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5:05 P.M. ORGAN MUSIC BEFORE THE SERVICE

5:30 P.M.—CHORAL EVENSONG FOR MICHAELMAS

A wine and cheese reception in the mall follows the service. *Nursery provided.*

A PRAYER OF PREPARATION

O LORD our God, who hast established in the heavens orders and hosts of Angels and Archangels for the service of thy glory; grant that thy holy Angels may enter with us here, serving with us, and glorifying with us thy goodness, for the sake of thy Son Christ Jesus, the King of Angels, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

(from the Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom)

A PRAYER OF ADORATION

It is meet and right that we should give thanks unto thee, O Holy Trinity. Not indeed that thy Majesty requires our praise or has need of our thanksgiving, for those who praise Thee are numberless: clustering cherubim, bright seraphim a countless host, rank upon rank of devouring flame, hidden legions which bear up the chariot of the cherubim, the revolution of whose wheels is infinite: troops of seraphim who by the whirl of their wings move the threshold; a shining galaxy which out of the midst of the burning coal is discerned by its own movement. Myriads stand before thee, praising thy Being, and with one clear voice and one loving harmony, cry the one to the other in eternal praise, saying, "Holy, holy, holy."

(from the Liturgy of the Syrian Jacobites)

SOLEMNITY

Ours is a culture infatuated with the casual, comfortable, and carefree, which we often

identify with what is authentic and humble. But there is no humility in insisting that 'my comfort' comes first in all circumstances; and one must question the value of 'authenticity' when it means a refusal to experience 'otherness'. It is like visiting another country, and staying in the hotel to watch American television and eat American fast food. Likewise, to come before God insisting on the casual and comfortable, is not humility but arrogance. That is why historic Christian liturgy has always insisted on its being *set apart* from ordinary life. For Christians too are "set apart", called out of the world, consecrated to serve the Lord in holiness, no longer conformed to this world, but transformed into his likeness, living the life of heaven while still here on earth. In the "set - apartness" of the liturgy, we have a foretaste of that which is yet to come. Worship is meant to acculturate us to the life of the heavenly kingdom. And as we become familiar with the liturgy, so do we experience the profound comfort which the new life of heaven gives.

Every liturgy at St. John's, however simple, necessarily has something of this "set-apart" character. It is there in the austere black and white of cassock and surplice, and in the chaste dignity of the language of the Prayer Book and Bible. But Michaelmas, and some other high and holy days during the Church's

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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

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8:00 a.m. Mr. Arthur D. Weed
10:30 a.m. John M. Hewson, Esq.

USHER CHAIRMAN

Mr. Randolph H. Kulp II

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Edna and Jack Fitzpatrick and loved ones by their family; in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney T. Nutting, Sr. by their families; in memory of the Rev'd Jack E. Altman, the Rev'd William H. Ralston, Jr. and the Rt. Rev'd G. Paul Reeves by the Altman family; in memory of Fr. Ralston by Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Reed Welch and Ralston Kennedy Welch; in loving memory of Dr. and Mrs. Jules Victor, Jr. by Mr. and Mrs. Neil H. Victor;

The flowers at the Chapel altar on Wednesday, Oct. 1st, are given to the glory of God and in honor of St. Francis of Assisi and his life of service to the poor by Mr. and Mrs. T. Herbert Guerry III.

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ACOLYTES

8:00 am volunteer requested
10:30 am John Osborne
Charles Perrie, Mikel Kelly
Turner Stevens, Patrick Perrie
Finn Repella, Henry Osborne

5:30 pm Evensong
John Osborne, Mikel Kelly

COFFEE HOUR CHAIRMAN
Mrs. Ze Eduardo Santa-Rita

ADULT EDUCATION SUNDAYS 9:30 A.M.

Men's Discussion Group Parlor, Parish House. Rick Wright, Walter Strong, and Charles Ezelle
Women's Discussion Group Reading Room, Cranmer Hall. Led by Carol Hewson, Susan Donahue, Linda Sheahan, and Laura Wimbish
Men & Women's Group Study of Tim Keller's Gospel in Life. Ralston Room. Led by Jon and Mary Sprague, Mark and Chambliss Stevens.
Harlotry, Compassion, Shemherding, and Jesus - 3rd Floor East. led by Jack Whray.
Sin and Judgment in Shakespeare's History Plays 3rd Floor East led by David Noble.
St. John's Gospel Chapel led by Fr Dunbar

MEN'S WEEKDAY STUDY & DISCUSSION

Tuesday 6:45 a.m. Breakfast and Discussion on the *Holy Spirit*, with Fr O'Brien, Parish House.
Thursday 7 a.m., **NO MEETING THIS WEEK OR NEXT** - resumes October 16th.

WOMEN'S WEEKDAY STUDY & DISCUSSION

Monday Noon, led by Fr Bergstrom, on John Jewell's *Apology and Defence*.
Thursday 9:15 a.m., led by Fr O'Brien on *How We Know: A Study of Plato's Meno*

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH IN YOUR WILL

year, we observe with a special degree of *solemnity*. In token that all Christians are to be clothed in new lives of grace and virtue, the three sacred ministers are clothed in splendid vestments. Because prayer and praise of God are to order our lives, they move in a stately dance of prescribed symbolic motions - in file behind the priest-celebrant when he prays for us, in line abreast when we join him in praise (Creed, Sanctus, Gloria), symmetrically dividing when one addresses the people, or moving to his side to assist him as he carries out a priestly act (censing the altar, presenting and consecrating the elements of bread and wine). Because after the example of Christ we are to offer our prayers and selves "a sacrifice and an offering to God, for a sweet-smelling savour" (Ephesians 5:2, cf. Romans 12:1; Psalm 141:1; Rev. 5:8), incense is offered at the entrance, at the gospel, at the offertory, and at the consecration. Because the courts of heaven are filled with praise, the music we sing is the most elevated of which we are capable. These marks of solemnity engage our senses in the ascent of the mind from earth to heaven, as "with angels, and archangels", we hymn the praises of the Trinity. GGD

THE MUSIC OF HEAVEN

... That undisturbed song of pure consent,
 Ay sung before the sapphire-coloured throne
 To Him that sits thereon,
 With saintly shout and solemn jubilee.
 Where the bright Seraphim in burning row
 Their loud uplifted angel-trumpets blow,
 And the Cherubic host in thousand quires
 Touch their immortal harps of golden wires...
 O may we soon again renew that song,
 And keep in tune with heaven, til God ere
 long
 To his celestial consort us unite,
 to live with him, and sing in endless
 morn of light.

(John Milton: *At a Solemn Music*)

MEN'S FORUM

THURSDAY OCTOBER 2ND

"Daniel - on faithful witness and inner confidence in a dangerous world"
Part I (Fr Bergstrom)

Good food for Body and Soul
 Guests Welcome. Donations requested.
 Food served 11:50, Talk runs 12:10-12:50.

MEN'S FORUM KITCHEN CREW

If you can lend a hand Thursdays between 10:15 am and 1:15 pm please call Marianna Pedrick 661-4591.

PARISH KALENDAR THIS WEEK

Monday 29th September
ST. MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS
Morning and Evening Prayer
& Holy Communion
 8:15 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday to Friday
Morning and Evening Prayer
 8:15 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.

In addition, on Wednesday
 9:45 a.m. *Litany*; 10:00 a.m. *Eucharist*

HOLLY DAYS BAZAAR (11/12 & 13)

Waitresses! call Grace Merritt 658-3010.
Soup or Chili—freeze in ziploc bags, store in Cranmer Hall. Christiana Turner 308-0102 or Sherry Holtzclaw 897-3889.
Homemade Desserts (no cookies or breakfast breads) Kathy Johnston 303-9483.
Candlelight Dinner raffle tickets will be sold at coffee hour Oct. 26th & Nov. 2nd
ALL Hands on Deck Sunday Nov. 9th after church! We need your help!
 Please **LIKE** the Holly Days Bazaar on **Facebook** for updates and info!

WOMEN OF SAINT JOHN'S

The Board meets Monday, September 29, at 10:00 am in the Parish House.

The General Meeting of the Women will be Wednesday, Oct 1, in the GMH at 10:45, immediately after the 10:00 service. The guest speaker will be **Dr. Chris Hendricks**, who will present "**Savannah's Romantic Spirit: a look at manners, gardens, and William Jay of Savannah in the 19th century**". All are welcome.

8:00 A.M. – HOLY COMMUNION

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A continental breakfast is available in Cranmer Hall following this service.

9:00—12 Noon: Nursery (*Cranmer Hall*)

9:30 A.M.—10:15 A.M. ALL AGES CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

(*Cranmer Hall, Chapel, and Conference Room*)

9:30 a.m. to Noon: Pre-School - Pre-Kindergarten

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

10:15-10:25 A.M. Voluntaries for Brass

10:30 A.M.—SOLEMN EUCHARIST AND SERMON

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SERMON Fr. O'Brien

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

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

12 Noon — HOLY COMMUNION (Chapel) - as 8 a.m.