

# ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT:

*To foster the spiritual maturity of the Orthodox Christian faithful of St. John the Baptist and reach out to inquirers, the unchurched and inactive Orthodox on the west side of metropolitan Portland through worship, the sacramental life, education, philanthropy, hospitality, fellowship and the practice of Christian Stewardship, thereby serving as an instrument in the growth and expansion of the Orthodox Christian Church.*

**We had a positive response to our Pennies & Prayers** campaign this year! Thank you to everyone from the Almsgiving Committee! There are still 35 families that have not turned in their pouches to date. Please give your pouch to Cindy Trumpower as soon as possible. Thank You!

### **SEVEN things you can do between now & the Glendi:**

1. SELL raffle tickets to family, friends & coworkers.
2. DISTRIBUTE postcards and fliers at your neighborhood and businesses.
3. BUY & WEAR Glendi aprons, hats and t-shirts.
4. POST the flier in a café, grocery store or other business
5. SIGN-UP for a shift in the main food booth, parking area, kids area, etc.
6. PRAY for a successful and edifying event for everyone.
7. INVITE friends & family.

## SERMON NOTES

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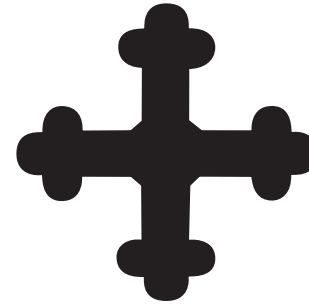
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All non-Orthodox visitors to our parish are welcome and may receive the blessed bread at the end of the Divine Liturgy. To receive Holy Communion, you must be baptized and confirmed in the Orthodox Church. You must also have prepared under the spiritual direction of your Father Confessor, which presumes participation in the Sacrament of Confession. Before approaching the Communion Chalice, we should not have any foreign matter in or on our mouths; this includes food, gum, lipstick, etc. Please come up the middle aisle with reverence and humility. When receiving, please place the cloth under your chin, wipe your mouth and then hand the cloth to the next person.



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## 10TH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

### THE PROCESSION OF THE HONORABLE AND LIFE-GIVING CROSS, THE SEVEN MACCABEES

August 1, 2010

1st Mode/10th Morning Gospel

Snack: Judy S, Janet W, Jill H, Jennifer R, Kiera PC: Goldman U: Lowrey G: Corazza Altar Boys: Teddy, Theo, Julian, Stathi, Cole, Noah & Anthony

### Clean-Up Team ONE:

Braden \* Downs \* Duchow-Pressley \* Dunfield \* Gebrehiwot \* Gillespie \* Goldman \* Gomez \* Ketrenos, J. \* Leese \* Poulos \* Weick

**The Procession of the Cross** was instituted by a mutual agreement of the Greeks and Russians at the time of the Greek Emperor Manuel and the Russian Prince Andrew in commemoration of the simultaneous victories of the Russians over the Bulgarians and the Greeks over the Saracens. In both of these battles, crosses were carried by the armies from which heavenly rays shone. It was therefore instituted that, on August 1, the Cross be carried first to the middle of the Church of the Divine Wisdom [Agia Sophia] and after that, along the streets for the people to venerate as a commemoration of the miraculous help of the Cross in previous battles. This was not an ordinary cross but the true Honorable Cross which was kept in the church of the imperial court. On July 31, the Honorable Cross was carried from the imperial court to the Church of the Holy Wisdom of God and from there it was carried along the streets for the consecration of the earth and the air. On August 14, it was again returned to the church of the imperial palace.

**The seven Maccabean brothers**, their mother Solomonia and their priest, Eleazar, all suffered for the purity of the faith of Israel under King Antiochus. Antiochus wanted by any means to impose upon the Jews the idolatry of the Hellenes in place of their faith in the one living God and he did everything toward this goal. Assisting Antiochus in his intention were some treacherous high priests and other elders of Jerusalem. On one occasion, King Antiochus himself came to Jerusalem and ordered that all Jews eat pork, contrary to the Law of Moses, for eating pork was an apparent sign that one has disowned the faith of Israel. The elder Eleazar refused to eat pork and was therefore tortured and burned. Returning to Antioch, the king took with him the seven sons called the Maccabees and their mother Solomonia. The seven Maccabean brothers were Avim, Antonius, Eleazar, Gurius, Eusebon, Achim and Marcellus. The brothers were tortured and then cast into the fire because they would not disown their Faith. When Solomonia saw her last son, the three-year old in the fire, she leaped into the flames and was consumed in the fire rendering her soul to God. They all suffered honorably for the faith in the one living God about one hundred eighty years before Christ.

## SMALL ENTRANCE HYMNS

### Resurrectional Hymn for this Sunday (1st Mode):

The stone that 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 our resurrected Christ. Glory to Your Kingdom. Glory to Your dispensation, O You alone who loves all.

*Tu lithu sfragisthentos ipo ton Iutheon, ke stratioton filassonton to ahranton Su soma. Anestis triimeros Sotir, thorumenos to kosmo tin zoin, thia tuto e thinamis ton uranon evoon Si zoothota. Thoxa ti Anastasi Su Christe. Thoxa ti vasilia Su. Thoxa ti ikonomia Su, mone Filanthrope.*

### Hymn of the Cross (1st Mode):

Save, O Lord, Thy people and bless Thine inheritance. Grant Thou unto the faithful victory over adversaries; and by the power of Thy Cross, do Thou preserve Thy commonwealth.

### Hymn of St. John the Baptist (2nd Mode):

The memory of the just is celebrated with hymns of praise, but the Lord's testimony is sufficient for thee, O Forerunner; for thou hast proved to be truly more venerable than the Prophets, since thou wast granted to baptize in the stream Him Whom they proclaimed. Wherefore having contested for the truth, thou didst rejoice to announce the good tidings even to those in Hades: that God hath appeared in the flesh, taking away the sin of the world and granting to us great mercy.

### Kontakion of Holy Transfiguration (Grave Mode):

You were transfigured on the mountain, O Christ our God, \* showing Your glory to Your disciples as much as they could bear. \* Shine your ever-lasting light upon us sinners, \* through the intercessions of the Theotokos, Giver of Light, \* glory to You.

### EPISTLE READING: I Corinthians 4:9-16 (10th Sunday after Pentecost)

Brethren, God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, like men sentenced to death; because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to men. We are fools for Christs' sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are ill-clad and buffeted and homeless, and we labor, working with our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we try to conciliate; we have become and are now, as the refuse of the world, the offscouring of all things. I do not write this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel. I urge you, then, be imitators of me.

### GOSPEL READING: Matthew 17:14-23 (10th Sunday of Matthew)

At that time, a man came up to him and kneeling before him said, "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and he suffers terribly; for often he falls into the fire, and often into the water. And I brought him to your disciples, and they could not heal him." And Jesus answered, "O faithless and perverse generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him here to me." And Jesus rebuked him, and the demon came out of him, and the boy was cured instantly. Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?" He said to them, "Because of your little faith. For truly, I say to you, if you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you." As they were gathering in Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of man is to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him, and he will be raised on the third day." And they were greatly distressed.

## PARISH ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 1ST

Sunday, August 1	<b>10th Sunday of Matthew</b> Orthros & Divine Liturgy	8:45 AM
Monday, August 2	Paraklesis Glendi Meeting Young Adults	6:30 PM 7:30 PM 7:30 PM
Tuesday, August 3	Bible Study Paraklesis	9:30 AM 6:30 PM
Wednesday, August 4	Paraklesis	6:30 PM
Thursday, August 5	<i>Fr. Theodore out of the office</i> <b>Transfiguration services: Orthros, Liturgy &amp; Potluck</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>
Friday, August 6	<b>Holy Transfiguration of Christ</b> Paraklesis	6:30 PM
Saturday, August 7	<b>Charles Voloshin's Baptism</b> Choir Practice Missions & Evangelism Meeting Great Vespers	<b>11:00 AM</b> 4:30 PM 5:00 PM 6:00 PM
Sunday, August 8	<b>11th Sunday of Matthew</b> Orthros & Divine Liturgy PanOrthodox Summer Camp begins at Camp Angelos!	8:45 AM

**Drawing today for \$100** Gift Certificate to Jimmy Mak's Restaurant for all those who have turned in money for raffle tickets. Sell those tickets! If you're going to buy them yourself, you may as well turn in the money now to have an extra chance to win this week's drawing and the final drawing on Aug 15th.

**Dormition Fast** is August 1st through 14th. It is Please submit lists of names of Orthodox living for the nightly Paraklesis services, which will be held at 6:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

**PanOrthodox Summer Camp** for 9-15 year-olds runs August 8th through 13th. If you have yet to register, you can pick up a registration form on the Youth bulletin board or contact Holy Trinity Cathedral. You can call Anthony Ailvaliotis with questions at 503-381-6093.

**Please register for the GOYA Raft Trip** with Dn. Innocent. The trip is August 15th & 16th on the Deschutes River, departing after coffee hour on the 15th.

**Glendi Clothing on sale starting this week!** Ideally all parishioners would wear Glendi-wear at the Glendi. T-Shirts, Hats or Aprons \$10 each today (\$12 at the Glendi) - Buy early and save!

**Mad Scientist Show** - Friday, August 20th at 2 p.m. during the Glendi. Reserve tickets with Jill Hudanish - \$3/each. Ask Jill about what the mad scientist does or find out at [www.glendipdx.com](http://www.glendipdx.com).