"GROWING IN THE FAITH" CLASS: Our weekly class on prayer will resume this week, Wednesedays at 7:00 pm! Come to learn more about how to cultivate prayer in your life—no matter how busy your life is! We are reading through *The Beginnings of a Life of Prayer*, by Archimandrite Irenei. Purchase of the book is not required, though it is encouraged. The book is available at Logos Bookstore.

LITURGIES IN THE FORERUNNER CHAPEL … will take place every other Thursday at 5:30 am until Lent, on January 23 and February 6 & 20. The chapel is ***only open*** when there is a Liturgy. (Due to the mud in the lower parking area, please park on the upper driveway, in front of the garage or the Chapel House.)

ST. JOHN'S ONLINE DIRECTORY Are you newer to the church? Want to connect a name to a face? Or call that person that you connected with at church? Please contact Barbara in the Church Office to be included.

HOSTING SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP: Share your *philoxenia* "love for strangers" through a snack or a meal. (Up to $150 can be reimbursed.) Sign up here or in the weekly email or on the kitchen clipboard:

EASY "HOW TO HOST" GUIDE: Feeding the masses can feel pretty daunting! Don't worry, it's easier than you think. Just scan this QR code to find our handy hosting guide, complete with FAQ's and even sample menus. No experience necessary!

DONATE ICONS FOR THE BUILDING FUND! In fall 2024, more than $3,000 was raised for the building fund though the Logos Bookstore! Any parishioner can contribute by bringing used icons, Orthodox books, and other Orthodox items to the bookstore, clearly marked "Building Fund." May God bless our efforts!

ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM ORATORICAL FESTIVAL 2025: Our parish's St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival will take place on Sunday, March 9 in the church after Liturgy. See the weekly email for topics and registration. Contact : sundayschooldirectorsjb@gmail.com for more information.

SUMMER CAMP—START PLANNING! We are going to St. Nicholas Ranch this summer, July 20-26. All youth ages 8-18 are welcome. Register for **Week 3** of summer camp. ***Registration begins February 1.*** Act quickly, because registration will fill up! Financial assistance is also available: please talk to Fr. Matthew.

MOM'S NIGHT OUT! Thursday, January 23, 6:00 pm, at McMenamin's in Cedar Hills. Please RSVP to Rachel so she can make a reservation: racheldaniels503@gmail.com

MEN'S NIGHT OUT on Monday, January 27 at 6:00 pm Let's meet at the Breakside Brewery for dinner, drinks and fellowship. 12675 SW 1st St, Beaverton, OR 97005

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.

Parish Council: Chosvig (open) and Moffitt (close) Greeter: Maggie and Sandy
Cleanup Team 7: Marnul, Moore, Ferrarini, Paddock, Stinman, Moffitt

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St. Makarios of Egypt • St. Mark of Ephesus

St. Makarios was an Egyptian and one of the younger contemporaries of Anthony the Great. His father was a priest. Out of obedience to his parents, Makarios married. However, his wife died shortly thereafter and he withdrew into the wilderness where he spent 60 years in labor and struggle, both internally and externally for God. So much did he succeed in cleansing his mind and his heart of evil that God bestowed upon him the abundant gift of miracle-working and raising the dead. At forty, he was ordained to the priesthood and made the head of the monks living in the desert of Sketis. During these years, he often visited St. Anthony the Great, receiving guidance from him in spiritual conversations. His humility amazed both men and demons. A demon once said to him: "There is only one thing in which I am unable to overpower you. It is not in fasting; for I do not eat anything. It is not in vigils; for I never sleep." "But, what is it?" asked Makarios. "Your humility" answered the demon. Makarios often spoke to Paphnutios, his disciple: "Do not judge anyone and you will be saved." Makarios lived to be 97 years old. Nine days before his death, St. Anthony and St. Pachomios appeared to him from the other world and informed him that he would die. Before his death, he had a vision in which a cherubim revealed to him the heavenly world, commended his effort and virtue and said to him that he was sent to take his soul to Heaven. He died in 390 A.D.

The great teacher and invincible defender of the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church, St. Mark, was from Constantinople. Reared by pious parents, and instructed in secular and spiritual wisdom, he became preeminent in both. St. Mark lived as an ascetic on the Prince's Islands and later in the monastery of St. George Magana in Constantinople. He passed through all the degrees of the priesthood, and was finally advanced to Archbishop and the lofty throne of the Metropolis of Ephesus. At the insistence of Emperor Paleologos, the Saint was sent to the council of the Latins in Florence, to unite the churches that had been divided for many years. He astounded the papal teachers with the divine wisdom of his words, and was the only one who did not sign the blasphemous decree of that false council. Because of this, the Holy Church of Christ has ever honored this great man as a benefactor, teacher, sole defender, and champion of the Apostolic Confession. He reposed in 1457.

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 canonically 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.

HYMNS OF THE SMALL ENTRANCE

Resurrectional Hymn (Plagal First Mode)
Coeternal with the Father and the Spirit is the Word, Who of a Virgin was begotten for our salvation. As the faithful we both praise and worship Him, for in the flesh did He consent to ascend unto the Cross, and death did He endure. And He raised the dead unto life through His glorious resurrection.

Ton sinánarhon Lógon Patrí ke Pnévmati, ton ek Parthénu tehthénda is sotirían imón. Animnísomen pistí ke proskinísomen, óti ivdthókise sarkí, anelthín en to Stavró, ke thánaton ipomíne, ke eyíre tus tethneótas en ti endthóxo Anastási aftú.

Hymn of St. Makarios of Egypt (First Mode)
You proved to be a citizen of the desert, an angel in the flesh, and a wonderworker, O Makarios, our God-bearing Father. By fasting, vigil, and prayer you obtained heavenly gifts, and you heal the sick and the souls of those who have recourse to you with faith. Glory to Him Who has given you strength. Glory to Him Who has crowned you. Glory to Him Who works healings for all through you.

Hymn of St. Mark of Ephesus (Third Mode, *Your confession*)
O all-laudable and most divine Mark, in you the Church found a great zealot by your confession of the holy and sacred Faith; for you championed the doctrines which the Fathers taught, and you cast down darkness's boastful pride. Wherefore pray to Christ God for those who honor you, that He may grant us the forgiveness of sins.

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 you, O Forerunner; for you have proved to be truly more venerable than the Prophets, since you were granted to baptize in the stream Him Whom they proclaimed. Therefore, having contested for the truth, you rejoiced to announce the good tidings even to those in Hades: that God has appeared in the flesh, taking away the sin of the world and granting to us great mercy.

Kontakion of the Meeting of our Lord (1st Mode)
You Who sanctified the Virgin's womb by Your birth, and blessed Symeon's hands as was meet, by anticipation have even now saved us, O Christ God. But grant peace in the midst of wars unto Your commonwealth, and strengthen the hierarchs whom You have loved, O only Friend of man.

EPISTLE READING

Colossians 3:4-11(Twelfth Sunday of Luke)
Brethren, when Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory. Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience. In these you once walked, when you lived in them. But now put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and foul talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old nature with its practices and have put on the new nature, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. Here there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all, and in all.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 17:12-19 (Twelfth Sunday of Luke)
At that time, as Jesus entered a village, He was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices and said: "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." When He saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus's feet, giving Him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then said Jesus: "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" And He said to him: "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

PARISH ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, January 19
- **Orthros** 8:45 am
- **Divine Liturgy** 10:00 am
- Fellowship, Sunday School, & Theology 101 Adult Study (following

Monday, January 20
- Church Office Closed

Tuesday, January 21
- Parish Council Meeting 7:00 pm

Wednesday, January 22
- Bible Study 10:00 am
- Wednesday Coffee Hour 11:00 am
- **Paraklesis to the Theotokos** 6:00 pm
- Growing in the Faith Class: "Beginnings of a Life of Prayer" 7:00 pm

Thursday, January 23
- **Liturgy with Pre-communion Prayers at the Forerunner Chapel** 5:30 am
- **Akathist to the Mother of God Nurturer of Children** 9:00 am
- Mom's Night Out at McMenamin's Cedar Hills 6:00 pm

Friday, January 24
St. Xenia of St. Petersburg
- **Orthros** 7:15 am
- **Divine Liturgy** 8:15 am

Saturday, January 25
St. Gregory the Theologian
- **Orthros** 8:30 am
- **Divine Liturgy** 9:30 am
- **Baptism - Theodore James McFarland** 11:30 am Reception follows
- **Great Vespers** 5:00 pm

Sunday, January 26
- **Orthros** 8:45 am
- **Divine Liturgy** 10:00 am
- Fellowship, Sunday School, & Theology 101 Adult Study (following