

# St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church is pleased to welcome

# Nathan Hoppe

## September 1-2, 2012

St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church 2101 NE 162nd Avenue (between Halsey and Sandy)

Saturday, September 1

#### Great Vespers, 6pm followed by a presentation by Nathan Hoppe on OCMC Missionary Work in Albania.

Sunday, September 2

#### Orthros, 8:50am Divine Liturgy, 10am, with Nathan Hoppe as homilist.

Nathan will be available during coffee hour following the Divine Liturgy for informal Q. and A. and one-on-one conversations on the work of OCMC globally and specifically the present missionary efforts in rebuilding and supporting the Orthodox Church of Albania.

### About the Hoppe Family

Nathan and his wife Gabriela are working to inspire, train, equip, and lead Albanians to proclaim the Gospel and make disciples in Albania. The Orthodox Church of Albania has experienced a resurrection under the inspired leadership of Archbishop Anastasios. This resurrection is one of the miracles of the Orthodox world today, but it is a fragile miracle and there is still much work to do.

The ministry of the Hoppe's is focused on seminary students, university students and children. Nathan teaches the early church fathers at the Resurrection of Christ Theological Academy and leads the ministry to students at the University of Tirana. He also directs the Central Children's Office of the Orthodox Church of Albania—a ministry in which he works closely with Gabriela. Nathan is also the team leader for the OCMC missionary team in Albania. Together Nathan and Gabriela lead a team of 25 Albanian Orthodox youth to Kosovo each year where they hold friendship camps for about 1800 Muslim Albanian children. These camps are part of the social and philanthropic work of the Orthodox Church of Albania.

Nathan was born and raised in Colombia, So<mark>uth America,</mark> where his parents continue to serve as missionaries. He is a graduate of Wheaton College and Holy

Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology. Nathan has now served in Albania for more than 12 years.

The Hoppes have three children, Tristan (12), Katherine (10), and Daniel born in January of this year.

We hope you will join us! For more information, please visit our website at www.stgeorgeportland.org.

