INTERNATIONAL ORTHODOXY—THE CHURCH IN KENYA: Today the fellowship will be dedicated to the work of the Orthodox Christian Missions Center (OCMC) in Western Kenya. Please be generous in your support!

THEOLOGY 101 4-PART SERIES: Part 3 of, A Historical Background of the Gospels—*"Everything You Wanted to Know About the Pharisees, Sadducees, and Zealots, but were Afraid to Ask."* Presented by Lazarus Chiprout.

CELEBRATE THE SAINTS! Come to services:

- Apostle James the Brother of the Lord on Wednesday (7:15 am Orthros, 8:15 am Liturgy)
- Great Martyr Demetrios the Myrrh-Streaming on Saturday (8:30 am Orthros, 9:30 am Liturgy)

BASICS OF ORTHODOXY… continues this Wednesday, 7:00-8:00 pm, with Church History.

PARAKLESIS SERVICE TO THE PANAGIA: We will have our monthly Paraklesis on the last Friday, October 26 at 6:30 pm.

YOUTH WORKER LUNCH & TRAINING: This Saturday, October 26 at 11:00 am we will have lunch and a ***required*** training for anyone who works with our youth. Please plan to attend.

HOW CAN YOU HELP THE HOMELESS? Visit the Family Promise bulletin board during fellowship to sign up to volunteer on December 15-22, when our parish hosts families experiencing homelessness.

DUCKS VS. BEAVERS ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE ... benefiting the Oregon Food Bank runs through the end of the month. Each week place your bag of food in the DUCK or BEAVER food barrel. All donations should be non-perishable and cannot be in glass. Let's all score points in helping our local community!

MEN'S CHANTERELLE MUSHROOM HUNT: On Saturday, November 2, we'll meet for breakfast at 9:00 am at Hits the Spot Café, 10355 NW Glencoe Rd. in North Plains. We'll then caravan/carpool to the hunt location. Bring a knife, bag, brightly colored hat and/or jacket and rain boots. RSVP to Brandon or just show up. This is a rain or shine event, so bring your gear!

FR. MATTHEW GONE NEXT WEEK ... at the national clergy retreat in Texas, Monday-Saturday, October 28 to November 2. For pastoral emergencies please contact Holy Trinity.

OFFICE CLOSED—CHANGE OF DATES: The church office will be closed Tuesday, October 22 to Friday, November 1. (Due to a change in scheduling, the office has not yet been closed.)

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: VanSickle/Moffitt/Corazza Altar Servers Team B: Christos, Elias, Petros, Levi, Thomas S., Makarios, Vanya
G: Gebrehiwot & Moffit Clean-Up Team 11: Stinman, Taylor, Stebner, Rusinaru, Trumpower

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October 20, 2019

St. Gerasimos of Kefalonia • St. Artemios the Great Martyr

Saint Gerasimos the New Ascetic of Kefalonia was born in the village of Trikala in the Peloponessos in the 16th Century. As a young adult, he became a monk on the island of Zakynthos. On the Mount Athos he became a schemamonk and studied with the ascetics. Receiving a blessing from the elders, he went to Jerusalem to worship at the life-bearing tomb of the Savior. After visiting many holy places in Jerusalem, Mount Sinai, Antioch, Damascus, Alexandria and Egypt, he returned to Jerusalem where he became a lamp-lighter at the Sepulcher of the Lord. The monk was ordained a deacon and then a priest by Germanos, Patriarch of Jerusalem (1534-1579). St. Gerasimos kept the discipline of an ascetic. For solitude he withdrew to the Jordan, where he spent forty days without respite. Having received the patriarch's blessing for a life of silence, St. Gerasimos withdrew to Zakynthos in solitude, eating only vegetation. After 5 years he was inspired to go the island of Kefalonia, where he lived in a cave. He restored a church at Omala, and he founded a women's monastery where he lived in constant toil and vigil for 30 years. He prayed on bent knees stretched out on the ground. For his exalted life he was granted the miraculous gift of healing the sick and casting out unclean spirits. At 71 years of age, the venerable Gerasimos knew that he would soon die. He gave his blessing to the nuns and peacefully fell asleep in the Lord on August 15, 1579. Two years later, his grave was opened and his holy relics were found fragrant and incorrupt with a healing power. Since the Feast of the Dormition falls on August 15, St. Gerasimos is commemorated on August 16. On October 20 we celebrate the uncovering of his holy relics in 1581.

Saint Artemios the Great Martyr lived during the years of St. Constantine the Great, and was appointed by him to be Governor of Alexandria; later, he was honored with the rank of patrician. St. Artemios was sent by the Emperor Constantios to bring the relics of the holy Apostle Andrew from Patras, and the relics of the holy Apostle Luke from Thebes, to Constantinople. The holy relics were placed in the Church of the Holy Apostles beneath the table of oblation. The emperor rewarded him by making him ruler of Egypt. During the reign of Julian the Apostate, in the year 361, Artemios appeared before the emperor and censured him for his apostasy. For this, he endured many torments and was finally beheaded.

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 (1st Mode)
The stone had been sealed before Your tomb by the Jews, and the soldiers guarding did watch o'er Your pure and sacred body. O Savior, the third day You arose, and unto all the world did You give life. Whereby all the heavenly powers did proclaim that You are the giver of life. Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ. Glory to Your kingdom. Glory to Your dispensation, O You alone Who loves all.

Tu lithu sfragisthentos ipo ton Iudtheon, ke stratioton filassonton to ahranton Su soma. Anestis tri-imeros Sotir, dthorumenos to kosmo tin zo-in, dthia tuto e dthinamis ton uranon evo-on Si zo-odthota. Dthoxa ti Anastasi Su Christe. Dthoxa ti vasilia Su. Dthoxa ti ikonomia Su, mone Filanthrope.

Hymn of St. Gerasimos of Kefalonia (1st Mode)
Let us the faithful praise the divine Gerasimos, who has been newly revealed to us as a protector of the Orthodox, an angel in the flesh and a God-bearing wonderworker. For he worthily received from God the unfailing gift of healing; he restores the ailing and heals demoniacs. Wherefore, he pours forth healings up on them that honor him.

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 Theotokos (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

II Corinthians 9: 6-11 (Sixth Sunday Luke)
Brethren, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work. As it is written, "He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures for ever." He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your resources and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for great generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 8: 26-39 (Sixth Sunday of Luke)
At that time, as Jesus arrived at the country of the Gadarenes, there met Him a man from the city who had demons; for a long time he had worn no clothes and he lived not in a house but among the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before Him, and said with a loud voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beseech you, do not torment me." For He had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him; he was kept under guard, and bound with chains and fetters, but he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the desert.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss. Now a large herd of swine was feeding there on the hillside; and they begged Him to let them enter these. So He gave them leave. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned. When the herdsmen saw what happened, they fled, and told it in the city and in the country. Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. And those who had seen it told them how he who had been possessed with demons was healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gadarenes asked Him to depart from them; for they were seized with great fear; so He got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with Him; but He sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.

PARISH ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20
- **Orthros** 8:45 AM
- **Divine Liturgy** 10:00 AM
- Sunday School 12:00 PM
- Theology 101 Adult Education: Historical Background Gospels 12:00 PM
- Monastery Builders Benefit Dinner in the Dalles 5:30 PM

Tuesday, October 22
- Church Office Closed (Oct 22-Nov 1)
- Bible Study 10:00 AM
- Parish Council Meeting 7:00 PM

Wednesday, October 23
- **Orthros** 7:15 AM
- **Divine Liturgy for the Apostle James the Brother of the Lord** 8:30 AM
- Coffee Hour hosted by ASA and the Motherhood Ministry 9:30 AM
- Wednesday Evening Study: Basics of Orthodoxy 7:00 PM

Friday, October 25
- **Paraklesis to the Theotokos** 6:30 PM

Saturday, October 26
- **Orthros** 8:30AM
- **Divine Liturgy for Great Martyr Demetrios the Myrrh-Streaming** 9:30 AM
- Youth Worker Lunch & Training 11:00 AM
- Choir Practice 4:00 PM
- **Great Vespers** 5:00 PM

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27
- **Orthros** 8:45 AM
- **Divine Liturgy** 10:00 AM
- Sunday School 12:00 PM
- Theology 101 Adult Education: Historical Background Gospels 12:00 PM