ANNOUNCEMENTS

LAST DAY TO DONATE TO MISSION TO AMERICA: We have reached $3,300 of our parish goal of $5,000, to fund tangible projects at each of our six mission parishes in the metropolis. Donate through the link in the weekly email or the office.

FEAST DAYS—HOLY TRINITY CHURCH AND ST. JOHN MONASTERY: On Holy Spirit Monday, June 21, celebrate the feast day of Holy Trinity Cathedral in Portland with Orthros & Liturgy at 8:30 am at Holy Trinity. St. John the Forerunner Monastery will celebrate its feast day with Vigil (Vespers & Orthros) on Wednesday, June 23 at 6:00 pm and Divine Liturgy on Thursday, June 24 at 8:00 am. ***There will be no services here at St. John Church on these days.***

FR. MATTHEW OUT OF TOWN: Fr. Matthew will take vacation on June 21-22, then he will be at the monastery feast day, June 23-24. For pastoral emergencies, please contact Holy Trinity.

MOMS NIGHT OUT: I would like to extend and invitation to be added to the Moms Night Out email list. Moms can email me to be added marine.samantha@gmail.com

PREPARE TO RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT TODAY! At 12:30 pm, we will celebrate the Vespers of the Holy Spirit, commonly called the Kneeling Vespers because of three beautiful and theologically profound prayers which are said while kneeling. (This is also the first time that we will kneel since before Pascha.) This is a very important and spiritually beneficial service, so please make every effort to attend.

LOGOS BOOKSTORE MINISTRY SEEKS HELPERS: The bookstore has continued to grow to the point that this ministry needs additional volunteers. If you would like to offer your time in serving this rewarding ministry, please email logosbookstore@stjohngoc

NOMINATIONS ARE NOW OPEN for Sts. Mary and Martha Philoptochos 2021 Board of Directors. Members should have received an email with Diane Cherry on Wednesday. Any members interested in serving on the Board of Directors should forward their name to Sandy Duchow-Pressley pdxdps@gmail.com by **JUNE 27**. Questions? Please contact one of the current board members: Charity, Sophia , Jennifer D., Lois, Carmen, or Diane

HELPERS NEEDED to continue blessing of Bread Mondays at 3:15pm. Volunteers wrap and store beautiful breads and pastries. Dates available through October. The link to sign up is in the weekly email.

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.

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June 20, 2021

Holy Pentecost

The story of Pentecost is found in the book of The Acts of the Apostles. We are told that the Apostles of our Lord were gathered together in one place. Suddenly, a sound came from heaven like a rushing wind, filling the entire house where they were sitting. Then, tongues of fire appeared, and one sat upon each one of Apostles. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as directed by the Spirit.

This miraculous event occurred on the Jewish Feast of Pentecost, celebrated by the Jews on the fiftieth day after the Passover as the culmination of the Feast of Weeks (Exodus 34:22; Deuteronomy 16:10). The Feast of Weeks began on the third day after the Passover with the presentation of the first harvest sheaves to God, and it concluded on Pentecost with the offering of two loaves of unleavened bread, representing the first products of the harvest (Leviticus 23:17-20; Deuteronomy 16:9-10).

Since the Jewish Feast of Pentecost was a great pilgrimage feast, many people from throughout the Roman Empire were gathered in Jerusalem on this day. When the people in Jerusalem heard the sound, they came together and heard their own languages being spoken by the Apostles. The people were amazed, knowing that some of those speaking were Galileans, and not men who would normally speak many different languages. They wondered what this meant, and some even thought the Apostles were drunk. Peter, hearing these remarks, stood up and addressed the crowd. He preached to the people regarding the Old Testament prophecies about the coming of the Holy Spirit. He spoke about Jesus Christ and His death and glorious Resurrection. Great conviction fell upon the people, and they asked the Apostles, "What shall we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit".

The Bible records that on that day about three thousand were baptized. Following, the book of Acts states that the newly baptized continued daily to hear the teaching of the Apostles, as the early Christians met together for fellowship, the breaking of bread, and for prayer. Many wonderful signs and miracles were done through the Apostles, and the Lord added to the Church daily those who were being saved (Acts 2:42-47).

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 speak with one of our clergy.

SMALL ENTRANCE HYMNS

Second Antiphon of Pentecost (2nd Mode)
Save us, O good Comforter. We sing to You: Alleluia.

Hymn of Pentecost (Plagal 4th Mode)
Blessed art Thou, O Christ our God, Who hast shown forth the fishermen as supremely wise by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit, and through them didst draw the world into Thy net. O Befriender of man, glory be to Thee.

Evloyitós i, Christé o Theós imón, o Pansófus tus ali-ís anadthíxas, katapémpsas aftís to Pnévma to Áyion, ke dthi aftón tin ikuménin sa-yinéfsas. Filánthrope, dthóxa Si.

Repeat the Hymn of Pentecost

Kontakion of Pentecost (Plagal 4th Mode)
Once, when He descended and confounded the tongues, the Most High divided the nations; and when He divided the tongues of fire, He called all men into unity; and with one accord we glorify the All-holy Spirit.

Instead of the Trisagion Hymn ("Holy God...")
As many as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. Alleluia.

Osi is Christón evaptísthite Christón enedthísasthe. Allilúia.

EPISTLE READING

Acts 2: 1-11 (Holy Pentecost)
When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. And they were amazed and wondered, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontos and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians, we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God."

GOSPEL READING

John 7:37-52; 8:12 (Holy Pentecost)
On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and proclaimed, "If any one thirst, let him come to me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the scripture has said, 'Out of his heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" Now this He said about the Spirit, which those who believed in Him were to receive; for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified. When they heard these words, some of the people said, "This is really the prophet." Others said, "This is the Christ." But some said, "Is the Christ to come from Galilee? Has not the scripture said that the Christ is descended from David, and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David was?" So there was a division among the people over Him. Some of them wanted to arrest Him, but no one laid hands on Him. The officers then went back to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, "Why did you not bring Him?" The officers answered, "No man ever spoke like this man!" The Pharisees answered them, "Are you led astray, you also? Have any of the authorities or of the Pharisees believed in Him? But this crowd, who do not know the Law, are accursed." Nikodemos, who had gone to Him before, and who was one of them, said to them, "Does our Law judge a man without first giving him a hearing and learning what he does?" They replied, "Are you from Galilee too? Search and you will see that no prophet is to rise from Galilee." Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

Instead of "It Is Truly Right"
Without sustaining corruption thou didst conceive a child, and didst lend flesh to the Logos Who did devise all things. Mother who didst not know man, O Virgin Theotokos, receptacle and space of thine uncontained and infinite Creator, thee do we magnify.

Communion Hymn of Pentecost
Thy good Spirit shall lead me in the land of uprightness. Alleluia.

To Pnevma su to agathon odthiyisi me en yi efthia. Alliluia.

Instead of "We Have Seen the True Light", repeat the Hymn of Pentecost

PARISH ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, June 20
Holy Pentecost
Orthros 8:45 am
Divine Liturgy 10:00 am
Sunday Fellowship 11:45 am
Kneeling Vespers for Pentecost 12:30 pm

Monday, June 21
Holy Spirit Monday
Orthros & Divine Liturgy at Holy Trinity Cathedral 8:30 am
NO SERVICE AT ST. JOHN
Fr. Matthew out of town through June 24

Thursday, June 24
Nativity of St. John the Baptist
Monastery Feast Day
NO SERVICE AT ST. JOHN

Friday, June 25
Paraklesis to the Theotokos 6:30 pm

Saturday, June 26
JOY (3rd-5th) Meeting at the Church 2:30 pm
Jr. GOYA Meeting at the Church 3:30 pm
Great Vespers 5:00 pm

Sunday, June 27
Sunday of All Saints
Orthros 8:45 am
Divine Liturgy & Artoklasia 10:00 am
Sunday Fellowship 11:45 am