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DONATE—AND PURCHASE!—ORTHODOX ITEMS FOR THE BUILDING FUND: Since January, more than \$2,000 has been raised for the Building Fund! Contribute by dropping off clearly marked Orthodox items to the Logos Bookstore. Come see the table where these items can be purchased!

COME PRAY THE PARAKLESIS: Each Friday at 6:00 pm we will pray the Paraklesis service to the Theotokos or to a beloved saint.

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!

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



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 blessings of the saints by working together toward the blessed goal of building a church! Bring your work gloves to the Forerunner Property, 10050 NE Walker Rd, Hillsboro.

CROSSROADS (55+) MINISTRY LUNCHEON ... will be on Thursday, June 18 at 1:00 pm.

WOMEN’S FELLOWSHIP MEAL PREP for Family Promise is planned for Saturday, June 20 at 7pm. Come join us and help those who have experienced homelessness and are living in transitional housing on a path to being homed.

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.

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 6pm on the Forerunner Property. Main dish provided. See details in the weekly email.



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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.



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: Statler (open) and Daniels (close) Greeter: Samuel and Anna (Annette)
Cleanup Team 3: Cherry, Contreras, Chosvig, Cox, Daniels

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 (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 ipsus katilthes, o éfsplanghnos, tafīn katedthéxo tri-ímeron, ina imás eleftherósis ton pathón. I zoí ke i Anástasis imón, Kýrie, dthóxa si.

Hymn of 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 of 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 (All Saints Sunday)

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 10:32-33; 37-38; 19:27-30 (All Saints Sunday)

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 of All Saints (Plagal 1st Mode)

Rejoice in the Lord, O righteous, praise is fitting for the upright. Alleluia.

PARISH ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, JUNE 7

All Saints Sunday

Orthros

Divine Liturgy

Fellowship follows

Kids Clothing Swap

8:45 am

10:00 am

1:00 pm

MONDAY, JUNE 8

Apostles Fast begins through June 28

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10

Bible Study – Gospel of St. Matthew

Wednesday Coffee Hour

10:00 am

11:00 am

THURSDAY, JUNE 11

St. Luke the Surgeon of Simferopol

Orthros

Divine Liturgy

Work Party at the Forerunner Property

Philoptochos Board Meeting

8:30 am

9:30 am

4:00 pm

6:30 pm

FRIDAY, JUNE 12

Paraklesis to St. John the Baptist

Friday Night Lights: Young Men’s Fellowship

6:00 pm

7:00 pm

SATURDAY, JUNE 13

Memorial for Andreas Pavlatos (40 days)

Great Vespers

“Growing in the Faith” Catechism Class

6:00 pm

6:00 pm

7:15 pm

SUNDAY, JUNE 14

Orthros

Divine Liturgy

Fellowship follows

8:45 am

10:00 am