

FOCUS North America is a national movement of Orthodox Christians, united in faith and joined by a desire to provide solutions to poverty in communities across America. Please join us in starting a chapter in the Portland/Metro area.

FEAST DAY OF HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL:
On Monday, June 1, Holy Trinity will celebrate its feast day. Come and join the celebration with Orthros at 8:30 am and Liturgy at 9:30 am at Holy Trinity Cathedral, 3131 NE Glisan Street, Portland.

WEEKLY PARAKLESIS MOVED TO FRIDAY
The Paraklesis service is now on Friday evenings at 6pm. No longer on Wednesday

MEN’S NIGHT OUT - Monday, June 22 at 6:00PM at BG Food Cartel - Beaverton. Come join us for a couple of drinks and dinner at the food carts. No RSVP needed, just show up when you can. Where: BG Food Cartel – Beaverton 4250 SW Rose Biggi Ave, Beaverton, OR 97005. Come!

SHOW YOUR PHILOXENIA ... “Love for strangers” and sign up to host a Sunday Fellowship. Sign up for a Sunday here.



PRISONS’ LIBRARY BOOK DRIVE:Starting today, you can provide Orthodox books for those who are in prison! Logos Bookstore is spearheading a book drive for *four* local prisons, so that the inmates have access to the rich spiritual wealth of the Orthodox Church. See the insert and buy the books!

COME AND SHOW CARE FOR OUR NEW CHURCH PROPERTY—ALL ARE WELCOME ... to our weekly work parties on Thursdays, 4:00-6:30 pm. Come celebrate the blessing of the Holy Spirit by working together toward the blessed goal of building a church! Bring your work gloves to the Forerunner Property (10050 NE Walker Rd, Hillsboro) each Thursday at 4:00 pm.

CATECHISM CLASS—TO LEARN ABOUT ORTHODOXY: The *Growing in the Faith* catechism class is on *Saturday nights after Vespers*. This class is for inquirers, catechumens, and all of the faithful who want to deepen their faith!

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL is at Holy Trinity Cathedral from June 15-19. It’s for Pre-K-5th. Cost is \$50 per child or \$150 per family. Scholarship available. Register with the QR code.



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: Anderson (open) and Agrawal (close) Greeter: Elizabeth (Sage) and Christina
Cleanup Team 2: Bourquin, Braden, Brunson, Wilson, Dahl, Swehla, Agrawal



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Holy Pentecost

The story of Pentecost is found in the book of The Acts of the Apostles. We are told that the Apostles of our Lord were gathered together in one place. Suddenly, a sound came from heaven like a rushing wind, filling the entire house where they were sitting. Then, tongues of fire appeared, and one sat upon each one of Apostles. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as directed by the Spirit.

This miraculous event occurred on the Jewish Feast of Pentecost, celebrated by the Jews on the fiftieth day after the Passover as the culmination of the Feast of Weeks (Exodus 34:22; Deuteronomy 16:10). The Feast of Weeks began on the third day after the Passover with the presentation of the first harvest sheaves to God, and it concluded on Pentecost with the offering of two loaves of unleavened bread, representing the first products of the harvest (Leviticus 23:17-20; Deuteronomy 16:9-10).

Since the Jewish Feast of Pentecost was a great pilgrimage feast, many people from throughout the Roman Empire were gathered in Jerusalem on this day. When the people in Jerusalem heard the sound, they came together and heard their own languages

being spoken by the Apostles. The people were amazed, knowing that some of those speaking were Galileans, and not men who would normally speak many different languages. They wondered what this meant, and some even thought the Apostles were drunk. Peter, hearing these remarks, stood up and addressed the crowd. He preached to the people regarding the Old Testament prophecies about the coming of the Holy Spirit. He spoke about Jesus Christ and His death and glorious Resurrection. Great conviction fell upon the people, and they asked the Apostles, “What shall we do?” Peter said to them, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit”.

The Bible records that on that day about three thousand were baptized. Following, the book of Acts states that the newly baptized continued daily to hear the teaching of the Apostles, as the early Christians met together for fellowship, the breaking of bread, and for prayer. Many wonderful signs and miracles were done through the Apostles, and the Lord added to the Church daily those who were being saved (Acts 2:42-47).

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 thousands of 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.

If you want to learn more about Orthodox Christianity: come to our Saturday evening catechism class (at the time posted on our online calendar); purchase the newcomer book bundle at Logos Bookstore; and meet with our clergy.

HYMN OF THE SMALL ENTRANCE

Second Antiphon of Pentecost (Second Mode)
Save us, O good Comforter. We sing to You: Alleluia.

Hymn of Pentecost (Plagal Fourth Mode)
Blessed are You, O Christ our God, Who have shown forth the fishermen as supremely wise by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit, and through them drew the world into Your net. O Befriender of man, glory be to You.

Evlogitós i, Christé o Theós imón, o Pansófus tus ali-ís anadthíxas, katapémpsas aftís to Pnévma to Ágion, ke dthi aftón tin ikuménin saginéfsas. Filánthrope, dthóxa Si.

Kontakion of Pentecost (Plagal Fourth Mode)
Once, when He descended and confounded the tongues, the Most High divided the nations; and when He divided the tongues of fire, He called all men into unity; and with one accord we glorify the All-holy Spirit.

EPISTLE READING

Acts 2:1-11 (Holy Pentecost)
When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the

multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. And they were amazed and wondered, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontos and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians, we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God."

GOSPEL READING

John 7:37-52; 8:12 (Holy Pentecost)
On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and proclaimed, "If any one thirst, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the scripture has said, 'Out of his heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" Now this He said about the Spirit, which those who believed in Him were to receive; for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified. When they heard these words, some of the people said, "This is really the prophet." Others said, "This is the Christ." But some said, "Is the Christ to come from Galilee? Has not the scripture said that the Christ is descended from David, and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David was?" So there was a division among the people over Him. Some of them wanted to arrest Him, but no one laid hands on Him. The officers then went back to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, "Why did you not bring Him?" The officers answered, "No man ever spoke like this man!" The Pharisees answered them, "Are you led astray, you also? Have any of the authorities or of the Pharisees believed in Him? But

this crowd, who do not know the law, are accursed." Nikodemos, who had gone to Him before, and who was one of them, said to them, "Does our Law judge a man without first giving him a hearing and learning what he does?" They replied, "Are you from Galilee too? Search and you will see that no prophet is to rise from Galilee." Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world; He who follows Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

Instead of the Trisagion Hymn (“Holy God...”)
As many as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. Alleluia.

Osi is Christón evaptisthite Christón enedthisasthe. Allihíia.

Instead of “It Is Truly Right” (Grave Mode)
Without sustaining corruption did you conceive a child, and lent your flesh to the Logos, Who devised all things. Mother who knew not man, O Virgin Theotokos, receptacle and space of your uncontained and infinite Creator, you do we magnify.

Communion Hymn of Pentecost
Your good Spirit shall lead me in the land of uprightness. Alleluia.

To Pnevma su to agathon odthiyisi me en yi efthia. Allihíia.

Instead of “We Have Seen the True Light,” repeat Hymn of Pentecost

PARISH ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK		
SUNDAY, MAY 31		
Holy Pentecost		
Orthros		8:45 am
Divine Liturgy		10:00 am
Fellowship follows		
Kneeling Vespers of Pentecost		12:15 pm
MONDAY, JUNE 1		
Holy Spirit Monday		
Services held at Holy Trinity Cathedral in Portland		
Orthros		8:30 am
Divine Liturgy		9:30 am
NO service at St. John’s.		
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3		
Bible Study – Gospel of St. Matthew		10:00 am
Wednesday Coffee Hour		11:00 am
THURSDAY, JUNE 4		
Pre-Communion Prayers		5:30 am
Divine Liturgy		6:00 am
Both services are at the Forerunner Chapel		
Akathist to the Mother of God		9:00 am
Nurturer of Children		
Work Party at the Forerunner Property		4:00 pm
FRIDAY, JUNE 5		
Paraklesis to the Theotokos		6:00 pm
Friday Night Lights: Young Men’s Fellowship		7:00 pm
SATURDAY, JUNE 6		
Great Vespers		6:00 pm
“Growing in the Faith” Catechism Class		7:15 pm
Kids Clothing Swap		7:00 pm
SUNDAY, JUNE 7		
All Saints Sunday		
Orthros		8:45 am
Divine Liturgy		10:00 am
Fellowship follows		
Kids Clothing Swap		1:00 pm
MONDAY, JUNE 8		
Apostles Fast begins through June 28		