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PANAGIA PICNIC NEEDS YOU! We are looking for a new coordinator for our annual semi-potluck picnic, since Maggie R, is going off to college! It takes place in mid-August at the Forerunner Property. Maggie can offer advice. Please contact Fr. Matthew to offer your time!

SOUP AND BAKE SALE FOR BUILDING FUND: On Sunday, June 28, we will have a Soup and Bake Sale. All contributions are welcome whether savory or sweet. Please bring your contributions pre-packaged, or ready to dish out. Whole cakes/loaves/etc. are welcome as well. Please price your items or have a suggested price. All proceeds go to the building fund!

SENIOR MINISTRY MEETING: Join us on Thursday, June 18 at 1:00 pm for our last get together before the summer break in July/August. We'll learn about summer nutrition, helpful recipes, and tips on how to stay hydrated for the (hopefully) warm summer months. Bring your prayer requests so we can pray for each other this summer.

MEN'S NIGHT OUT: On Monday, June 22 at 6:00 pm, come to BG Food Cartel for dinner and drinks at the food carts. No RSVP needed, just show up when you can at BG Food Cartel, 4250 SW Rose Biggi Ave, Beaverton, OR 97005.

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



WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP—PREPPING MEALS FOR FAMILY PROMISE: On Saturday, June 20 at 7:00 pm, come join us and help those who have experienced homelessness and are living in transitional housing on a path to being homed.

THE COUCH OLYMPICS! (GOYA & Jr. GOYA): We will be having our first “Couch Olympics” on Friday, June 19, 7:00 -9:00 pm at the current church property. This event is open to all of our 6th-12th graders, including rising 6th graders. Come to 6:00 pm Paraklesis, then we'll share a meal together—then the games will begin! We will have relay races, funny challenges, obstacle courses, and unique skill tests for “athletes” of all levels. More details to come soon! Mark your calendars!

MOM'S NIGHT OUT ... is planned for Monday, June 29 at 6:00 pm on the Forerunner Property. Main dish provided. See details in the weekly email.

YOUTH SUMMER PARTY at the Forerunner Property: on Saturday, July 11 from 7:15 pm to 9:15 pm, we will have a joint Youth Summer Party (6th-12th) with the Youth from Holy Trinity. We have also invited youth from St. George Antiochian Church in Portland and the Holy Resurrection Orthodox Mission in Salem. We will begin together with a short prayer service in the Forerunner chapel and then we will have a time for food, fellowship, and games. Stay tuned for more details!



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: Makarounis (open) and Anderson (close) Greeter: Aquila (Don) and Evangalia (Lori)
Cleanup Team 4: Woolard-Maltese, Galeev, Gonzalez, Hailey, Eyassu, Anderson



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Prophet Elisha • St. Methodios the Confessor, Patriarch of Constantinople

The Prophet Elisha, the son of Saphat, was from the town of Abel-me-oul and had been a farmer. In the year 908 B.C., at God's command, the Prophet Elias anointed him to be prophet in his stead. This happened while Elisha was plowing his land, having twelve oxen under yoke. Straightway, Elisha slew the oxen and cooked them, using the wooden plough and the other instruments of husbandry as firewood; then he gave the oxen as food to the people. Bidding farewell to his parents, he followed Elias and served him until the latter was taken up as it were into heaven. When Elisha received his teacher's mantle and the grace of his prophetic spirit twofold, he demonstrated whose disciple he was through the miracles he wrought and through all that is related of him in the IV Kings. He departed full of days and was buried in Samaria, about the year 839 B.C. But even after his death God glorified him; for after the passage of a year, when some Israelites were carrying a dead man for burial and suddenly saw a band of Moabites, they cast the dead man on the grave of the Prophet. No sooner had the dead man touched the Prophet's bones, than he came to life and stood on his feet (IV Kings 13:20-21). Mentioning this, Jesus the Son of Sirach says, "He did wonders in his life, and at his death his works were marvelous" (Ecclus. 48:14). It is because of such marvels that the faithful have reverence for the relics of the saints. His name means "God is savior."

As for Saint Methodios, he was born to wealthy parents in Syracuse of Sicily about the end of the eighth century. Being a presbyter, he was sent as an ambassador to Rome in 815 or 816 on behalf of Patriarch Nicephoros of Constantinople, who had been exiled by Leo the Armenian (see June 2). After Leo's death, he returned to Constantinople; but since he was a zealot for the veneration of the holy icons, he was immediately exiled by Emperor Michael the Stutterer to a fortress near Bithynia. When Michael died, he was freed for a short time; but then, because of his confession of the Orthodox Faith, he was imprisoned again by the Emperor Theophilos in a dark and foul-smelling sepulcher. Since this was not enough for the Emperor's inhumanity, he commanded that two thieves be shut up with Methodios, and when one of them died, that the corpse not be removed. While the Saint was imprisoned there, a certain poor fisherman ministered to his needs. Finally, when the Church received its freedom under Saint Theodora the Empress, the Saint ascended the patriarchal throne of Constantinople in 842. Together with the holy Empress, Methodios restored the holy icons to their proper honor; this is commemorated on the Sunday of Orthodoxy. He governed the Church of Constantinople for four years, and reposed in 846.

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

Resurrectional Hymn (First Mode)

The stone had been sealed before Your tomb by the Jews, and the soldiers guarding did watch o’er Your pure and sacred body. O Savior, the third day You arose, and unto all the world did You give life. Whereby all the heavenly powers did proclaim that You are the giver of life. Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ. Glory to Your kingdom. Glory to Your dispensation, O You alone Who loves all.

Tu lithu sfrayisthéndos ipó ton Iudthéon, ke stratiotón filassóndon to áhrandon su Sóma, anéstis tri-ímeros Sotír, dthorúmenos to kósmo tin zoín; dthiá túto e Dthínámis ton uranón evó-on si zoódthóta. Dthóxa ti Anastási su Christé, dthóxa ti vasília su, dthóxa ti ikonomía su, móne filánthrope.

Hymn of Prophet Elisha (Fourth Mode / *Be quick to anticipate*)

The incarnate angel and the prophets' summit and boast, the second forerunner of the coming of Christ our God, Elijah the glorious, from above sent down his grace upon Elisha. He casts out sickness and also cleanses lepers, and unto all who honor him he pours forth streams of cures.

Hymn of St. Methodius (Fourth Mode)

The truth of things has revealed you to your flock as a rule of faith, an icon of meekness, and a teacher of temperance; for this cause you have achieved the heights by humility, riches by poverty. O Father and Hierarch Methodius, intercede with Christ God that our souls be saved.

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 Theotokos (Second Mode)

A protection of Christians unshamable, intercessor to our Holy Maker unwavering, reject not the prayerful cries of those who are in sin. Instead, come to us, for you are good; your loving help bring unto us, who are crying in faith to you: Hasten to intercede and speed now to supplicate, as a protection for all time, Theotokos, for those who honor you.

EPISTLE READING

Romans 2:10-16 (Second Sunday of Matthew)

Brethren, glory and honor and peace for every one who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek. For God shows no partiality. All who have sinned without the Law will also perish without the Law, and all who have sinned under the Law will be judged by the Law. For it is not the hearers of the Law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the Law who will be justified. When Gentiles who have not the Law do by nature what the Law requires, they are a Law to themselves, even though they do not have the Law. They show that what the Law requires is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness and their conflicting thoughts accuse or perhaps excuse them on that day when, according to my gospel, God judges the secrets of men by Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 4:18-23 (Second Sunday of Matthew)

At that time, as Jesus walked by the Sea of Galilee, Le saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. And He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they left their nets and followed Him. And going on from there He saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and He called them. Immediately they left their boat and their father, and followed Him. And He went about all Galilee, 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, JUNE 14

Apostles Fast continues through June 28

Orthros 8:45 am

Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

Fellowship follows

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17

Bible Study – Gospel of St. Matthew 10:00 am

Wednesday Coffee Hour 11:00 am

THURSDAY, JUNE 18

Pre-Communion Prayers 8:30 am

Divine Liturgy at Forerunner Chapel 9:00 am

(10050 NE Walker Rd, Hillsboro)

Senior Ministry Luncheon 1:00 pm

Work Party at the Forerunner Property 4:00 pm

FRIDAY, JUNE 19

Paraklesis to the Theotokos 6:00 pm

Couch Olympics (Jr. GOYA & GOYA) 7:00 pm

Friday Night Lights: Young Men’s 7:00 pm

Fellowship

SATURDAY, JUNE 20

Memorial for Mero Susnar (20 years) 6:00 pm

Great Vespers 6:00 pm

Women’s Fellowship Meal Preparation 7:00 pm

for Family Promise

“*Growing in the Faith*” Catechism Class 7:15 pm

SUNDAY, JUNE 21

Orthros 8:45 am

Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

Artoklasia for St. John the Forerunner 11:45 am

Fellowship follows

MONDAY, JUNE 22

Men’s Night Out at BG Food Cartel 6:00 pm

TUESDAY, JUNE 23

Monastery’s Feast Day Vigil 6:00 pm

Service at St. John the Forerunner Monastery

(5 Timmer Ln, Goldendale, WA 98620)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24

Nativity of St. John the Forerunner

Monastery Feast Day

Divine Liturgy 8:30 am

Service at St. John the Forerunner Monastery

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NO service at St. John’s