SUPPORT A MISSION PRIEST (SAMP)! Join us for a luncheon today after Liturgy, in support of our OCMC mission priests worldwide.

NATIVITY FAST BEGINS TOMORROW: As we prepare for our Lord's Nativity, we enter a season of increased fasting, prayer, and almsgiving. Please come to as many weekday services as you can, and take part in the sacrament of Confession.

SPECIAL YOUTH MEETINGS THIS WEEK: On Saturday, November 20, our metropolis youth pastor, Fr. Gary Kyriacou, will have a special visit with our youth during their monthly meetings. JOY (3rd-5th) meets at 1:00 pm; Jr. GOYA (6th-8th) and GOYA (9th-12th) both meet at 3:00 pm. For questions, contact Beth P.

FALL GENERAL ASSEMBLY to approve the 2022 Parish Budget is on Sunday, November 21 at 12:30 pm after Fellowship. All are encouraged to attend. Only parish stewards may cast a vote.

ST. NICHOLAS PARTY: Mark your calendars for Saturday, December 4 at 4:00 p.m. for our traditional St. Nicholas party—for the whole family! In an effort to include everyone we will not be serving food and masks will be required.

HOSTING FELLOWSHIP: Show love and hospitality to the parish community by providing the food for a Sunday fellowship. The parish can reimburse up to $150 of expenses. Please contact Beth S. to pick a date.

"ACCEPT, O LORD, THESE GIFTS": We are expanding our circle of prosfora bakers. Prosfora ("offering bread") are the loaves of bread used in the preparation of the Holy Gifts for the Divine Liturgy. ***No bread baking experience is necessary!*** An experienced baker will teach you. Baking can be done in your home and takes less than an hour of hands-on time. Please join us in offering this blessed service to our parish. Contact Kathleen Ketrenos (kathleen_sjb@ketrenos.com) if you would like to learn, or if you have questions.

TASSO THE TURKEY: This campaign has made $791 for the St John Benevolence fund. It continues through Nov 21. All donations will be given to families in our parish facing need. Look for the "Tasso" bulletin Board in the Fellowship Hall and add a feather!

"I WAS HUNGRY AND YOU FED ME": Donate non-perishable food to the annual Ducks vs. Beavers Food Drive barrels in the SFH.

FAMILY PROMISE UPDATE:

Family Promise is looking for people to provide Thanksgiving meal baskets for their guests. Many of their families do not have ovens, so pre-made items are requested. Contact Shaely at Family Promise at shaelyK@fpgwc.org for details.

St. John's **Family Promise Host Week** is set for December 19-26. We will be serving one family of 7 members living in the Beaverton Day House.

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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St. Philip the Apostle • St Gregory Palamas Archbishop of Thessaloniki • New Martyr Constantine of Hydra

This Apostle, one of the Twelve, was from Bethsaida of Galilee, and was a compatriot of Andrew and Peter. He was instructed in the teachings of the Law, and devoted himself to the study of the prophetic books. Therefore, when the Lord Jesus called him to the dignity of apostleship, he immediately sought out and found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found Him of Whom Moses in the Law and the Prophets did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph" (John 1.45). Having preached Jesus the God-man throughout many parts of Asia Minor, and having suffered many things for His Name's sake, he was finally crucified upside down in Hierapolis of Phrygia.

St. Gregory was from Asia Minor, and was from childhood reared in the royal court of Constantinople, where he was instructed in both religious and secular wisdom. Later, while still a youth, he left the imperial court and struggled in asceticism on Mt. Athos, and in the Skete at Beroea. He spent some time in Thessaloniki being treated for an illness that came from his harsh manner of life. He was present in Constantinople at the Council that was convened in 1341 against Barlaam of Calabria, and at the Council of 1347 against Acindynos, who was of like mind with Barlaam. They claimed that the grace of God is created. At both these Councils, the Saint contended for the true dogmas of the Church, in particular that divine grace is the uncreated energies of God, which are poured forth throughout creation: otherwise it would be impossible, if grace were created, for man to have genuine communion with the uncreated God. In 1347 he was appointed Metropolitan of Thessaloniki. He tended his flock in an apostolic manner for some 12 years, and wrote many books and on doctrines of our Faith; and having lived for a total of 63 years, he reposed in the Lord in 1359. His holy relics are kept in Thessaloniki.

Constantine was born on the island of Hydra in the 18th Century. Born to a pious Orthodox Christian family, he left the island to the city of Rhodes in order to find work. There he worked for the Turkish governor and converted to Islam. He soon repented and returned to his Christian faith and lived on Mt Athos for a period of time as a monastic. He returned to Rhodes to confront the governor and confess his Christian faith. He died the death of a martyr by being hanged on November 14, 1800.

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

Resurrectional Hymn (Fourth Mode)
When the tidings of the resurrection from the glorious angel were proclaimed unto the women disciples and our ancestral sentence also had been abolished, to the Apostles with boasting did they proclaim that death is vanquished evermore and Christ our God has risen from the dead and granted to the world His great mercy.

To fedthrón tis anastáseos kírigma, ek tu anggélu mathúse e tu Kyríu mathítrie, ke tin progonikín apófasin aporrípsase, tis Apostólis kafhómene élegon: Eskílefte o thánatos, iyérthi Christós o Theós, dthorúmenos to kósmo to méga éleos.

Hymn of St. Philip the Apostle (Third Mode)
O holy Apostle Philip, intercede with the merciful God that He grant unto our souls forgiveness of offences.

Hymn of St. Gregory Palamas (Plagal 4th Mode)
Beacon of Orthodox belief, the strong support of the Church and her teacher inspired by God, you are the ornament of monks, the unassailable champion of theologians, O Gregory the Wonder -worker and the boast of Thessalonica, the messenger of grace. Forever earnestly entreat for the salvation of our souls.

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 Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple (Fourth Mode/*You who were lifted*)
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

I Corinthians 4:9-16 (Sunday of St. Philip)
Brethren, God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, like men sentenced to death; because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are ill-clad and buffeted and homeless, and we labor, working with our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we try to conciliate; we have become, and are now, as the refuse of the world, the off-scouring of all things. I do not write this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel. I urge you, then, be imitators of me.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 10:25-32 (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."

Communion Hymn for Sunday
Praise the Lord from the heavens. Alleluia.
Eníte ton Kýrion ek ton uranón. Allilúia.

Communion Hymn for the Apostle
Their sound has gone forth into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the world. Alleluia.
Is pásan tin yin exílthen o fthóngos aftú ke is ta pérata tis ikuménis ta rímata aftú. Allilúia.

PARISH ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, November 14
- **Orthros** 8:45 am
- **Divine Liturgy** 10:00 am
- Luncheon to benefit SAMP 11:45 am
- **Trisagion for Angie Egli, followed by All Night Vigil** 7:00 pm

Monday, November 15
- **Nativity Fast Begins**
- **Funeral for Angie Egli, followed by Makaria (Mercy Meal) & Interment** 10:00 am

Tuesday, November 16
- **St. Matthew the Apostle and Evangelist**
- **Orthros** 7:30 am
- **Divine Liturgy & Artoklasia** 8:30 am
- Parish Council Meeting 7:00 pm

Wednesday, November 17
- Bible Study 10:00 am
- **Paraklesis to St. Nikiforos The Leper** 6:00 pm
- *The Fullness of the Faith* Class 7:00 pm

Thursday, November 18
- Philoptochos Board Meeting 6:30 pm

Saturday, November 20
- Youth Meetings at the Church…
  - JOY (3rd–5th) 1:00 pm
  - Jr. GOYA (5th–8th) 3:00 pm
  - GOYA (9th–12th) 3:00 pm
- **Memorial for Dee Pennock & Jim Sorenson (40 Days)** 5:00 pm
- **Great Vespers** 5:00 pm

Sunday, November 21
- **Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple**
- **Orthros** 8:45 am
- **Divine Liturgy & Artoklasia** 10:00 am
- Fellowship 11:45 am
- Fall General Assembly 12:00 pm