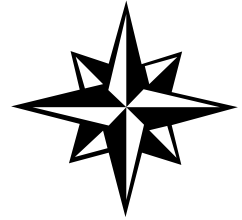


# The Epiphany Star



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The Light Shines in Darkness.

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*The mission of Church of the Epiphany is to celebrate the light of Christ, proclaim the Gospel, deepen our faith, nurture and encourage all people.*

Beloved of Epiphany,



How cool is it that the same GOD that created mountains and oceans and galaxies looked at you and thought the world needed one of you! If no one told you today that you are loved, then I am telling you now - You are God's Beloveds.

We are entering a busy season, please check out the dates below.

~Mother Kelly+

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## Some dates to remember in February:

**Oyster Roast:** FEB 19, 6-8pm \$50 - There will be chili for those not wanting oysters. Chairman Ed Taylor. Epiphany Men - contact Ed about volunteering to help, Thank you!!

## Valentine's Day Feb 14

**Theology on Tap:** FEB 15 at 6pm at Roma's. I would like some suggestions about other places to meet, preferably relatively quiet so we can hear one another. It's an informal gathering to share a meal and discuss anything that comes up. (FYI, The distillery has trivia on that night so we can't meet there.)

**Next Sunday:** Both Adult Forum at 10am and Coffee Hour after church return. SIGN UP SHEET IN PARISH HALL FOR THOSE WILLING TO HOST COFFEE HOUR.

**Mondays from 5pm to 9pm** - I am offering an open time to come paint with me. Learn to write an icon or paint what you feel. Bring your own supplies or you can use what I have for a one-time fee of \$25 - that includes paints and board to paint on. If that time is not convenient, my normal office hours on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday is 9:30 - 6pm. You are welcome to come during the day.

The most common thing I hear about not wanting to try, is the fear of looking foolish or thinking you are not talented enough. THERE ARE NO MISTAKES IN GOD'S HOUSE! You will not look foolish, and I am confident in you.

**FEB 8 - Vestry**

**FEB 25 and 26 - Icon Workshop at Epiphany**

**IMPORTANT DATES TO GET ON YOUR CALENDER NOW:**



**March 1 - Shrove Tuesday - Pancakes and Margaritas**

**March 2 - Ash Wednesday - Noon day service with ashes and 6pm Eucharist with ashes.**

**March 17-20 - If you are interested in CURSILLO, these are the dates for this year's retreat. Let Mother Kelly know if interested.**

**April 10 - Palm Sunday**

**April 14 - Maundy Thursday - Service at 6pm**

**April 15 - Good Friday - Station of the Cross**

**April 17 - EASTER**

## ***February and March Schedule*** ***LEM                      ATLAR GUILD***

Feb. 06:	Lois Love	Harriet Barksdale & Base Smith
Feb. 13:	Donna Babineau & Ed Taylor	Loren Taylor & Base Smith
Feb. 20:	Loren Taylor	Loren Taylor
Feb. 27:	Graham Duncan	Graham Duncan
Mar 02:	Ash Wednesday Service at 6 PM Mark Adams	Harriet Barksdale & Graham Duncan
Mar 06:	Lois Love	Harriet Barksdale & Base Smith
Mar 13:	Donna Babineau & Ed Taylor	Base Smith & Loren Taylor
Mar 20:	Loren Taylor	Loren Taylor
Mar 27:	Graham Duncan	Graham Duncan

## ***February Birthdays and Anniversaries***

Feb. 05:	Luke Wright (grandson of Lorri Roughton)	
Feb. 18:	Dick Barksdale	
Feb. 20:		Ann and Reid Cox
Feb. 23:	Miller Barksdale	
Feb. 24:	Sue Barksdale	

## ***Ash Wednesday, March 2, 2022***

There will be two services on Ash Wednesday, at 12 noon and Holy Eucharist at 6 PM

### ***Oyster Roast***

The oyster roast has been rescheduled for Saturday, February 19, from 6-8 PM. The cost is \$50 per ticket. There will be 75 tickets sold, and there will be seating inside and outside under tents with heaters. Sign-up sheets are at the church for chili and corn bread. There will be no hot dogs this year. Also, volunteers will be needed for set up on Friday afternoon and Saturday morning.

### ***Shrove Tuesday***

Shrove Tuesday is March 1. The Episcopal Men's Club will be responsible for the Pancake and Margaritas supper. The pancakes are so that you will not be hungry and the Margaritas so you can confess your sins as a preparation for Lent.

### ***Prayer Requests***

Pray for healing and comfort: Jay Bette, Dina Hair, Nathan Daniels, Hannah Toole, Bo Lowry, Donna and Daniel Babineau, Leonard Abrams, Heidi Steward, Those Unemployed, The Armed Forces of Our Country, and Those Affected by Covid-19.

Prayer requests can be sent to the church in many ways: Our website at <http://epiphanyoflaurens.org/find-us> or by e-mail to [PriestInCharge@epiphanyoflaurens.org](mailto:PriestInCharge@epiphanyoflaurens.org) or by phone at 864.984.7000 (leave message) or drop a note in the basket at the church.

## ***Mother Kelly's Office Hours & Contact Information***

SUNDAY: 9:30 AM – 4 PM

MONDAY: 9:30 AM – 4 PM

TUESDAY: 9:30 AM – 4 PM

CELL PHONE NUMBER: 585-991-8250

E-MAIL ADDRESS: [motherkelly10@gmail.com](mailto:motherkelly10@gmail.com)



## ***February 2022 Backpack Ministry Update***

We have a few new volunteers who are helping pack so our process now is really quick! Today in just 30 minutes we set all the food out on the tables, packed 60 bags, and loaded them all up into a truck to take to Ford Elementary. In that length of time, we also broke down all the boxes that the items came in for recycling. We are thrilled that we can again include white milk and chocolate milk in each backpack. We are planning on giving canned hams for Easter if we can find 60 of them. We were unable to purchase 60 at Thanksgiving due to shortages so we are starting our purchasing earlier for Easter.

Donations designated for the Backpack Ministry are gratefully received and appreciated!

As always, please contact Connie Daniels at [cdaniels1234@hotmail.com](mailto:cdaniels1234@hotmail.com) if you have any questions, comments or suggestions for the Backpack Ministry. Thank you for your donations and prayers for this ministry. Stay well!

## ***Miss Lucy's Garden***

Hugh Brownlee has started an Instagram page for Miss Lucy's Garden. It is under the name gardenepiphany. Instagram will be easier than the blog. Hugh plans to keep the blog site, [WWW.GARDENEPIPHANY.WORDPRESS.COM](http://WWW.GARDENEPIPHANY.WORDPRESS.COM), up for now because of the old content. If he eventually deletes the blog, he will let us know.

## *Facebook*

If you have a Facebook account, please like Epiphany's page and posts and share them. Our Facebook page is updated regularly and can be found at [www.facebook.com/EpiphanyOfLaurens](http://www.facebook.com/EpiphanyOfLaurens)

Likewise, visit Epiphany's website, [www.EpiphanyOfLaurens.org](http://www.EpiphanyOfLaurens.org). It is updated weekly with service information and includes links to newsletters and other pieces of information about Epiphany and the Episcopal Diocese of Upper South Carolina.

***Send Items for future editions of the Epiphany Star to Bill Cooper at [mthappy@prtcnet.com](mailto:mthappy@prtcnet.com), telephone 864-969-2707 or mail to PO Box 400, Enoree, SC 29335. Let me know of additions or changes to the birthday and anniversary list.***

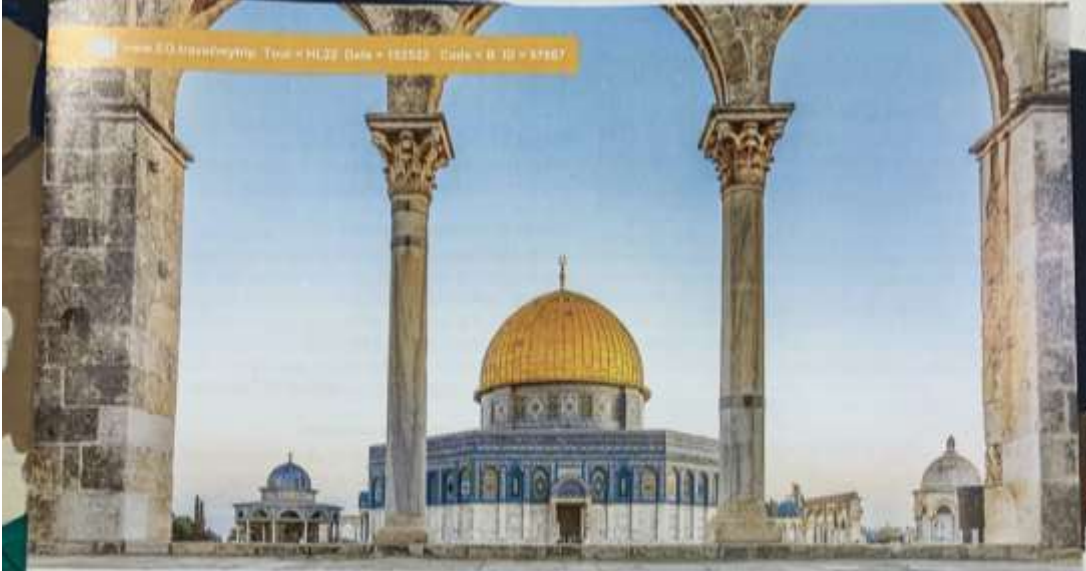
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- Rev. Dr. Kelly Ayer



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## October 25 & 26 - USA to the Holy Land

Your journey begins as you depart the USA. Arrive in Tel Aviv and transfer to Bethlehem for dinner and overnight.

## October 27 - Jericho and Qumran

Visit the baptismal site of **Qasr el Yahud**, where tradition says Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist. Travel to **Jericho** (the oldest city in the world) and visit the ruins of the ancient city conquered by Joshua (Joshua 6:1, 2 & 20). In the distance, you can see the traditional site of the **Temptation of Jesus** (Matthew 4:1-11). Continue to **Qumran**, site of the Dead Sea Scroll discovery. End your day with the opportunity to take a dip in the mineral-laden waters of the **Dead Sea**.

## October 28 - Herodion and Bethlehem

Explore one of the most exciting archaeological digs in Israel, the **Herodion**, the palace-fortress and final resting place of Herod the Great. In **Bethlehem**, visit the cave where Jesus was born (Luke 2:1-7) and the **Church of the Nativity**. Gaze out over the **Shepherds' Field**, where angels first proclaimed the Good News.

## October 29 - Caesarea, Mount Carmel and Tel Megiddo

Visit the **Roman Aqueduct and Theatre at Caesarea**, a center of early Christianity and where Paul was imprisoned for two years (Acts 10). View **Mount Carmel**, site of Elijah's victory over the prophets of Baal (I Kings 18). Travel the ancient caravan route through the **Jezreel Valley** to **Tel Megiddo**, an exciting archaeological dig with its layers of twenty different cities built on top of each other.

## October 30 - The Galilee

Enjoy a scenic drive to **Capernaum**, center of Jesus' ministry in the Galilee (Matt. 4:13, 23). On the **Mount of Beatitudes**, contemplate the text of the Sermon on the Mount that Jesus preached there (Matt. 5-7). Experience a special onboard worship service as you sail across the **Sea of Galilee**. Visit the **Church of the Fish and the Loaves** in **Tabgha**, the traditional location of the feeding of the 5,000 (Luke 9:10-17). As you pray in the **Chapel of the Primacy**, remember how Peter professed his devotion to the risen Christ three times (John 21). In **Magdala**, once home to Mary Magdalene, visit a recently discovered first-century synagogue.

## October 31 - Tel Dan, Caesarea Philippi, Golan Heights & Bethsaida

At the ruins of **Tel Dan**, see the altar built by King Jeroboam I (I Kings 12:25-30) and learn about where the "House of David" fragment from the First Temple Period was discovered. Continue on to **Caesarea Philippi**, where Peter told the Lord, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the Living God" (Matt. 16:16). A scenic drive along the **Golan Heights** will give you some beautiful views of Syria and Jordan, as well as Israel. Stop at **Bethsaida**, where Jesus chose five of His disciples, before returning to your hotel for dinner and overnight.

## November 1 - Cana, Nazareth, Samaria and Jacob's Well

Begin your day with a visit to **Cana**, the site of Christ's first miracle (John 2) before stopping in **Nazareth**, Jesus' boyhood home (Matthew



2:23). Continue past **Tei Dothan**, thought to be the place where Joseph found his brothers with their flocks (Genesis 37). Visit **Samaria**, the capital of the Northern Kingdom and home to Ahab and Jezebel. See **Mount Ebal** and **Mount Gerizim** where the Israelites recited the blessings and curses of the Law. In modern day **Nablus** (ancient Shechem), see where the Samaritan woman encountered Christ (John 4) at **Jacob's Well**.

#### November 2 - Jerusalem

Stand on the **Mount of Olives** and enjoy a remarkable view of the Golden City of Jerusalem. Forty days after His resurrection, Jesus ascended into heaven from this place (Acts 1:9-12). Walk to the **Garden of Gethsemane** and pray beneath the ancient olive trees (Matthew 26:36-44). On **Mount Zion**, visit the **Upper Room**, revered as the site of the Last Supper (Mark 14:12-26) and **St. Peter in Gallicantu**, the home of the **High Priest Calaphas**, where Jesus was held after His arrest (Matthew 26:57).

#### November 3 - Jerusalem

This morning, enjoy a walking tour of the **Old City** of Jerusalem along the **Cardo**, once the main street of the city. Explore the **Davidson Center** and the **Southern Wall Excavations**, including the **Teaching Steps** and the **Western Wall**. Remember how Jesus healed on the Sabbath when you visit the **Pool of Bethesda** (John 5: 1-18). At **Herod's Antonia Fortress** (Luke 23:1), see where Jesus was brought before Pontius Pilate. Walk the **Via Dolorosa** ("The Way of the Cross") and remember the Lord's sacrificial love at the **Church of the Holy Sepulchre**. Share communion together at the **Garden Tomb** in celebration of His Resurrection.

#### November 4 - Return to the USA or Enjoy an Extension

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## OPTIONAL EXTENSION



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#### Nov. 4 - Jerusalem to Egypt

Travel in the footsteps of the Holy Family as you travel along the ancient caravan route from Jerusalem to the Sinai desert. Cross the border and check in to your hotel for dinner and rest.

#### Nov. 5 - St. Catherine's Monastery

Everyone will experience a visit to fortified St. Catherine's Monastery, built in the 6th century, and one of the oldest working monasteries in the world with the world's oldest continually operating library. Both the Codex Sinaiticus and Syriac Sinaiticus, important early Biblical manuscripts were discovered here. Even Muhammad found refuge here, and the site is sacred to all three monotheistic religions. Remember the story of Moses and the burning bush which tradition places inside the monastery. Continue to Sharm el Sheikh for dinner and overnight at your hotel located on the shores of the Red Sea.

#### Nov. 6 - Route of the Exodus

Trace the route of the Exodus along the eastern Sinai coast to Wadi Feiran where the Children of Israel withstood the Amalekites. Travel to Elm where the Children of Israel camped by the oasis of 70 palm trees. Your final stop of the day will be Marah by the Red Sea where the "waters were bitter." Continue to Cairo for dinner and a two night stay.

#### Nov. 7 - Memphis, Saqqara, the Great Pyramids & the Sphinx

Travel south to view Joseph's River and Lake, created by Joseph during the period of the seven years of famine. Visit a grain silo of the kind established under Joseph's rule to store grain during the seven years of famine. Tour the rural region of traditional Egyptian farming and stop at an old corn water mill. Travel as Abraham did to Memphis (Biblical Noph) and on to Saqqara where you will see the Step Pyramid, world's oldest stone structure. See the Great Pyramids of Giza and the Sphinx.

#### Nov. 8 - Cairo

This morning visit the Egyptian Museum of Antiquities to view the unique collection of Pharaonic art and the renowned treasures of King Tutankhamen. Tour the Old City and see the Citadel of Seladin, built in 1183 A.D., and view the Alabaster Mosque of Muhammad Ali. In Old Cairo, visit the Abu Serga Church built over the traditional site of the house where the Holy Family lived during their stay in Egypt. Prepare for your return flight home.

#### Nov. 9 - Return to USA



\*All prices reflect a 4% cash discount.

Taxes, tips & fees for extensions are charged separately.

Guests taking an extension may be on a different flight than their group and/or traveling companion.