COME TO A SPECIAL LUNCHEON WITH METROPOLITAN GERASIMOS: On Sunday, June 22, after Liturgy, join His Eminence for a special luncheon at Holy Trinity Cathedral, to benefit our beloved St. Nicholas Ranch & Retreat Center. RSVP: Sign up here!

PROJECT MEXICO FUNDRAISER TODAY Fellowship will be hosted by our Project Mexico team. Please make a good-will offering to support their trip—with cash, check, or through this QR code!

LEARNING HOW TO DOWNSIZE—A SENIOR (55+) MINISTRY LUNCHEON: A special speaker, Deborah Ulrich of Move Makers will talk about ways to downsize, organize, and/or prepare to sell. Join us this Thursday, June 19 at 1:00pm in the SFH. Lunch provided. Please refer questions to Helen S. or Mo E.

LITURGY AT THE FORERUNNER CHAPEL: Each month we will have Thursday Liturgies twice a month at the new church property: once at 8:30 am, and once at 5:30 am. ***The 5:30 am Liturgy will be this Thursday, June 19.***

20% OFF TABLE AT LOGOS BOOKSTORE: It's the last day to purchase these discounted items.

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:

SHARE IN THE MONASTERY'S JOY! There are few things more joyful than a monastery feast day—especially with our beloved Metropolitan! St. John the Forerunner Monastery in Goldendale will celebrate its feast day with Vigil on Monday, June 23 at 6:00 pm and Divine Liturgy on Tuesday, June 24 at 8:30 am, with feast day meal following. Hotels are available in Goldendale.

LOAN PAYOFF–WE ARE ONLY $120K AWAY! We're requesting ***each household*** to submit a commitment card for what they can contribute between now and October. No amount is too small! Fill out an online card through this QR code, or a printed card—in the ***bright yellow*** envelopes on the Welcome table.

DONATE—AND PURCHASE!—ORTHODOX ITEMS FOR THE BUILDING FUND: Since August, over $6,800 has been raised for the Building Fund! Contribute by dropping off clearly marked Orthodox items to the bookstore, and by buying donated items.

3RD ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE WILL BE JULY 19: Details to come soon. Start collecting your items to donate now! To volunteer, see Paul M.

JOIN AN UNOFFICIAL PARISH "SLACK" GROUP: All adults are invited! Connect with fellow parishioners & stay informed with this free desktop & phone app. We have 120 members and growing! To join? Ask Jamie S, Patrick Ba. or Anya S.

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: Burger (open) and Chosvig (close) Greeter: Jacob and Michael
Cleanup Team 2: Bourquin, Braden, Brunson, Wilson, Dahl and Chosvig

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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 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 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 for 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 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 for 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 first fruits. At their earnest entreaties, 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 (Sunday of 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 10:32-38; 19:27-30 (Sunday of 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 (Plagal First Mode)
O Rejoice in the Lord, O righteous, praise is fitting for the upright. Alleluia.

PARISH ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, JUNE 15
Sunday of All Saints
Orthros 8:45 am
Divine Liturgy 10:00 am
Fellowship follows—benefiting Project Mexico

MONDAY, JUNE 16
Apostles Fast begins goes through June 28

TUESDAY, JUNE 17
Parish Council Meeting 7:00 pm

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18
Bible Study 10:00 am
Wednesday Coffee Hour 11:00 am
Paraklesis to the Theotokos 6:00 pm
Growing in the Faith Catechism Class 7:00 pm
"The Beginnings of a Life of Prayer"

THURSDAY, JUNE 19
Liturgy (with Pre-Communion Prayers) 5:30 am
Akathist to the Mother of God Nurturer of Children 9:00 am
Senior Ministry Luncheon 1:00 pm
Work Party at the Forerunner Property 4:00 pm

SATURDAY, JUNE 21
Orthodox Marriage of Bryan (Daniel) & Becca Andrade 11:00 am
Reception follows
Great Vespers 6:00 pm

SUNDAY, JUNE 22
Orthros 8:45 am
Divine Liturgy & Artoklasia 10:00 am
40-Day Churching of Rafael Gonzalez 11:45 am
Fellowship follows

MONDAY, JUNE 23
Fr. Matthew on Vacation through June 27
Monastery Feast Day Vigil at St. John the Forerunner Monastery in Goldendale 6:00 pm
NO services here at St. John's

TUESDAY, JUNE 24
Nativity of St. John the Forerunner
Monastery Feast Day
Hierarchal Divine Liturgy at St. John the Forerunner Monastery in Goldendale 8:30 am