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THIS SUNDAY AFTER 10:30 A.M. SERVICE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Reports & Elections. Meeting should end about Noon.

NEXT SUNDAY

THE PSALM PSINGERS (grades 2-5) will be joining the Parish Choir for the first part of the 10:30 service. **Important:** *Rehearsal this Sunday during 9:30 Sunday School:* Parents are asked to make every effort to have children here this Sunday at 9:30. Fitting of choir robes will take place during the 10:30 service.

E.Y.C.S. INGATHERING. The EYCS is not an organization of the national church but of the Savannah area churches, and every year it provides significant scholarship assistance to parishioners of St. John's. Please be generous in your support.

VISITATION OF THE SICK (SECOND PART)

When sickness or infirmity comes upon us, we are right to fight back, to seek recovery of health. Not to do so is to despise one of the blessings of God. Yet it is not enough to regard sickness as somehow outside God's will, as if he could not work in and through it to accomplish his good purpose in our souls. That is the central insight of the Visitation of the Sick, which was set forth in the Exhortation first published in 1549 and retained in the first two American Prayer Books of 1789 and 1892 but sadly omitted in 1928 (not to mention 1979). This teaches in forthright terms that sickness is God's visitation, and that his visitation may be for one of two

complementary purposes. The first of these is *"to try your patience for the example of others, and that your faith may be found in the day of the Lord laudable, glorious, and honourable, to the increase of glory and endless felicity"*.

The virtue of patience is a kind of hope; it is the ability to wait upon God in humility and resignation (what we now call 'acceptance'), without denial or despair. It is exemplified in the psalmist's testimony: "I waited patiently for the Lord; and he inclined unto me, and heard my prayer; he brought up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock. Many shall see it and fear, and shall put their trust in the Lord" (Ps.40:1-3).

The phrase used in the Exhortation, to "try one's patience", now is taken to mean that patience is running out ('so and so would try the patience of a saint'), but its actual and original meaning is almost exactly the opposite. To put something on trial is to demonstrate its strength and virtue, to show what is capable of. It is what you do when you test-drive a car. Comber puts it this way: "The pilot cannot show his skill, but in a storm; nor the soldier his valour, but in a battle. Hardships do both contend with virtue, and render it conspicuous, being no otherways our adversaries than the

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The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the Veteran, and for their service to our country.

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8:00 *volunteer requested*
10:30 John Osborne, Patrick Perrie
 Jamie McClellan, Hawkins Pindar
 Finn Repella, Jackson McClellan

COFFEE HOUR CHAIRMAN

Mrs. Jonathan D. Sprague

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.

St. John's Gospel Chapel. Led by Fr. Dunbar.

MEN'S WEEKDAY STUDY & DISCUSSION

Tuesday 6:45 a.m. Breakfast and Discussion.

Thursday 7 a.m., Reading Room, Cranmer Hall.

NO Thursday Men's Forum for rest of November.

WOMEN'S WEEKDAY STUDY & DISCUSSION

Monday Noon, led by Fr. Bergstrom

Thursday 9:15 a.m., NO MEETING. Next Meeting December 4th.

ESTIMATE OF GIVING (PLEDGE) CARDS

All cards are acknowledged within 5 business days of receipt. If the pledge you mailed in has not been acknowledged in a timely manner, please call the church office to make sure we received it!

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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 a.m. Mr. Arthur D. Weed

10:30 a.m. John M. Hewson, Esq.

USHER CHAIRMAN

Mr. Walter H. Strong, Jr.

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH IN YOUR WILL

athletes were to those with whom they contended in the Olympics, whose skill and strength only added to the glory of the victory. The courage and patience of the best Christians is made illustrious by calamities, and they are chosen on purpose to be exercised by these trials, that in them our heavenly Father may demonstrate the noble spirit of his children, and the efficacy of his grace. Human nature of itself is querulous and apt to murmur at the least evils; but those who are endued with heavenly grace can suffer the greatest without the exorbitancies of grief or fear, anger or discontent....".

Patience is not passivity. It is not seeking suffering. Like Jesus, we may rightly pray, "Father, if it be possible, take this cup away from me" - yet like Jesus we must also pray, "nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done". It is the virtue of patience that Jesus manifested in his passion, and indeed the two words "patience" and "passion" are closely related. In the final analysis, having wrestled with the Lord, we must surrender ourselves to the working of God's good and perfect will. In that surrender is our ultimate victory. GGD

(To be continued.)

BOOKSIGNING

FRI. NOVEMBER 21ST, 4:30-6:30 P.M.

The Green-Meldrim House will host a book signing and (AT 5 P.M.) power-point presentation by Hugh Howard, author of *Houses of Civil War America*, with original photography by Roger Straus III, 4:30-6:30. This event is open to the public and free of charge. Books are available for purchase, courtesy of E. Shaver Books.

SATURDAY AFTER THANKSGIVING

LOW COUNTRY BOIL AND COOKOUT

Nov. 29th 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Villa Marie on Isle of Hope. Food, Fun, and Fellowship - to include games and a live band. Tickets on sale at Coffee Hour, \$15 Adults, \$5 Children 12 and under, children under 5 eat free.

"HOLLY DAYS" BAZAAR NOTES

We render hearty thanks for the Women of Saint John's, and the Bazaar Committee, under the leadership of the indefatigable Mrs. Alex (Erica) Jarman, who organized and executed a great Bazaar this past week. Thanks also to the men and youth of the Church who volunteered their assistance.

If there are any **Preserves** left unsold, they will available for purchase after church.

To pay for or pick up **Silent Auction** items email Betsy Howard betsyd6@aol.com.

PARISH KALENDAR THIS WEEK

Monday to Friday

Morning and Evening Prayer

8:15 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.

In addition, Wednesday

9:45 a.m. *Litany* 10 a.m. *Eucharist*

MANY THANKS

To our vestrymen who have served for the past 5 years, and whose term will end December 31st, 2014: Mr. Floyd G. Whittington, Jr.; M. Tyus Butler, Jr. Esq.; Dr. J. Davidson Carson; Lt. Col. P. Drew Troxler.

SHERMAN'S ARRIVAL AND SAVANNAH'S DELIVERANCE - 150TH ANNIVERSARY
Wednesday, December 3rd, 6- 8 p.m.

To commemorate the preservation of the Green Meldrim House and the city of Savannah from the devastation of war.

- ❖ Service of Thanksgiving in the Chapel at 5:30 p.m.,
- ❖ Social follows at the Green Meldrim House, with Music and Food of the Civil War period.
- ❖ Open to Men and Women of Saint John's.
- ❖ *This takes the place of the usual daytime meeting of the Women of Saint John's.*

8:00 A.M. - HOLY COMMUNION

COLLECT, EPISTLE, and GOSPEL..... Prayer Book, p. 220

A continental breakfast is available in 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 & Chapel*)

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

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

10:30 A.M. —MORNING PRAYER

CARILLON

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Prayer and Blessing

HYMN #562 *Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus*..... Webb

The Acolytes will remove flowers from the altar during the hymn, and the choir will depart after the last stanza.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Call to Order and Minutes

Vestry Nominations

Addresses and Reports to the Congregation

VOLUNTARY: *Trumpet Tune In C* Raymond H. Haan

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.