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OCTOBER 26TH - ST. JOHN'S FEAST OF DEDICATION

Please make your reservations for brunch after 8 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. services.

*Guest Preacher: **The Rev'd Horace Tipton** will preach at 10:30 am and address Father Dunbar's class in the **Ralston Room** (3rd floor Cranmer Hall) at 9:30 am. He is founder and president of **Planting Faith Ministries**, which brings together faith and farming in partnership with the Church in Kenya.*

THE WOLVES OF WOUNDED PRIDE

PART I

Parishioners often ask for some account of Islam, which I usually resist. As a professing and professional Christian I have an idea how complex and subtle Christianity is, how easily it may be misunderstood or misrepresented, and I am neither a Muslim nor a student of Islam. I do know that

Islam is at least as variegated as Christianity is. In its heartlands in North Africa and South Asia, it embraces hundreds of millions of adherents within a huge geographical, cultural, and linguistic spread. As in

Christianity, there is three great streams within it (Sunni, Shia, and Sufi) - and within them are a bewildering number of permutations and combinations. There is also a long and complex history beginning in the 7th century, when the Arabs - hitherto nothing more than a nuisance to the great empires of the

ancient world - burst out of the deserts, united under the banner of Islam, overwhelmed two empires in short order, and established a huge empire of their own, stretching from northern India to southern France. For the next half-millennium Damascus, Baghdad, and Cairo were centers of world civilization with few rivals, centers not only of political,

economic, and military power, but also of an extraordinary high culture, notable for its transmission and development of the legacies of classical science, mathematics, and philosophy. And all this at a time when Christian Europe was an often barbarous



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Offer unto God the Sacrifice of
Thanksgiving, and Pay thy Vows
unto the Most High.

Psalm 50:14

sideshow. And if the energy slackened in the Arab world in the later middle Ages, the non-Arab Muslim empires of the Ottoman Turks, the Safavid Persians, and the Mughals in India picked up the slack. It was the defeat of the Ottomans before the gates of Vienna in 1683 that marked the beginning of Islam's retreat before

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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

VESTRY OFFERING CHAIRMEN

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

USHER CHAIRMAN

Mr. James S. McClellan and
Dr. James S. McClellan, Jr.

The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory and in honor of loved ones by the John Helmken family. And on the occasion of the marriage of Margaret Mallette Gunkel to Thomas Harold Scott, Jr. and in thanksgiving for the marriage of Dr. and Mrs. Dieter Christian Gunkel by their parents Dr. and Mrs. Dieter Karl Gunkel.

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8:00 Volunteer needed
10:30 Charles Perrie
Jamie McClellan
Hawkins Pindar, Finn Repella
Jackson McClellan

COFFEE HOUR

Mrs. James S. McClellan

ADULT EDUCATION SUNDAYS 9:30 A.M.

Men's Discussion Group Third Floor, Cranmer Hall.

Led by 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

Harlotry, Compassion, Shepherding, and Jesus - 3rd Floor East. led by Jack Wray.

Sin and Judgment in Shakespeare's History Plays 3rd Floor East led by David Noble

Middle and High School Youth. Third Floor. Led by Mrs. Skip Jennings and Fr Bergstrom. .

Fr Dunbar Class will meet in the Ralston Room on the 3rd floor of Cranmer Hall with **Fr. Horace Tipton.**

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., *Samuel*, Fr. Dunbar, Reading Room, Cranmer Hall

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*

"ELEVENSES"

party honoring our *Guides and Door Keepers* on *Wednesday, 22nd of October in the Green Meldrim House at 11:00 a.m.*

RSVP by October 17th to Martie Campbell 598-4299 or martiecampbell@bellsouth.net

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH IN YOUR WILL

the global expansion of Christian Europe. But the intellectual, cultural, and economic energy of those societies had long been in decline, precisely as that of Europe was surging forward. In the 18th century, Mughal India was invaded by the British; by the early 1920's the Ottomans had been pushed out of the Balkans, and their North African and Asian empire parcelled out to European powers; Persia was divided into Russian and British "spheres of influence". After World War Two a whole slew of Muslim states gained independence, yet the intellectual, cultural and economic stagnation of centuries was not shaken off, and the deep resentments of historical humiliations remained. There is none so vindictive as the one who thinks he has been victimized; nothing so cruel as wounded pride - this is true of societies as well as individuals. Both Russia and China cultivate self-justifying narratives of victimization which present their own dangers to the world, but they have channeled them into militaristic statism. Despite attempts to do the same in the 1950's and 60's, that option is not available for Islam's aggrieved adherents. Hence the resort to nihilistic terrorism.

(To be continued) GGD

VESTRY NOMINATIONS

Nominations for four five-year terms should be submitted in writing to the Nominating Committee or in a sealed envelope to the Church Office. Nominations will close Wednesday, Nov. 5, 2014.

The Annual Congregational Meeting is on Sunday, November 16, 2014.

Nominees must:

1. Be members of St. John's for at least 5 years;
2. Support St. John's financially; and
3. Worship regularly at St. John's.

WREATH MAKING WORKSHOPS

Wednesday, October 15th, @ 10:30 a.m. in Cranmer Hall. Kit provided for a \$22 donation for supplies. Contact Mary Dawson 657-9099.

MEN'S FORUM

THURSDAY OCTOBER 16TH

"Daniel - on the vindication of faithful witness in a dangerous world" (Fr Dunbar)

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

PARISH KALENDAR THIS WEEK

Monday, October 13th

Office Closed

Monday 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*

Saturday 18th

**FEAST OF SAINT LUKE THE
 EVANGELIST.**

10:30 a.m. *Holy Communion.*

HOLLY DAYS BAZAAR (11/12 & 13)

Want a fun job? **Waitresses!** are needed, please sign up with Grace Merritt 658-3010.

Soup or Chili—freeze in ziploc bags, store in Cranmer Hall. Christiana Turner 308-0102 or Sherry Holtzclaw 897-3889.

Decadent and delicious **Homemade Desserts** are needed for both days. Kathy Johnston 303-9483.

Candlelight Dinner raffle tickets will be sold at coffee hour Oct. 26th & Nov.2nd

Don't forget to clean out and donate to the **White Elephant Sale!** **Books, Treasures** are needed too! Nita Ann Klein 927-4270 or Jettie Johnston 598-7488.

Holly Days Kids Camp

If you are **volunteering** for the Bazaar you can sign up your children for Wednesday, November 12th and Thursday, November 13th. The hours will be from 9:30 until 2:30. The teachers from the Children's School at St. John's will have fun activities planned. Please contact Caroline Hayes - chayes@stjohnssav.org to reserve your spot. The deadline to sign up will be Nov. 7th.

8 A.M.—HOLY COMMUNION

COLLECT, EPISTLE, and GOSPELPrayer Book, page 213
A continental breakfast is available in Cranmer Hall following this service.

9:30-12:00 Noon: NURSERY (*Cranmer Hall*)

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

Cranmer Hall and Conference Room.

9:30 a.m. – Noon: **Preschool-PreKindergarten**

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

10:30 A.M.—MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON

HYMN #287 *Give Praise and Glory Unto God*.....Elbing
 Sentences, Confession, Absolution & Lord’s Prayer..... Prayer Book 3-7
 Versicles and Responses..... 7-8
 VENITE (Hymnal #610)..... 9
 Psalm #33 378
 First Lesson: 2 Chronicles 6:1-25 insert
Solomon’s Prayer at the Dedication of the Temple
 TE DEUM (Hymnal #615, 619)..... 10
 Second Lesson: Ephesians 4:1 and St. Luke 14:1..... 213
 BENEDICTUS (Hymnal #634) 1
Children may exit following the cross for JOYFUL NOISE (5’s and 6’s) and PSALM PSINGERS (Gr 2-5).
 Apostles’ Creed 15
 Versicles and Responses..... 16
 Collect for the Day 213
 Other Collects and Prayers, the Grace 17-20
 HYMN #302 *O That I Had a Thousand Voices* Mentzer
 THE SERMON Fr. Tipton

OFFERING

Sentences
 Anthem: *Jesus, Friend of Sinners*..... Edward Grieg
 Presentation of Alms: Doxology #139, and Hymn #141 (verse 4)
 Prayer and Blessing
 HYMN #396 *The Church’s One Foundation* Aurelia
 ORGAN: *Trumpet*.....Johann Sebastian Bach

Everyone is invited to attend Coffee Hour in the Green Meldrim House immediately following the 10:30 service.If you are a guest and visiting our Parish, please make yourself known.

12 Noon HOLY COMMUNION in the Chapel. (Collect, Epistle, Gospel as 8 a.m.)