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One of the lessons that I took away from my time with the Antiochians is that those whose opinions prevailed at the various Ecumenical Councils were simply proclaiming the faith as they had received it, or as it had been handed on to them.

This has become increasingly apparent as I have studied Hebrews in preparation for Adult Formation on Wednesdays. This Epistle is a treasure trove of early Christian teaching about the who and why of Christ Jesus. To read Hebrews is to read the mind of the Church in the First Century AD and the mind of the Church in the 21st Century. It has been refreshing to recall that I too, as a vowed cleric in The Episcopal Church, promised to be "loyal to the doctrine, discipline, and worship of Christ as this Church *has received them*".

This is the first promise that everyone ordained the the priesthood makes before God, the Bishop, and the congregation.

This was further reinforced this week as I read from the collected works of Fr. Georges Florovsky (formerly of Harvard). Fr. Florovsky reminds clergy that "Christian ministers are not supposed to preach their private opinions, at least from the pulpit. Ministers are commissioned and ordained in the Church precisely to preach the Word of God. They are given some fixed terms of reference--namely, the gospel of Jesus Christ--and they are committed to this sole and perennial message. They are

The Good News

September 23, 2016



A Challenge for the Congregation

We continue to collect funds designated for the building and drainage repairs, until the end of October. We are grateful for the \$5000 Challenge Grant and the responses we have received to date.

Parish Education

We continue our Christian Formation program this Wednesday. We start with a soup and salad supper at 5:30 with classes for all ages at 6pm. There is no need to bring items to the supper, it will be provided this week. Adults will be studying Hebrews and Trinitarian Theology.

Construction Update

The blower motor for the organ has been ordered. It will take 4-6 weeks for delivery and installation. The Buzard Organ Company will be doing a necessary cleaning and repair of the pipes and wind chambers beginning at the end of September. A normal cleaning sequence is 40-50 years, yet due to the accident this work needs to be done at this time.

Morning Prayer - Standard Schedule

Morning Prayer is offered at 7AM on Monday and Tuesday, 8:30 AM Wednesday and Friday, and at 7:30 AM on Thursday. The fourth Thursday at 7:30 AM is Holy Eucharist.

Intercessory Prayer - Fall Schedule

Intercessory Prayer is offered at 8 p.m. on Monday, and on

expected to propagate and sustain
'the faith which was once
delivered unto the saints.'
(*Collected Works, Vol I. 9*).

I invite all of us to participate in
Christian Formation as we explore
that Ancient and Living Faith
which has been passed on to us, so
that we may pass it on to those
who follow.

Blessings,

Dave+

Ministry Links

St. Matthew's Webpage
The Episcopal Diocese of
Springfield
Rector's Blog

Thursday at 12:15.

Outreach Opportunities

August-September-October we will continue collecting school supplies for Oakland School, items that will be needed throughout the school year. Here are some suggestions: Crayola crayons packs, baby wipes for hands after having peanuts, chalk, pencils, hard plastic pencil boxes, erasers (big pink ones and pencil-top erasers), markers, pens, Sharpies, highlighters. Also, soccer and playground balls, jump ropes, Lego's, puzzles, games for K--5 kids, such as Connect 4, chess boards, etc. And please continue to collect box top coupons for schools. Father Dave will be delivering supplies and coupons to Oakland School. If you want to donate funds instead, please designate "Outreach" on your envelope or check.

The Outreach Committee will hold its **fall Book/DVD/Bake Sale** on Saturday, October 22, 8AM - 12PM. Please bring your donations of books, DVDs, VHS tapes and other recordings to the parish hall and place them near the bookshelves. If you need assistance getting your donations to the church please contact Debbie Leighton at 662-7478 (H) or 828-7600 (W).

Parish Schedule for the week of September 25 - October 1 *Coffee Hour follows worship, in the Parish Hall*

Sunday-8:30 a.m.-Guild of the Holy Rosary
Monday-7:00 a.m.-Morning Prayer
Monday-8:00 p.m.-Intercessory Prayer
Tuesday-7:00 a.m.-Morning Prayer
Tuesday-10:00 a.m.-Quilters
Wednesday-8:30 a.m.-Morning Prayer
Wednesday-5:30 p.m.-Guild of the Holy Rosary
Wednesday-6:00 p.m.-Adult Bible Study AND Catechesis of the
Good Shepherd
Thursday-12:15 p.m.-Intercessory Prayer
Thursday- 7:30 a.m.-Morning Prayer
Friday-8:30 a.m.-Morning Prayer

Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday: Mornings, 8:00 a.m.- noon

If you have anything you would like added to the schedule or announcements in the bulletin and news letter please send an email reply to the newsletter, or call the office.

The Guild of the Holy Rosary

Several of our members have formed a guild for the promotion and praying of the Rosary. The Guild has put together a devotional

manual that they are eager to share with anyone who wishes. They meet at 8:30AM each Sunday and 5:30 PM on Wednesday to pray together, and invites all members of St. Matthew's to join them in prayer. Please join the Guild in prayer for our Church, our Parish, our clergy, and each other.

Good News Daily

This Week's Good News Daily is [here](#).

Readings & Music for September 25, 2016

Hymns: #232, #631, #335, #530

Proverbs 3:1-6

My child, do not forget my teaching,
but let your heart keep my commandments;
for length of days and years of life
and abundant welfare they will give you.

Do not let loyalty and faithfulness forsake you;
bind them round your neck,
write them on the tablet of your heart.
So you will find favour and good repute
in the sight of God and of people.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart,
and do not rely on your own insight.
In all your ways acknowledge him,
and he will make straight your paths.

Psalm 119:33-40

Legem pone

33 Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, *
and I shall keep it to the end.

34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; *
I shall keep it with all my heart.

35 Make me go in the path of your commandments, *
for that is my desire.

36 Incline my heart to your decrees *
and not to unjust gain.

37 Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; *
give me life in your ways.

38 Fulfill your promise to your servant, *
which you make to those who fear you.

39 Turn away the reproach which I dread, *
because your judgments are good.

40 Behold, I long for your commandments; *
in your righteousness preserve my life.

2 Timothy 3:14-17

As for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

Matthew 9:9-13

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."

Ministry Assignments for September 25 & October 2

25-September

7:30

Greeters: Doug and Dede Dyson

Lector: Bill Johns

E.M.: Diane Gardner

10:00

Acolytes: Shelley Brenneman Carter & Sarah Halt

Crucifer: Christian Pitts

Lector: Amy Halt

E.M.: Shelley Brenneman Carter

Monday Counter: Gary McGinnis

Coffee Hour: Shelley Brenneman Carter & Susan Long

2-October

7:30

Greeters: Ray Durham

Lector: David Hanck

E.M.: Bill Johns

10:00

Acolytes:

Crucifer:

Lector: Ann Sokan

E.M.: Robin Levine

Monday Counter: Susan Clark

Coffee Hour: Phyllis & Dave Halt

Birthdays & Anniversaries September 25 - October 1

Anniversary

Jane & Woodie Shadid

Birthdays

Bobbie Mehofer

Karyn Smith

Robin Levine

Roger Thomas

Char Wald

Collect for the Feast of St. Matthew

We thank thee, heavenly Father, for the witness of thine apostle and evangelist Matthew to the Gospel of thy Son our Savior; and we pray that, after his example, we may with ready wills and hearts obey the calling of our Lord to follow him; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth, with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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