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THIS SUNDAY - PARISH PICNIC AND STREET SOCIAL

Directly After 10:30 a.m. Morning Prayer - Cranmer Hall & Charlton Street

Bring your favorite covered dish

Sidewalk Chalk, Cornhole, Hula Hopes, Ping Pong

Live Music ♦ Ice Cream Bar

BELONGING TO CHRIST (9)

In the age of digital messages that begin with “Hi!”, we may overlook the importance in effective speech of acknowledging those we are addressing and our relation to them. In so doing, we open their ears to hear our appeal. But in prayer, it is the other way around: we address God on the terms in which he has revealed himself to us, not to persuade him, but (as it were) to persuade ourselves. In calling on the Lord as Jesus has taught us to do – “*Our Father, who art in heaven*” — we lift up our hearts and minds to approach the God who in Christ has shown himself not as remote, indifferent, hostile, but as approachable, loving, fully committed to the wellbeing of his own: as *our heavenly Father, who is the giver of all goodness ... unto me, and to all people*. Prayer therefore must be the expression not only of faith in God the Father but also of faith in God the Son, who has revealed God to us as his Father and ours, and in whose Name we pray: as the Catechism puts it: *And this I trust he will do of his mercy and goodness, through our Lord Jesus Christ. And therefore I say, Amen, So be it*. And though there is no explicit mention of the Holy Ghost,

when the Catechism says *I desire my Lord God ... to send his grace*, it would not be unfitting to read into the word “send” an allusion to the temporal mission (sending) of the Holy Ghost to administer this grace to the Church. As Jesus says, *If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone?... If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?* (Luke 11:11-13).

Along with faith, the Catechism also picks up on the element of charity which is implicit in the use of the words “our” and “us” in the Lord’s Prayer: God is *the giver of all goodness ... unto me, and to all people*. What I ask for – grace to worship, serve, and obey the Lord; provision, pardon, protection in all my needs – belongs to everyone in the body of Christ. Prayer in the name of Jesus, is not just “God and me”, a private event: it is always and necessarily common prayer, in, and with, and for, and on behalf of, all other Christians, all the elect.

In its treatment of the six petitions, the Catechism makes a distinction between the first three petitions for God’s glory and last three petitions for human need. The order is significant. Prayer is not a

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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 www.stjohnssav.org

ON FACEBOOK: St. John's Church in Savannah

VESTRY OFFERING CHAIRMEN

8:00 Mr. Arthur D. Weed
10:30 Mr. R. Gilbert Wells

USHER CHAIRMAN

Mr. Mark D. Stevens

The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mrs. Julia Kery by Mr. James J. Kery.
and on the occasion of the wedding of Arianne Nicole Theodorous and William Walker Train.

CHANCEL SOCIETY

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ACOLYTES

8:00 *Volunteer welcome.*
10:30 John Osborne, Mikel Kelly
Jamie McClellan, Finn Repella
Edwin Shepherd, Jackson McClellan

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT CLASS

Men's Discussion Group. 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.

Biblical Covenant - 3rd Floor East. Jack Wray.

Mallory's Mort D'Arthur:-3rd Floor East. Led by David Noble.

Middle and High School Youth. *Third Floor Resource Room.* (Mrs. Jennings and Fr. Bergstrom).

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

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY & DISCUSSION GROUPS

Tuesday 6:45 a.m. Men's Breakfast & Study—
(Parish House Dining Room, enter by Kitchen)
Thursday 7 a.m. Bible Study—Reading Room

WOMEN'S STUDY & DISCUSSION GROUPS

Reading Room, Cranmer Hall.

NO Monday: Noon Bible Study this week with Fr. Bergstrom.

ADULT CATECHISM

Thursday at 6:00 p.m. (Fr. Dunbar) or **Wednesday** at 10:45 a.m. (Fr. Bergstrom)

ANNUAL MEN'S GOLF TOURNAMENT

Friday May 15th at The Harbor Course on Hutchinson Island - Tee Time: 1:21 p.m.
Contact: Jules (Jason)Victor
victor.jules@gmail.com

WOMEN OF SAINT JOHN'S – ANNUAL PICNIC

Wednesday, May 6th 11 a.m.
Home of Nita-Ann Klein, 144 Schley Avenue.
Bring a covered dish.

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH IN YOUR WILL

magic charm that bends God's power to my will, rather it is the aligning of my will with his. True, God "knows our necessities before we ask, and our ignorance in asking." This does not mean prayer is pointless, but quite the opposite. For it is God's will that his purpose be accomplished in answer to our prayers. He has ordained prayer as the means by which his plan of salvation is fulfilled. In relieving our miseries, the glory of his grace is revealed.

Our first priority, therefore, is to ask for grace to *worship him, serve him, and obey him, as we ought to do* – a brief explanation, probably because their content has already been adequately covered in the explanations of the Creed and the Commandments. The last three petitions are somewhat more detailed. "Give us this day our daily bread" – this refers to *all things that are needful both for our souls and bodies: the bread of eternal life. "Forgive us our trespasses" is prayer that he will be merciful unto us, and forgive us our sins.* The longest explanation is reserved for the final two petitions, "Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil": *that it will please him to save and defend us in all dangers both of soul and body; and that he will keep us from all sin and wickedness, and from our spiritual enemy, and from everlasting death.* Here is no superficial optimism, but a sober awareness of human frailty, and a strong sense that in God alone, and by faith in him, do we find a sure refuge from our fears. GGD

QUIET DAY:

THE MINISTRY OF PRAYER

Conducted by Fr Dunbar.

Saturday May 16, 9am-2pm,

Cranmer Hall

Sponsored by the St. John's Chapter of the Daughters of the King. Open to all.

EYCS EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Needs-based scholarships are awarded for post-secondary (undergraduate) education. Applicant must apply each year by **May 31st** for the following academic year. All applicants must be Episcopalians, 22 years of age or under, and legal residents of, and members in good standing, within the Episcopal Diocese of Georgia. To apply, go to eycs.georgiaepiscopal.org and click on *Education Scholarships*.

PARISH KALENDAR THIS WEEK

Monday to Thursday

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

Morning or Evening Prayer

In addition, on Wednesday

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

Friday – St. PHILIP & St. JAMES APOSTLES

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

Holy Communion with Morning or Evening Prayer

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

(RISING KG TO GR 5) :

July 27th - July 31st 9:30am until noon

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL CAMP

(12 MOS – 5 YEARS OLD)

July 27th - July 31st 9:00am until 1:00pm

Offered by The Children's School at St. John's

For more information: contact Caroline

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ORANGE: THE NEW COLOR OF MARTYRDOM

Last month twenty-one Christians dressed in orange prison jumpsuits were executed on a beach in Libya. The Pope and other Christian leaders have urged Christians not to look the other way as Christians in the Middle East, in Nigeria, Kenya, and other parts of the world are singled out for persecution and death on account of their faith. Orange ribbons will be available at the door this Sunday for those who wish to show solidarity with the Christian martyrs and confessors of our time.

8:00 A.M.—HOLY COMMUNION

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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.: JOYFUL NOISE, JOYFUL HEARTS

Music, Teaching, and Active Fun for Pre-School through Kindergarten

10:30 A.M.—MORNING PRAYER & SERMON

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THE SERMON Fr. Dunbar

OFFERING

Sentences

Anthem: *Open Our Eyes* Will C. Macfarlane

Presentation of Alms: Doxology #139, and Hymn #141 (verse 4)

Prayer and Blessing

HYMN #472 *Hark, Hark my Soul*..... Pilgram

ORGAN: *The Risen Christ*..... Gerald Peterson

Everyone is invited to attend the Annual Parish Picnic and Ice Cream Social at Cranmer Hall and Charlton Street immediately after the 10:30 service. ALL are welcome If you are a guest and visiting our Parish, please make yourself known.

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