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Candlemas (Fourth Sunday After Epiphany)

February 2, 2014

## 5:30 P.M. CHORAL EVENSONG FOR CANDLEMAS

*Reception to follow in Green Meldrim House - Nursery available.*

### 8:00 A.M. - HOLY COMMUNION

Collect, Epistle, and Gospel..... Prayer Book pages 231, 114, 232  
*A continental breakfast is available in the Cranmer Hall following this service.*

**9:30a.m.-12:00 (Noon)—Nursery** (*Cranmer Hall*)

**9:30-10:15 A.M.: ALL AGES CHRISTIAN EDUCATION** (*Cranmer Hall*)

**10:30 A.M.-END OF SERVICE: PRE-SCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN**

*(Activities in Cranmer Hall for children during the 9:30 education and/or 10:30 service times)*

**10:30 a.m. – PROCESSION AND SOLEMN EUCHARIST OF CANDLEMAS**

### THE BLESSING OF CANDLES

The Lord be with you. *Answer.* And with thy spirit.

Let us pray. *All standing*

**A**LMIGHTY and everlasting God, who as on this day wast pleased that thy Only-begotten One should be presented in thy Temple, and received in the arms of St. Simeon, we humbly beseech thee of thy mercy that thou wouldest vouchsafe to bless, and sanctify, and kindle with the light of thy heavenly benediction these candles, which we thy servants desire to take up and carry in honour of thy name, to the end that by offering them to thee our Lord God, and being inflamed by the fire of thy most sweet brightness, we may be presented in the holy temple of thy glory; Through the same thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, Who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

### THE DISTRIBUTION OF CANDLES

*Antiphon (after each line):* A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel.

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word.

For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

The Lord be with you. *Answer.* And with thy spirit.

Let us pray. *All standing.*

**A**LMIGHTY, everlasting God, who didst send into the world thy only-begotten One, begotten of thee before time was, but incarnate in time of the Virgin Mary, to be the true and unfailing light, to drive away the darkness of mankind, and to kindle the light of faith and truth; mercifully grant that as we are lighted outwardly by natural light, so we may also be enlightened inwardly by spiritual light; Through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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**STANDING NOTICES**

The occasional Sacraments of Baptism, Matrimony, Penance, Communion and Unction of the Sick, and the Office of Burial of the Dead are always available by appointment, at announced times, or as necessary.

**HOSPITAL VISITATIONS**

Please call the Church Office to inform the clergy if you or a loved one is in the hospital.

**ST. JOHN'S WEB SITE**

Parish Paper essays may be read on our web site: [www.stjohnssav.org](http://www.stjohnssav.org)

**VESTRY OFFERING CHAIRMEN**

8:00 Mr. Arthur D. Weed  
10:30 Mrs. Richard C. E. Jennings

**USHER CHAIRMAN**

Mr. Robert F. Brannen, Jr.

The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of loved ones by Dr. Thomas Stults.

and in loving memory of William Perry Thompson, Robert Mather Thompson, and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Mather by Mrs. William P. Thompson.

and in loving memory of Sara Jane Kuszak by Mr. and Mrs. Cheshire Nash McIntosh, Christopher Wood Dixon McIntosh, Mr. and Mrs. James T. Walker, Jr. and James Andrew Walker.

and a Permanent memorial in memory of John H. Calais and Mr. and Mrs. John S. Calais by the Chancel Society.

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**8:00** Chris Dixon  
**10:30** Lawson Turner, John Osborne  
Mikel Kelly, Jamie McClellan  
Patrick Perrie, Henry Osborne  
Hawkins Pindar, Joseph Saffold  
**5:30 Evensong**  
Lawson Turner, Mikel Kelly  
Finn Repella, Edwin Shepherd

**COFFEE HOUR CHAIRMAN**

Mrs. James S. McClellan, Jr.

**9:30 A.M. SUNDAY YOUTH & ADULT EDUCATION**

- Fr. O' Brien *Upper School*, Fellowship Hall
- Fr. Dunbar: *St. Mark*, Reading Room
- Dr. Noble: *Shakespeare's History plays* 3rd flr Cranmer

**WEEKDAY STUDY GROUPS**

- Monday Noon: **Women's Study** *Athanasius on the Incarnation*, Dr. Bergstrom (Reading Room)
- Tuesdays 7 a.m. **Men's Breakfast**, *Offices of Instruction*, Parish House Dining Room (enter by kitchen), with Fr O'Brien
- Thursdays 7 a.m. **Men's Bible Study**, on Samuel, Reading Room (Fr Dunbar)
- Thursdays 9:15 a.m. **Women's Study**, on *The Imitation of Christ*, with Fr O'Brien

Thursday: **MEN'S FORUM--**  
**NO MEETING FEBRUARY 6TH**

**ADULT CATECHISM** (preparation for baptism, confirmation, or reception) begins Sunday February 16th at 9:30 a.m..

**THE CHILDREN'S SCHOOL ART AUCTION**

Friday, March 7th at 7pm at the Green-Meldrim House: \$75 per person and proceeds will benefit *The Children's School*. For more details contact Betsy Howard 912-398-1326 or [betsyd6@aol.com](mailto:betsyd6@aol.com)

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH IN YOUR WILL

## THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST

Forty days after his birth, Jesus was presented in the Temple and offered to the Father, in obedience to the Law – a sign of the redemption he came to accomplish; and therefore on February 2<sup>nd</sup>, forty days after Christmas, the Church observes the feast of the *Presentation of Christ*, in the confidence that through his sacrifice the faithful are presented and offered unto God.

When Christ was presented in the temple, his Virgin-mother was also ritually purified in accordance with the Law, and so this feast is also called the Feast of the *Purification of Saint Mary the Virgin*, in the hope and prayer that Christ by his grace will cleanse and purify our hearts, so that we may be presented an offering acceptable unto God.

Third, when Jesus was presented in the Temple, he was met by Simeon and Anna, two Israelites who had grown old waiting faithfully for the fulfillment of God's promises of redemption. Simeon and Anna recognized the child Jesus as the Lord's Christ. They gave thanks for him as the "light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of his people Israel", and they bore witness to him in Jerusalem. And so this feast is also called *Candlemas*, for today, by ancient custom, candles are blessed, lit, and carried in procession to commemorate the meeting of Simeon and Anna with Christ. The youth of our Confirmation and Middle School classes are receiving and sharing this light with the congregation today, in token of their calling to the faith and witness of Christ, and as a reminder to all the faithful, that to us it is given to know and love the Light of God's glory manifest in Jesus Christ, and to bear his light to others through the darkness of this world.

## THE ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE Saturday February 8th

If you are cleaning out your closets, please keep this Sale in mind! Donations received Monday, February 3rd to Friday, February 7<sup>th</sup>.

## THE WOMEN OF ST. JOHN'S

The **Board of the Women of St. John's** meets on Monday, February 3rd at 10:00 a.m. in the Parish House.

The **General meeting of the Women of St. John's** will be on Wednesday, February 5th, following Holy Communion at 10:00 a.m.. Speaker: Hugh Golson, Savannah's expert on — and collector of — Herter Brothers furniture, the firm that was commissioned to make much of the original furniture for the Parish House. This talk should be a significant contribution to our understanding of the original design of the house. The doors are open to ALL!

## SUNDAY SCHOOL PERFECT ATTENDANCE

*December 2013*

*Andy Perkins*

*Elizabeth Kulp*

*Nathanael Bergstrom*

*Marley Crabb*

*Jacob Perkins*

*Banks Fana*

*Mary-Porcher Warner*

*Jackson McClellan*

## SAVE THE DATE

DR. BERGSTROM'S ORDINATION

**March 18th at 6 p.m.**

*Sitters will be provided for both service and reception, until 9:30 p.m.*

## PARISH KALENDAR

**Monday to Friday: Daily Prayer**  
8:15am & 5:30pm

**In addition, on Wednesday:**  
*Litany 9:45 am Sung Eucharist 10am*

## THE CHILDREN'S SCHOOL AT ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

*16 months old to Pre-K*

**New enrollment is open to St. John's families** (before it is opened to the general public) Wednesday January 29th to Tuesday February 4th. Contact: Cathy King [childrensschool@stjohnssav.org](mailto:childrensschool@stjohnssav.org) or 232-1225.

**THE PROCESSION WITH CANDLES**

*Deacon.* Let us go forth in peace. *Answer.* In the name of Christ. Amen.

HYMN <i>Hail to the Lord's Anointed</i> .....	<i>Insert</i>
<i>Priest.</i> We wait for thy loving-kindness, O God; <i>Answer.</i> In the midst of thy temple.	
<i>Priest.</i> Let us pray ( <i>all standing</i> ). Almighty and everlasting God, who didst send thine only-begotten Son into the world to be the true and unfailing light; Mercifully grant that he may so illuminate our hearts and minds, that we may be found worthy to be presented in the holy temple of thy glory; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. <i>Amen.</i>	
HYMN for Introit #116 <i>O Sion, Open wide thy gates</i> .....	Bedford

**ANTE-COMMUNION**

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HYMN #479 <i>Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (Stanza 3)</i> .....	Hyfrydol
<i>Kindergarten through 4<sup>th</sup> grade children may exit following the cross for Junior music.</i>	
SERMON .....	Fr. O'Brien

**OFFERTORY**

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*Everyone is invited to attend the Coffee Hour in the Parish House immediately after the 10:30 service.*

*If you are a guest and visiting our Parish, please make yourself known.*

**12 Noon—HOLY COMMUNION (Church; same as 8 a.m.)**  
**5:30 p.m.—SOLEMN EVENSONG FOR CANDLEMAS—(sitter available)**