TODAY'S FELLOWSHIP IS HOSTED BY: *The Schauer family.*. How can you help?

- Join Koinonia Ministry: Contact Beth Smith.
- Host Sunday fellowship (alone or with another family): Sign upon the clipboard by the kitchen.

YOUTH/SUNDAY SCHOOL PLANNING MEETING on Sunday June 19 after Liturgy (approximately 12:30) in the Young Family Room. All past and current youth workers and teachers and any parents who would like to give input are very welcome!

FR. MATTHEW AWAY FOR THREE WEEKS: Please contact Holy Trinity Cathedral or Fr. John M for pastoral emergencies. Father Matthew will be on pilgrimage to the Holy Land, June 17 to July 1. He will be at St. John July 2-3, then in New York July 4-8 for the national clergy -laity congress of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese.

HELP US TO CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF PANAGIA: Contact Lois R. if your family might be interested in coordinating this fun event. Our annual parish picnic honoring Panagia's Dormition will be on Saturday, August 20, 1:00-6:00 pm at Cedar Hills Park. See the June newsletter for details.

WEDNESDAY COFFEE HOUR! In lieu of Bible study—which will restart in September with the Gospel of Matthew—there will be a weekly informal fellowship, Wednesdays at 10:00 am.

APOSTLES FAST & FEAST: The fast begins tomorrow through Tuesday, June 28. We fast from meat and dairy, but not from fish, wine, or oil (*except* on Wednesday, June 22, which is a strict fast day). The fast will culminate with the feast day of Sts. Peter & Paul: 6:30 pm Vespers on Tuesday, June 28 and 8:30 am Orthros & Divine Liturgy on Wednesday, June 29.

ST. JOHN MONASTERY FEAST DAY: The monastery will celebrate its feast day with Vigil (Vespers & Orthros) on Thursday, June 23 at 6:00 pm and Divine Liturgy on Friday, June 24 at 8:30 am. ***There will be no services at St. John Church on this day.***

JR. GOYA (6th-8th) MEETING ... on next Saturday, June 25 before Vespers, 4:30-6:00 pm.

PRAYING FOR OUR CHILDREN: Every Thursday at 9:00 am, we will read the Akathist to the Mother of God, Nurturer of Children in the church. All are welcome to join in prayer!

FAMILY PROMISE HOST WEEK... consider blessing a family. During our host week, August 14-20. Our parish will be providing meals and meal gift cards for families living in the Beaverton Day Home. Sign-up genius coming in July.

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

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Sunday of All Saints

Honoring the friends of God with much reverence, the Prophet-King David says, "But to me, exceedingly honorable are Your friends, O Lord" (Ps. 138:16). And the Apostle Paul, recounting the achievements of the saints, and setting forth their memorial as an example that we might turn away from earthly things and from sin, and emulate their patience and courage in the struggles for virtue, says, "Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us." This commemoration began as the Sunday of All Martyrs; to them were added all the ranks of saints who "bore witness" (the meaning of "martyr" in Greek) to Christ in manifold ways, even if occasion did not require the shedding of their blood. Therefore, guided by the teaching of the Divine Scriptures and Apostolic Tradition, we the pious honor all the saints, the friends of God, for they are keepers of God's commandments, shining examples of virtue, and benefactors of mankind. Of course we honor the known saints especially on their own day of the year, as shown in the Menaion. But since many saints are unknown, and their number has increased with time, and will continue to increase until the end of time, the Church has appointed that once a year a common commemoration be made of all the saints. This is the feast that we celebrate today. It is the harvest of the coming of the Holy Spirit into the world; it is the "much fruit" brought forth by that "grain of wheat that fell into the earth and died;" (John 12:24) it is the glorification of the saints as "the foundation of the Church, the perfection of the Gospel, they who fulfilled in deed the sayings of the Savior." (Doxasticon of Vespers) In this celebration, then, we reverently honor and call blessed all the Righteous, the Prophets, Apostles, Martyrs, Confessors, Shepherds, Teachers, and Holy Monastics, both men and women alike, known and unknown, who have been added to the choirs of the saints and shall be added, from the time of Adam until the end of the world, who have been perfected in piety and have glorified God by their holy lives. All these, as well as the orders of the Angels, and especially our most holy Lady and Queen, the Ever-virgin Mary, do we honor today, setting their life before us as an example of virtue, and entreating them to intercede in our behalf with God, Whose grace and boundless mercy be with us all. Amen.

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 (Plagal Fourth Mode)
From on high did You descend, O Merciful Lord. For us did You endure three days in the tomb that we may be released from passions in this world. You who are our resurrection and our life, glory unto You, O Lord.

Ex ípsus katílthes, o éfsplanghnos, tafín katedthéxo tri-ímeron, ína imás eleftherósis ton pathón. I zoí ke i Anástasis imón, Kýrie, dthóxa si.

Hymn of All Saints (Fourth Mode)
Your Church is arrayed in the holy blood of Your Martyrs who witnessed throughout the world, as though in purple and fine linen. Through them she cries to You, Christ our God, "Send down to Your people Your tender love, grant peace from above to Your commonwealth, and to our souls Your great mercy."

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 All Saints (Plagal Fourth Mode)
O Planter of creation, Lord, to You does the entire world bring as an offering the God-bearing martyr saints, as being nature's firstfruits. At their earnest entreaty, keep Your church in a state of profoundest peace, through the Theotokos, O Lord abundantly merciful.

EPISTLE READING

Hebrews 11:33-40; 12:1-2 (All Saints)
Brethren, all the saints through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were tempted, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated - of whom the world was not worthy - wandering over deserts and mountains and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 10:32-33; 37-38; 19:27-30 (All Saints)
The Lord said to His disciples, "Every one who acknowledges Me before men, I also will acknowledge before My Father who is in heaven; but whoever denies Me before men, I also will deny him before My Father who is in heaven. He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he who does not take his cross and follow Me is not worthy of Me." Then Peter said in reply, "Lo, we have left everything and followed You. What then shall we have?" Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, in the new world, when the Son of man shall sit on His glorious throne, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And every one who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for My name's sake, will receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life. But many that are first will be last, and the last first."

Communion Hymn of All Saints
Rejoice in the Lord, O righteous; praise is fitting for the upright. Alleluia.

PARISH ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, June 19
Sunday of All Saints
Father's Day
Orthros 8:45 am
Divine Liturgy & Artoklasia 10:00 am
Fellowship 12:00 pm
Youth/Sunday School Meeting 12:30 pm

Monday, June 20
Apostles Fast begins, through June 28
Church Office Open 12:00 pm

Tuesday, June 21
Project Mexico Trip through June 27

Wednesday, June 22
Choir Practice 7:00 pm

Thursday, June 23
Akathist to the Mother of God, Nurturer of Children 9:00 am
Feast Day Vigil at St. John Monastery 6:00 pm

Friday, June 24
Nativity of St. John the Forerunner Monastery Feast Day
Feast Day Liturgy at the Monastery 8:30 am

Saturday, June 25
Memorial for Cecelia Buckley 6:30 pm
Great Vespers 6:30 pm

Sunday, June 26
Orthros 8:45 am
Divine Liturgy 10:00 am
Fellowship 12:00 pm

Tuesday, June 28
Great Vespers 6:30 pm

Wednesday, June 29
Sts. Peter & Paul
Orthros 8:30 am
Divine Liturgy 9:30 am