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This Week's Readings

## Rector's Ramblings

I look forward to being back with the parish family on Sunday.

The courses have been excellent, and I am returning refreshed and renewed.

Thank you for the time and the opportunity to participate in this program.

Follow this [link](#) to see some pictures taken during our sessions with His Eminence Metropolitan Hierotheos of Nafpatkos. The article is in Greek as it was published in the Greek press. The basic interpretation of the article is about his teaching and the pioneering nature of the program.

May God bless you all.

In Christ,

Fr. Dave  
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## Ministry Links

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

## The Good News

May 26, 2017



### Parish Education

Adult Formation meets this Wednesday at 6:00 p.m..

Catechesis for children and pre-study meals are on break through the summer. Watch for announcements regarding the Fall return of CGS!

### Memorial Day Activities

Remember that Bloomington has a Memorial Day parade on Monday with a public ceremony at Miller Park. Fr. Halt will be giving the invocation and benediction at the ceremony. Parade begins at 9 and the ceremony at 10AM.

### From the MLT

The Mission Leadership Team (Vestry) has accepted bids and has approved a bid to replace the carpet in the sanctuary and install hardwood flooring around the altar. The cost of the project is expected to be \$12,225. At this time we have received over half of the amount needed for the project. Contributions to cover these expenses can be made to St Matthews. (Memo line to read - flooring project)

The flooring choices have been confirmed and ordered. Install will take place either the week of 5 June or 12 June.

### Confirmation

We are compiling a list of individuals (youth and adults) interested in confirmation/reception this fall. Please let Fr. Halt know if you are interested in this process.

The classes will occur monthly June-September. Time and dates TBD based on participants schedules.

### **Mission Leadership Team**

Meeting is scheduled for June 5 at 7PM. All Mission Leadership Team meetings are open meetings.

### **St. Michael's Conference**

The St. Michael's Conference will be held June 11-17 at St. Michael's Church in O'Fallon. The conference is designed to be both formational and fun. It is open to all youth between the ages of 13-19. If you are interested, please see Fr. Dave for more information. The cost is \$100 for the week.

### **Church Camp**

The Episcopal Church camp of Illinois will be held at East Bay Camp from July 2-8. Camp is open to rising 1st Graders to High School Seniors. Brochures are available [here](#) and the registration site is [open](#). Camp is \$250 for the week, and scholarships are available.

### **Morning Prayer - Standard Schedule**

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

### **Intercessory Prayer**

Intercessory Prayer is offered at 8 p.m. on Monday, and on Thursday at 12:15.

### **Guild of the Holy Rosary**

Meets immediately after the 10:00 service on Sunday morning and Wednesdays at 5:30pm.

### **Serving Schedule**

28-May

7:30

Greeters: Ray Durham

Lector: Liz Gordon

E.M.: Chris Bennett

10:00

Acolyte: Alley Roberson

Crucifer: SB Carter

Lector: Cris Embree

E.M.: Bob Kohlhase

Tuesday Counter: SB Carter

Coffee Hour: Sandy Kohlhase & Danielle Ward

4-Jun

7:30

Greeters: Doug & Dede Dyson  
Lector: Bill Johns  
E.M.: Bill Johns

10:00

Acolyte:

Crucifer:

Lector: Bob Kohlhase

E.M.: SB Carter

Monday Counter: Roy Laws

Coffee Hour: Bray Family

### **Outreach Opportunities**

#### **ITEMS-OF-THE-MONTH**

In May and June we are asking for donations for the Home Sweet Home Mission, a 100-year-old Christian organization which provides shelter and meals for the needy in our community.

Here are some suggestions: body wash, baby wipes, diapers sz. 4, razors, shaving cream, children's toothpaste, dish soap, paper towels; cooking oil, coffee, canned or jars of nuts, baked beans, fruit cups, pudding cups, dried fruit, dry milk.

Many thanks! The Outreach Committee

### **Parish Schedule for the week of May 28th**

*Coffee hour follows worship in the Parish hall*

Sunday-11:00 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-7:00 a.m.- Morning Prayer

Wednesday-5:30 p.m.-Guild of the Holy Rosary

Wednesday-6:00 p.m.-Adult Study

Thursday-7:30 a.m.-Morning Prayer & Breakfast

Friday-7:00 a.m.-Morning Prayer

Friday-6:00 p.m.-Brownie Troup meeting

Office Hours: Monday through Friday: 9:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.

*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.*

### **Readings & Music for May 28, 2017**

Hymns: #366, #335, #215

## The First Lesson

Acts 1:6-14

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36

*Exsurgat Deus*

1 Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; \*  
let those who hate him flee before him.

2 Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away; \*  
as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the  
presence of God.

3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; \*  
let them also be merry and joyful.

4 Sing to God, sing praises to his Name;  
exalt him who rides upon the heavens; \*  
YAHWEH is his Name, rejoice before him!

5 Father of orphans, defender of widows, \*  
God in his holy habitation!

6 God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into  
freedom; \*  
but the rebels shall live in dry places.

7 O God, when you went forth before your people, \*  
when you marched through the wilderness,

8 The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain,  
at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, \*  
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

9 You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance; \*  
you refreshed the land when it was weary.

10 Your people found their home in it; \*  
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the  
poor.

33 Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; \*  
sing praises to the Lord.

34 He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; \*  
he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.

35 Ascribe power to God; \*  
his majesty is over Israel;  
his strength is in the skies.

36 How wonderful is God in his holy places! \*  
the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people!  
Blessed be God!

#### The Epistle

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

#### The Gospel

John 17:1-11

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to

me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

### **Birthdays & Anniversaries from May 28 - June 3**

#### Anniversaries

Kim & Harry Bray  
Heather & Gus Mather  
Mary & Dave Kaufman  
Stephanie & Brent Davingman

#### Birthdays

Nathaniel Jones  
Martha Pitts

### **Collect for the Seventh Sunday of Easter**

O God, the King of glory, who hast exalted thine only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph unto thy kingdom in heaven: We beseech thee, leave us not comfortless, but send to us thine Holy Ghost to comfort us, and exalt us unto the same place whither our Savior Christ is gone before; who liveth and reigneth with thee, and the same Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

### **Contact Information**

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