ALL HANDS NEEDED FOR SUNDAY CLEANUP TEAMS: Our entire parish pariticpates in the weekly Sunday cleanup after fellowship. By having 12 teams, this burden is shared throughout the year, so that each team cleans just once a quarter. If you're not yet on a team, ***please contact Barbara in the church office to be added to a team. All of us should participate in this!***

WOMEN'S MINISTRY LUNCHEON: Saturday, October 10 at 12:00 pm, join for fellowship, lunch and spiritual discussion with Dn. Innocent. Potluck sides and desserts always welcome. All women welcome!

TEEN BOWLING NIGHT (6th-12th Grade) … is on Saturday, October 10 after Great Vespers. There will be pizza at the church for those who attended Vespers and would like to eat before heading to Tigard Bowl. We will be bowling at Tigard Bowl from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Cost is $22 per child (cash or online payment). More info to come! Reach out to Fr. Basil!

TRANSITIONS — Supporting each other through life's shanges. Are you navigating a new season of life—marriage, motherhood, an empty nest, or simply a change in direction? Transitions is a women's group created to support one another through life's challenges and stay connected between gatherings through coffee, a meal, or a simple check-in. You don't have to navigate life's changes alone. Join us for our kickoff meeting at Oswego Grill immediately following liturgy on October 11.

GOYA & Jr. GOYA MEETING (6th-12th grade): Saturday, October 17th after Great Vespers, join us at the current church property for food, fellowship, games, and spiritual discussion!

WORK PARTY IS ON HOLD UNTIL SPRING: The weekly Thursday work parties at the Forerunner Property will take a pause until springtime, due to the diminished sunlight in fall/winter. Thank you to everyone who participated in this blessed work!

YOUNG WOMEN'S MINISTRY EVENT: Join the young women (18-40 years) on Thursday, October 15 at 6:30 pm for a "Paint a Partner" night, where you'll get to paint your gal pal from across the table! Paint supplies provided, suggested donation towards supplies is $5. This is a potluck event so bring a dish or beverage to share!

MUSHROOM HUNT: On Saturday, October 17, men, women, and teens 13+ years old are welcome to meet for breakfast at 9:00 am at Luna's Mexican Bar and Grill (10355 NW Glencoe Rd, North Plains). Then we'll depart at 10:00 am to the hunt locations in the coastal range. Bring handled bags/baskets, brightly colored hat/jacket, a knife, and rain gear/boots at a minimum, whistle/compass preferred. RSVP for restaurant reservations to Brandon at cravetruth@yahoo.com and for a spot in the limited size group. This is a rain or shine event, except high winds. Expect rough terrain off trail.

THE CONSECRATION OF ANNUNCIATION CHURCH IN MILWAUKIE: On Saturday, October 17 at 8:30 am, join the pan-Orthodox community for this immense blessing of a local church. See the flyer on the bulletin board for details.

FINAL DAY OF THE GREEK FESTIVAL! Support our sister church in Portland, attending at Holy Trinity Cathedral's annual Greek Festival today.

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: Silva (open) and Mullen (close) Greeter: Aquila (Don) and Evangelia (Lori)
Cleanup Team 8: Luperciio, Muzik, Nieuwsma, Holloway, Mullen

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Hierotheos Bishop of Athens • St. Dominina the Martyr & Her Daughers • Venerable Paul the Simple of Egypt

Saint Hierotheos, like St. Dionysios the Areopogite (commemorated on October 3), was a member of the court of Mars Hill in Athens. Having first been instructed in the Faith of Christ by Paul, he became Bishop of Athens. He, in turn, initiated Dionysios more perfectly into the mysteries of Christ. He too was brought miraculously by the power of the Holy Spirit to be present at the Dormition of the Theotokos, when, together with the sacred Apostles, he became a leader of the divine hymnody. St. Dionysios said, "He was wholly transported, wholly outside himself and was so deeply absorbed in communion with the sacred things he celebrated in hymnology, that to all who heard him and saw him and knew him, and yet knew him not, he seemed to be inspired of God, a divine hymnographer." Having lived in a manner pleasing to God, he reposed in the Lord.

Saint Domnina was a woman with two daughters named Vernike (or Bernice) and Prosdoki. Leaving their home and family, they settled in Edessa on the plain of Mesopotamia. Bernice's father and her husband, who were pagans, turned in the women to the authorities in Hieropolis, Syria. When the soldiers guarding them stopped to rest and eat, they became drunk with wine. Taking advantage of this opportunity, the mother and her daughters fled and were drowned in the river.

Saint Paul the Simple lived in the fourth century and was called The Simple for his simplicity of heart and gentleness. At 60 years old, he went into the desert to St. Anthony the Great, who would not accept Paul, saying that he was unfit for the harshness of the hermit's life. Paul stood outside the cell of the ascetic for three days, saying that he would sooner die than go from there. Then St. Anthony took Paul into his cell, and tested his endurance and humility by hard work, severe fasting, with nightly vigils, constant singing of Psalms and prostrations. Finally, St. Anthony decided to settle Paul into a separate cell. During the many years of ascetic exploits the Lord granted Paul both discernment, and the power to cast out demons. When they brought a possessed youth to St. Anthony, he guided the afflicted one to Paul saying, "I cannot help the boy, for I have not received power over the Prince of the demons. Paul the Simple, however, does have this gift." Paul expelled the demon by his simplicity and humility. After living for many years, performing numerous miracles, he departed to the Lord.

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, please come to the Saturday evening Great Vespers service and the catechism class afterwards. Also visit Logos Bookstore and see the newcomer table.

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

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

II Corinthians 9:6-11 (18th Sunday after Pentecost)
Brethren, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work. As it is written, "He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures for ever." He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your resources and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for great generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 6:31-36 (Second Sunday of Luke)
The Lord said, "As you wish that men would do to you, do so to them. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for He is kind to the ungrateful and the selfish. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful."

PARISH ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4
- **Orthros** 8:45 am
- **Divine Liturgy** 10:00 am
- Fellowship, Sunday School, & Theology 101 Adult Education follow
- Greek Festival at Holy Trinity Cathedral

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6
- **Apostle Thomas & St. Innocent of Alaska**
- **Orthros** 7:15 am
- **Divine Liturgy** 8:15 am

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7
- Bible Study 10:00 am
- Wednesday Coffee Hour 11:00 am

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8
- **Akathist to the Mother of God Nurturer of Children** 9:00 am
- Philoptochos Board Meeting 6:00 pm

FRIDAY OCTOBER 9
- Agia Sophia Academy Passport Night 6:00 pm
- No Paraklesis or Young Men's Fellowship tonight

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10
- Women's Ministry Discussion & Luncheon with Dn. Innocent 12:00 pm
- **Great Vespers** 5:00 pm
- "Fullness of the Faith" Catechism Class 6:15 pm
- Teen Outing – Bowling Night 6:30 pm

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11
- **Orthros** 8:45 am
- **Divine Liturgy** 10:00 am
- Fellowship, Sunday School, & Theology 101 Adult Education follow
- "Transitions" Women's Ministry Meeting at Oswego Grill Cedar Hills 12:00 pm