RUMMAGE SALE Thank you to all who participated in the Rummage Sale: volunteers, donors, and shoppers. We raised more than $2,300!

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

ST. PAISIOS TV SERIES: I ***highly*** encourage you to watch the amazing TV series about St. Paisios (at this QR code)! Two seasons; 21 total episodes. The series is appropriate for most ages, but not young children. (With subtitles, it is better for fluent readers.) May St. Paisios bless you! ~Fr. Matthew

ANN OLSEN ESTATE SALE: Per Ann's request, all of her possessions are to benefit the Building Fund. Please come, August 1-31 in the NFH, to purchase items—clothing, household goods, art supplies, books, stationery, etc. If you have questions, contact Rich W. at (503) 477-2816.

SHOW YOUR LOVE FOR PANAGIA—FLORAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED … for icon frames on July 31, August 5, 8, and 14, and for floral decorations around Panagia's tomb on August 14. Flowers are paid by the church. Contact Lauri ***today!***

SHOW HOSPITALITY … PARK OFF-SITE: Our church's parking lot has become very full! What a blessing to have so many people at our church! If you are able-bodied, please show hospitality to our visitors and newcomers by parking along Meadow Drive or parking at the middle school behind the church.

COME PRAY FOR OUR CHILDREN! All are invited weekly on Thursday at 9:00 am to gather and pray the Akathist to the Mother of God, Nurturer of Children. There is nothing more powerful than gathering together in prayer for our children and Godchildren. It takes about 20 minutes. Books are provided and children are welcome. Email: JenDavis0825@gmail.com with questions or just to say that you plan to come as you are available this summer. Join us if you ever have a free Thursday morning. Check the calendar for schedule changes.

AKATHIST TO ST. JOHN AT NEW PROPERTY: Offer your prayers for our community and church property. Go to 10050 NE Walker Rd during daylight hours and pray the Akathist in front of St. John's outdoor icon stand. Akathist booklets are available there.

SUMMER CAMP FOR ADULTS (Ages 18-40): Come to St. Nicholas Ranch in Dunlap, CA, August 21-24, 2025 for an Adult Summer Camp! All of the fun of camp … now for adults! for more information go to: stnicholasranch.org.

METROPOLIS YAL (18–35) CONFERENCE – LABOR DAY WEEKEND! The YAL (Young Adult League) Conference hosted by the Metropolis of San Francisco is coming up soon! Join us in Seattle, WA from August 28-September 1 for an immersive weekend of Fellowship, Service, Worship and Witness. Young adults will engage in workshops that expand on the theme, "RENEW", giving them the opportunity to spiritually recharge, re-engage with their Orthodox identity. Go to www.sanfran.goarch.org/YAL2025 to register!

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: Statler (open) and Mullen (close) Greeter: Jacob and Michael
Cleanup Team 8: VanSickle, Muzik, Nieuwsma, Plankers, Mullen

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St. Panteleimon the Great Martyr & Healer

Saint Panteleimon, who was from Nicomedia, the son of Eustorgios and Eubula, was born with the name Pantoleon ("a lion in all things"). His father was an idolater, but his mother was a Christian from her ancestors. It was through her that he was instructed in piety, She died when Pantoleon was just a young child. His father sent him to a pagan school, after which the young man studied medicine at Nicomedia under the renowned physician Euphrosynos. Pantoleon came to the attention of Emperor Maximian (284-305), who wished to appoint him as royal physician when he finished his schooling. Saints Hermolaos, Hermippos and Hermocrates (July 26), survivors of the massacre of 20,000 Christians in 303 (December 28), were living secretly in Nicomedia at that time. Saint Hermolaos saw Pantoleon time and again when he came to the house where they were hiding. Once, the priest invited the youth to the house and spoke about the Christian Faith. After this Pantoleon visited Saint Hermolaos every day and eventually baptized him. Being proficient in the physician's vocation, he practiced medicine in a philanthropic manner, healing every illness more by the grace of Christ than by medicines. Thus, although his parents had named him Pantoleon, because of the compassion he showed for the souls and bodies of all, he was worthily renamed Panteleimon, meaning "all-merciful." After the death of his father, Saint Panteleimon dedicated his life to the suffering, the sick, the unfortunate and the needy. He treated all those who turned to him without charge, healing them in the name of Jesus Christ. On one occasion, when he restored the sight of a certain blind man by calling on the Divine Name, he enlightened also the eyes of this man's soul to the knowledge of the truth. This also became the cause for the martyrdom of him who had been blind, since when he was asked by whom and in what manner his eyes had been opened, in imitation of that blind man of the Gospel he confessed with boldness both who the physician was and the manner of his healing. For this he was put to death immediately. Panteleimon was arrested also, and having endured many wounds, he was finally beheaded in the year 305, during the reign Maximian. Saint Panteleimon is one of the Holy Unmercenaries—those who healed in Christ's name and did not seek to be paid—and he is held in special honor among them.

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 Second Mode)
When the angelic powers appeared at Your tomb, and those who guarded You became as though dead, and standing by Your sepulcher was Mary, seeking Your pure and sacred body, then You did vanquish Hades, and uncorrupted by its touch, You came unto the virgin, bestowing the gift of life. O You Who rose from the dead, Lord, we give glory to You.

Angeliké Dthinámis epí to mníma Su, ke i filássondes apenekróthisan, ke ístato María en to táfo, zitúsa to áhrandon Su sóma. Eskílefsas ton Ádthin, mi pirasthís ip aftú, ipíndisas ti Parthéno, dthorúmenos tis zoín. O anastás ek ton nekrón, Kýrie, dthóxa si.

Hymn of Saint Panteleimon (Third Mode):
O holy prizewinner and healer Panteleimon, intercede with the merciful God that He grant unto our souls forgiveness of offences.

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 Transfiguration (Grave Mode)
On the mount You were transfigured, and Your disciples, as much as they could bear, beheld Your glory, O Christ our God; that when they should see You crucified, they would know Your Passion to be willing, and would preach to the world that You, in truth, are the effulgence of the Father.

EPISTLE READING

II Timothy 2:1-10 (For St. Paneleimon)
Timothy, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus, and what you have heard from me before many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No soldier on service gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to satisfy the one who enlisted him. An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. It is the hardworking farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. Think over what I say, for the Lord will grant you understanding in everything. Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, descended from David, as preached in my gospel, the gospel for which I am suffering and wearing fetters like a criminal. But the word of God is not fettered. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain salvation in Christ Jesus with its eternal glory.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 9:27-25 (Seventh Sunday of Matthew)
At that time, as Jesus passed by, two blind men followed Him, crying aloud, "Have mercy on us, Son of David." When He entered the house, the blind men came to Him; and Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to Him, "Yes, Lord." Then He touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith be it done to you." And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly charged them, "See that no one knows it." But they went away and spread His fame through all that district. As they were going away, behold, a dumb demoniac was brought to Him. And when the demon had been cast out, the dumb man spoke; and the crowds marveled, saying, "Never was anything like this seen in Israel." But the Pharisees said, "He casts out demons by the prince of demons." And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.

PARISH ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, JULY 27
- **St. Panteleimon the Great Martyr**
- **Orthros** 8:45 am
- **Divine Liturgy** 10:00 am
- **40-Day Churching of Elowen (Olga) Contreras**
- Fellowship follows

WEDNESDAY, JULY 30
- Bible Study 10:00 am
- Wednesday Coffee Hour 11:00 am
- **Paraklesis to St. Nikiforos the Leper** 6:00 pm
- Growing in the Faith Catechism Class: Q&A with Father Matthew 7:00 pm

THURSDAY, JULY 31
- **Liturgy (with Pre-Communion Prayers)** at the Forerunner Chapel 5:30am
- **Akathist to the Mother of God Nurturer of Children** 9:00 am
- Work Party at the ***Current*** Church Property 4:00 pm

FRIDAY, AUGUST 1
- **Dormition Fast begins through August 14**
- **Small Paraklesis** 6:30 pm

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2
- **Memorial for Ioanna Ann Olsen** **6:00 pm**
- **Great Vespers** 6:00 pm

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3
- **Orthros** 8:45 am
- **Divine Liturgy** 10:00 am
- Fellowship follows
- **Great Paraklesis** 6:30 pm