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Rector's Ramblings

While Fr. Dave is in school, Emily Lavikoff and Karyn Smith will fill the Rector's Ramblings with this important news:

Have you ever seen a child's face lit with joy? Have you seen a child concentrate as he attempts to master a task? If you enjoy these special moments of life, then Catechesis of the Good Shepherd needs you for one Wednesday per month! We are looking for 3 more volunteers to assist in a classroom monthly, from 6pm to 7:15pm. If you are interested, please talk to Emily Lavikoff or Karyn Smith after the Sunday service.

The most profound peace and joy a child can know has only one source: God Himself, but how do we help children draw near to Him? That is what CGS is all about, and we hope you'll come to CGS Sundaes Sunday to learn more! On Sunday, September 11th, during coffee hour, we would like to invite you to register your child(ren), explore the classroom, the hands on learning environment we have created for children at St. Matthew's, and share a sundae with us during a short presentation. Everyone is invited: the curious, the young, and the young at heart!

CGS

DETAILS: Every Wednesday, please come join us for a potluck dinner in the fellowship hall at 5:30pm, and we will disperse for all classes to begin at 6:00. Children ages 3-8 will need to bring a

The Good News

September 9, 2016



Greetings from Antiochian Village

Thank you for all your prayers during my study leave at the Antiochian Village. It has been a wonderful time of intellectual stimulation, worship, and community building.

The initial PhD cohort has quickly become a family of believers who are not only focused on their academics, but on the well-being and success of our comrades. I have never seen scholarship done in such a non-competitive and humble way, including the instructors. In short, this is a truly Christian program.

I look forward to sharing with you my experience, as well as, learning.

I will be returning in time for services this Sunday, and ask your continued prayers for safe travel.

Today, I leave you with these words from St. Maximos the Confessor:

"The way to knowledge is detachment and humility, without which no one will see the Lord." Chapters on Love 4.58.

May God the Holy and Undivided Trinity bless you all,

Dave+

A Challenge for the Congregation

This week a family of St. Matthew's issued a challenge to the Parish Leadership and all members. Anyone giving an above-pledge gift designated for the drainage repairs will be matched upto \$5000. from their family memorial.

During the next two months, through the end of October - those who share in this parish ministry will see their gift doubled in size and effect. Please remember to clearly mark these gifts (on your giving envelope or on the memo line of your check) for the "drainage project".

comfortable pair of socks to wear in the CGS classroom, while 9-12 children may need an old shirt or other clothing which can get messy. Classes will run downstairs most Wednesdays until 7:15, where you will be able to pick up your child from their classroom.

Peace to you,

Emily

Ministry Links

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

The Leadership has stepped up and pledged \$2900 (or 58%) of the challenge amount. Your gift need not be large to count towards this challenge.

Construction Update

The Buzard Organ and Twin City Electric are working to have the organ repairs completed by the end of the month.

Morning Prayer - Standard Schedule

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

Christian Education

see Rector's Ramblings for the latest news

Intercessory Prayer - Fall Schedule

Intercessory Prayer is offered at 4 p.m. on Monday, and on Thursday at 12:15.

Adult Study

Wednesday at 6PM - is on Fall break, while Fr. Dave is in school. No study on 8/31 or 9/7.

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.

Parish Schedule for the week of September 4 - 10

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--Office closed for Labor Day Holiday
Monday-4:00 p.m.-Intercessory Prayer
Tuesday-7:00 a.m.-Morning Prayer
Tuesday-10:00 a.m.-Quilters
Wednesday-7:00 a.m.-Morning Prayer
Wednesday-5:30 p.m.-Guild of the Holy Rosary
Thursday- 7:30 a.m.-Morning Prayer
Thursday-12:15-Intercessory Prayer
Friday-7:00 a.m.-Morning Prayer
Friday--6:00 p.m.--Brownie Troop meeting
Saturday--8:30 a.m.--Women's Breakfast

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 11, 2016

Hymns: # 423, #645, #708, #569

Exodus 32:7-14

The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, `These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation."

But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, "O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a

mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

Psalm 51:1-11

Miserere mei, Deus

1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; *

in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

2 Wash me through and through from my wickedness * and cleanse me from my sin.

3 For I know my transgressions, * and my sin is ever before me.

4 Against you only have I sinned * and done what is evil in your sight.

5 And so you are justified when you speak * and upright in your judgment.

6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, * a sinner from my mother's womb.

7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me, * and will make me understand wisdom secretly.

8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; * wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.

9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, * that the body you have broken may rejoice.

10 Hide your face from my sins * and blot out all my iniquities.

11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, * and renew a right spirit within me.

1 Timothy 1:12-17

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners-- of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would

come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Luke 15:1-10

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." So he told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

"Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

Ministry Assignments for September 11 & 18

11-September

7:30

Greeters: Doug and Dede Dyson

Lector: Mona Johnstone

E.M.: Bill Johns

10:00

Acolytes: Jack & Nolan White

Crucifer: Alex Davingman

Lector: John Stoffer

E.M.: Jack Pitts

Monday Counter: Gary Ploense

Coffee Hour: Sunday Sundaes CGS

18-September

7:30

Greeters: Ray Durham

Lector: Julie Bennett

E.M.: Chris Bennett

10:00

Acolytes: Alley and Devan Roberson

Crucifer: Brent Baughan

Lector: Alex Davingman
E.M.: Bob Kohlase
Tuesday Counter: Pam Laws
Coffee Hour: Baughan Family

Birthdays & Anniversaries September 11 - 17

Birthdays

Jim Cooper
Ray Durham
Bella Levine
Kim Bray

Collect for Sunday, September 11th, 2016

O God, forasmuch as without thee we are not able to please thee, mercifully grant that thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the same Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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