CHANGE OF SCHEDULE TOMORROW … for services for St. Arsenios the Cappadocian (St. Paisios' godfather): Liturgy at 9:00 am, with pre-communion prayers at 8:30 am. May we have his intercessions!

PAN-ORTHODOX EVENING LITURGY & POTLUCK: St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church in Portland—recently adorned with iconography covering all of the interior of the church—is hosting a pan-Orthodox evening Liturgy in honor of St. Gregory Palamas, Thursday, November 13 at 6:30 pm. Please signup for the potluck through the QR code and bring a dish to share.

3 WAYS TO SUPPORT FAMILY PROMISE…
Gift Cards: Sign up—using this QR code—to buy a Fred Meyer gift card for families in the Beaverton shelter house:
Basic Supplies: Purchase supplies, such as soaps and shampoos, cleaning supplies, etc. See the list on the Family Promise cardboard house in the fellowship hall. Put purchased items in the cardboard house.
Women's Fellowship Meal Prep: On Saturday, October 25, after Vespers women are invited to enjoy fellowship, a light potluck and work together to prepare meals for Family Promise.

HELP WITH HOSTING FELLOWSHIP: Are you considering hosting fellowship but feel intimidated? We can help! Contact Mo E. (moefird@yahoo.com) or Crystal S. (cscratcher@yahoo.com) for simple recipe ideas, time saving tips, and support.

SENIOR MINISTRY LUNCHEON … will have Jennifer R. give a presentation on her trip to Greece entitled "Pilgrimage to Patmos with Sts. John and Gavrilia," Thursday, November 20 at 1:00pm.

TASSO THE TURKEY IS BACK! … and he needs a new coat of feathers before winter sets in! Give a donation, then put the corresponding feather on Tasso. All donations go to families in our parish facing financial need. Look for Tasso in the SFH. Add feathers/ donations by November 23. Each year we strive to raise $3,000-5,000. ***So far, $263 has been collected.***

"WELCOME TO THE NATIVITY FAST" … is a potluck meal and meet-up event for all! Come to the 8:30 am Liturgy on Saturday, November 15—the first day of the Nativity Fast. Learn about (and discuss) how to engage with the Nativity season. Or just come for the fellowship! It is a fasting ***potluck*** (fish allowed, but no meat or dairy) and a family-friendly event with crafts included—not a drop-off event for kids.
Survey for Nativity Season Discussion: What questions do you have or what topics you are interested in discussing? Click on this QR code for a 2-question survey:

BRAND NEW BOOKSHELVES FOR SALE—SUPPORT LOGOS! The bookstore has surplus bookshelves, brand new in the box. See the SFH for an example. Great reviews on Amazon, but not sturdy enough for the bookstore. $100 for parishioners ($224 cost online!) Proceeds help Logos to fill financial gaps.

MEN'S RETREAT AT CAMP ANGELOS: Join other Orthodox men from the Portland area for Holy Trinity's annual men's retreat, Friday evening through Sunday midday, November 14-16, at Camp Angelos in Troutdale. The retreat, *Acquiring Peace in a Challenging World,* is led by Fr. Tom & Pres. Pat Tsagalakis. Register here:

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: Nordling (open) and Burger (close) Greeter: Samuel and Annette
Cleanup Team 11: Robertson D., Sebastian, Davies, Zenith, Spikkeland, Burger

St. John the Baptist
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

The Historical Christian Church

Rev. Father Matthew Swehla (503) 644-7444 • www.stjohngoc.org
Deacon Innocent Duchow-Pressley 14485 SW Walker Rd, Beaverton, OR 97006

November 9, 2025

St. Nektarios the Wonderworker of Pentapolis

Saint Nektarios was born in Selyvria of Thrace on October 1, 1846. After putting himself through school in Constantinople, he became a monk in 1876; a year later he was ordained deacon. Under the patronage of Patriarch Sophronios of Alexandria, Nektarios went to Athens to study. Completing his theological studies in 1885, he went to Alexandria, where Patriarch Sophronios ordained him priest, then archimandrite, then Metropolitan of Pentapolis in 1889. St. Nektarios showed much zeal both for preaching the word of God, and for the beauty of God's house.

Although Nektarios' swift ascent through the degrees of ecclesiastical office did not affect his modesty and childlike innocence, it aroused the envy of others. They slandered Nektarios to the elderly Patriarch who relieved him of his duties and commanded him to leave Egypt in 1890.

Without defending himself, the innocent Metropolitan left for Athens, where he found that accusations had arrived before him. Because of this he was unable to find a position worthy of a bishop, and accepted the position of provincial preacher on the island of Evia. Yet even here, the rumors of scandal followed him. Sometimes, while he was preaching, people began to laugh and whisper. However some people had begun to realize that the rumors were untrue, because they saw nothing to suggest that he was guilty of anything. With their help, the saint was appointed Director of Rizarios Seminary in Athens. Through his eloquent sermons his unwearying labours to educate fitting men for the priesthood, his generous alms despite his own poverty, and the holiness, meekness, and fatherly love that were manifest in him, he became a shining light and a spiritual guide to many.

At the request of certain pious women, in 1904 he began the building of a convent on the island of Aegina, where he spent the last years of his life, guiding the convent and living in prayer. Through his prayers, he delivered the island from drought, healed the sick, and cast out demons. Here also he endured wicked slanders with singular patience, forgiving his false accusers and not seeking to avenge himself.

In 1920, at 74 years of age, Saint Nektarios surrendered his holy soul to God. In the hospital bed next to him was a man who was paralyzed. As soon as the saint had breathed his last, the nurse tending him placed the saint's sweater on the paralyzed man's bed. The man was immediately healed and arose from his bed, glorifying God.

Innumerable miracles have been wrought since St. Nektarios' repose through his holy relics, which for many years remained incorrupt. St. Nektarios is especially renowned for his healings of cancer.

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 1st 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. Nektarios (1st Mode)
The offspring of Selyvria and the guardian of Aegina, the true friend of virtue who appeared in the last years, O Nektarios, we faithfully honor you as a godly servant of Christ, for you pour forth healings of every kind for those who piously cry out: Glory to Christ who has glorified you. Glory to Him who has made you wondrous. Glory to Him who works healings for all through you.

Hymn of St. John the Baptist (2nd 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 Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple (4th Mode / *You Who were raised up*)
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

Ephesians 5:8-19 (for St. Nektarios)
Brethren, walk as children of light—for the fruit of the Spirit is found in all that is good and right and true—and try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is a shame even to speak of the things that they do in secret; but when anything is exposed by the light it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it is said, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give you light." Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 8:41-56 (Seventh Sunday of Luke)
At that time, there came to Jesus a man named Jairus, who was a ruler of the synagogue; and falling at Jesus' feet he besought Him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she was dying. As He went, the people pressed round Him. And a woman who had had a flow of blood for twelve years and had spent all her living upon physicians and could not be healed by anyone, came up behind Him, and touched the fringe of His garment; and immediately her flow of blood ceased. And Jesus said, "Who was it that touched Me?" When all denied it, Peter and those who were with him said, "Master, the multitudes surround You and press upon You!" But Jesus said, "Some one touched Me; for I perceive that power has gone forth from Me." And when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling, and falling down before Him declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched Him, and how she had been immediately healed. And He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace." While He was still speaking, a man from the ruler's house came and said, "Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the Teacher any more." But Jesus on hearing this answered him, "Do not fear; only believe, and she shall be well." And when He came to the house, He permitted no one to enter with Him, except Peter and John and James, and the father and mother of the child. And all were weeping and bewailing her; but He said, "Do not weep; for she is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at Him, knowing that she was dead. But taking her by the hand He called, saying, "Child, arise." And her spirit returned, and she got up at once; and He directed that something should be given her to eat. And her parents were amazed; but He charged them to tell no one what had happened.

PARISH ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9
St. Nektarios the Wonderworker of Pentapolis
Orthros 8:45 am
Divine Liturgy & Artoklasia 10:00 am
Fellowship, Sunday School & Theology 101 Adult Study follow

MONDAY, NOVEMEBER 10
St. Arsenios of Cappadocia—*Change of schedule*
Pre-Communion Prayers 8:30 am
Divine Liturgy 9:00 am

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11
St. Menas of Egypt
Orthros 7:15 am
Divine Liturgy & Artoklasia 8:15 am

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12
Bible Study 10:00 am
Wednesday Coffee Hour 11:00 am
Paraklesis to St. John the Baptist 6:00 pm
"*Fullness of the Faith"* Catechism Class 7:00 pm

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13
St. John Chrysostom
Orthros 7:15 am
Divine Liturgy 8:15 am
Work Party at the Forerunner Property 4:00 pm
Philoptochos Board Meeting 6:30 pm
Pan-Orthodox Divine Liturgy for St. Gregory Palamas at St. George Church 6:30 pm
Potluck Meal to follow

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15
Nativity Fast begins through December 24
Liturgy with Pre-Communion Prayers 8:30 am
Welcome to the Nativity Fast: A Meetup and Potluck Brunch 10:00 am
Memorial for Evangeline Egli (4 yrs.) 5:00 pm
Great Vespers 5:00 pm
Jr. GOYA (6th-8th) Meeting 6:00 pm

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16
St. Matthew the Apostle & Evangelist
Orthros 8:45 am
Divine Liturgy 10:00 am
Fellowship follows
NO Sunday School or Adult Theology 101