

SIX TALKS ABOUT OUR CHURCH: Starting today—and going through the summer—during Sunday fellowship we will have six brief talks about ...

- *Where we are today as a church community, and*
- *Where we'll be someday at the Forerunner Property.*

Come and take part in these important talks! And if you're traveling one Sunday and you miss one, you will find the video recording on our YouTube page.

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 Tuesday, June 23 at 6:00 pm and Divine Liturgy on Wednesday, June 24 at 8:30 am, with feast day luncheon following. Hotels are available in Goldendale.

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!

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



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.

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!

JOIN THE PAN-ORTHODOX EFFORT TO HELP THOSE IN NEED IN PORTLAND! The Orthodox Churches in the Portland area are uniting to start a FOCUS Center locally. You can join this blessed endeavor by making a donation—and each gift will be *doubled* by a matching grant! We have raised \$40,000 towards our goal of \$45,000. Thank you for your part in this blessed endeavor! Donate here:



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 in Portland and Holy Resurrection in Salem. Food, fellowship, games, and prayer—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: Efird (open) and Statler (close) Greeter: Catherine (Maggie) and Dka. Vasiliki (Sandy)
Cleanup Team 5: Miller, Jungwirth, Lawson, Rush, Hansen, Overstreet, Statler



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The Holy Martyr Julian of Tarsus • Venerable Ananias the Iconographer

The Holy Martyr Julian of Tarsus was born in the Asia Minor province of Cilicia. He was the son of a pagan senator, but his mother was a Christian. After the death of her husband the mother of Saint Julian moved to Tarsus, where her son was baptized and raised in Christian piety. When Saint Julian was 18, a persecution against Christians began under the emperor Diocletian (284-305), and he was arrested. They brought him before the governor Marcian for trial, and for a long time they urged him to renounce Christ. Neither tortures nor threats, nor promises of gifts and honors could convince the pious youth to offer pagan sacrifice and deny Christ. The holy confessor remained steadfast in his firm faith. For a whole year they led the martyr through the cities of Cilicia, everywhere subjecting him to interrogation and tortures, after which they threw him in prison. Saint Julian's mother followed after her son and prayed that the Lord would strengthen him. In the city of Aegea, she besought the governor to permit her to visit the prison, ostensibly to persuade her son to offer sacrifice to idols. She spent three days in prison with Saint Julian, exhorting him to be strong until the end. Saint Julian was again brought to stand before the governor. Thinking that the mother had persuaded her son to submit to the imperial decree, the governor

began to praise her prudence. But suddenly she boldly confessed Jesus Christ, and even more fearlessly and boldly denounced polytheism. The governor then gave orders to torture her. They then tied the Martyr Julian into a sack, filled with sand and poisonous snakes, and threw it into the sea. The body of the sufferer was carried by the waves to the shores of Alexandria, and with reverence was buried by a certain pious Christian. The martyr's death occurred in about the year 305. Afterwards his relics were transferred to Antioch. Saint John Chrysostom honored the holy Martyr Julian with an encomium.

Saint Ananias was born in Russia and was tonsured in the Monastery of Saint Antony the Roman at Novgorod. God endowed him with a gift for painting icons, and he exercised this talent for the glory of the Lord. The Venerable Ananias painted "marvelous icons of many holy wonderworkers." For thirty-three years, he never went beyond the Monastery fence. Historical records do not agree about the year of his repose. Some say that he went to the Lord in 1521, 1561, or 1581. His relics are buried in a hidden place at the Monastery. Saint Ananias is commemorated on June 17.

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 (Second Mode)

When You descended to the realm of death, You as Life Immortal rendered to Hades a mortal blow by Your all-radiant Divinity. And when You from infernal depths and the darkness below did raise the dead, all the hosts of heaven’s powers did proclaim and cry out, “O Life-giving Christ and our God, we give glory.”

Óte katílthes pros ton thánaton, i Zoí i athánatos, tóte ton Ádthin enékrosas ti astrapí tis Theótitos. Óte dthe ke tus tethneótas ek ton katahthoníon anéstisas, páse e dthinámis ton epuraníon ekrávgazon: Zöodthóta Christé o Theós imón, dthóxa Si.

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 5:1-10 (Third Sunday of Matthew)

Brethren, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through Him we have obtained access by faith to this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in our hope of sharing the glory of God. More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us. While we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Why, one will hardly die for a righteous man -- though perhaps for a good man one will dare even to die. But God shows His love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we are now justified by His blood, much more shall we be saved by Him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by His life.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 6:22-33 (Third Sunday of Matthew)

The Lord said, "The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is sound, your whole body will be full of light; but if your eye is not sound, your whole body

will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat or what you shall drink, nor about your body, what you shall put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add one cubit to his span of life? And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O men of little faith? Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek all these things; and your heavenly Father knows you need them all. But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well."

Today the great Forerunner comes from the barren womb of Elizabeth—the great prophet of prophets, none greater than he! The radiant candlestick of the Light; the voice of the Word; the friend of the Bridegroom, preparing the Lord’s chosen people by purifying them with water before the coming of the Spirit. The flower of the desert, the preacher of repentance, the purification of transgressions, He announced the Resurrection even to those in Hades, and he always prays for our souls.

- Hymn from Vespers for the Nativity of Saint John the Forerunner

PARISH ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, JUNE 21

Orthros 8:45 am
Divine Liturgy 10:00 am
Artoklasia for St. John the Forerunner 11:45 am
Fellowship follows
Talk #1 about our Church: Fr. Matthew 12:30 pm

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 the Forerunner ~ Monastery Feast Day
Divine Liturgy & Feast Day Luncheon 8:30 am
Service at St. John the Forerunner Monastery
No Bible Study

THURSDAY, JUNE 25

Akathist to the Mother of God 9:00 am
Nurturer of Children
Work Party at the Forerunner Property 4:00 pm

FRIDAY, JUNE 26

Paraklesis to St. Nikiforos the Leper 6:00 pm
Friday Night Lights: Young Men’s 7:15 pm
Fellowship

SATURDAY, JUNE 27

Memorial - Ioanna (Ann) Olsen (1 year) 6:00 pm
Great Vespers 6:00 pm
Growing in the Faith Catechism Class 7:15 pm

SUNDAY, JUNE 28

Orthros 8:45 am
Divine Liturgy 10:00 am
Fellowship follows
Talk #2 about our Church: Symeon Efird 12:30 pm
Great Vespers for Sts. Peter & Paul 6:30 pm

MONDAY, JUNE 29

Sts. Peter & Paul
Orthros 8:30 am
Divine Liturgy 9:30 am
Artoklasia 11:00 am
Family Meetup 11:30 am
Mom’s Night Out at the Chapel House 6:00 pm
Fr. Matthew at Clergy-Laity Congress thru July 3