falls between the 13th to the 19th of July, we commemorate the 630 Holy and God-bearing Fathers who came together for the Fourth Ecumenical Council of Chalcedon in 451 to uphold the correct understanding of the two natures of Christ. They were specifically concerned with the heresy of Monophysitism, which overemphasized the divine nature of Christ, at the expense of His human nature. As a result of their divinely-inspired council, they offer us this comprehensive confession of the Person of Christ:

"Following the holy Fathers, we unanimously teach and confess one and the same Son, our Lord Jesus Christ: the same perfect in divinity and perfect in humanity, the same truly God and truly man, composed of rational soul and body; consubstantial with the Father as to his divinity and consubstantial with us as to his humanity; 'like us in all things but sin.' He was begotten from the Father before all ages as to his divinity and in these last days, for us and for our salvation, was born as to his humanity of the Virgin Mary, the Theotokos (Mother of God). We confess that one and the same Christ, Lord, and only-begotten Son, is to be acknowledged in two natures without confusion, change, division, or separation. The distinction between natures was never abolished by their union, but rather the character proper to each of the two natures was preserved as they came together in one person (*prosopon*) and one hypostasis."

Saint Aquila, who was from Pontus of Asia Minor, was a Jew by race and a tent-maker by trade. In the year 52 he and his wife Priscilla were in Corinth when Saint Paul first came there. They gave him hospitality, and the Apostle remained with them for many days, himself working at the same trade as they (Acts 18:2-3). And having believed in Christ through Paul, they followed him from that time on, working together with him and suffering perils with him for the sake of the preaching of the Gospel, as he himself testifies concerning them in his Epistle to the Romans, saying: "Greet Priscilla and Aquila, my helpers in Christ Jesus: who have for my life laid down their own necks: unto whom not only I give thanks, but also all the churches of the nations" (Rom. 16:3-4). When and where they reposed is unknown.

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 (Third Mode)
Let all things above in heaven rejoice; let all things below on earth be glad. With all the might and strength of His arm, an eternal deed the Lord did perform. Beneath His feet He has trampled down death by death. And firstborn of the dead has He become. From the depths of Hades has He delivered us, and to all the world has granted His great redeeming mercy.

Effrenestho ta urania, agalliastho ta epigia, oti epiise kratos en vrahioni aftu o Kyrios. Epatise to thanato ton thanaton, prototokos ton nekron eyeneto, ek kilias Adthu erisato imas ke paresche to kosmo to mega eleos.

Hymn of the Holy Fathers (Plagal Fourth Mode)
Most glorified art Thou, O Christ our God, Who hast established our Fathers as luminous stars upon the earth, and through them didst guide us all to the true Faith. O Most Merciful One, glory be to Thee.

Hymn of St. John the Baptist (Second 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 Theotokos (Second 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

Titus 3:8-15 (Sunday of Fathers of 4th Council)
Titus, my son, the saying is sure. I desire you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to apply themselves to good deeds; these are excellent and profitable to men. But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels over the Law, for they are unprofitable and futile. As for a man who is factious, after admonishing him once or twice, have nothing more to do with him, knowing that such a person is perverted and sinful; he is self-condemned. When I send Artemas or Tychicos to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; see that they lack nothing. And let our people learn to apply themselves to good deeds, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful. All who are with me send greeting to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 5:14-19 (Sunday of the Fathers of the 4th Council)
The Lord said to his disciples, "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. Think not that I have come to abolish the Law and the prophets; I have come not to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. Whoever then relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but he who does them and teaches them shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven."

PARISH ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, July 14
- **Orthros** 8:45 AM
- **Divine Liturgy** 10:00 AM
- Baptism of Stephanos Noah Athanasakis 1:00 PM
- GOYA Farm Party 5:30 PM

Tuesday, July 16
- No Bible Study
- ASA Playdate in the Park at Cooper Mountain Nature Park 2:00 PM
- Parish Council Meeting 7:00 PM

Thursday, July 18
- **Orthros & Divine Liturgy for St. Elizabeth the New Martyr** 7:30 AM

Friday, July 19
- Philoptochos Board Meeting 10:30 AM

Saturday, July 20
- Fr. Matthew to Metropolis Summer Camp through July 31
- **Great Vespers** 5:00 PM

Sunday, July 21
- **Orthros** 8:45 AM
- **Divine Liturgy** 10:00 AM