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The Left-hand Column

✠ Our first yard sale—maybe we should create a whole new name for our sales, since most of the action no longer takes place outside—anyone? Anyway, as I was saying, our first sale of the year was a very big success, thanks to Steve and his hard workers, and to our very popular lunch crew; proceeds came to \$6106 (and fifty cents). We're happy, and so are our customers. Steve and Joyce say thanks to everyone who helped out. It's a lot of work and it takes dedication.

✠ This is Holy Week, so the Thrift Shop will only be open Wednesday. You'll find the schedule of services inside. Egg hunt Sunday after the 10:30 service.

✠ The luncheon ladies will be cooking for the Garden Club April 20. Can you help out?

✠ Coffee hour is a popular time, with good reason. The treats are always good, and it's so good to sit and chat for a little while before going back to Monday and the usual daily routine. Doesn't have to be elaborate, and two or more people can take it together. Give it a try, if you haven't.

Loaves

&

Fishes

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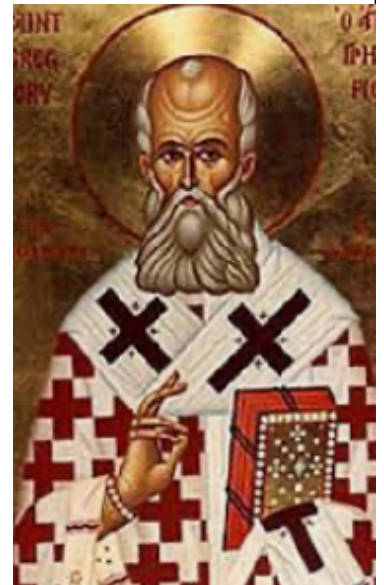
Let us become like Christ, since Christ became like us. Let us become God's for His sake, since He for our sake became Man. He assumed the worse that He might give us the better; He became poor that we through His poverty might be rich, He took upon Him the form of a servant that we might receive back our liberty; He came down that we might be exalted; He was tempted that we might conquer; He was dishonored that He might glorify us; He died that He might save us; He ascended that He might draw to Himself we who were lying low in the Fall of sin. Let us give all, offer all, to Him Who gave Himself a Ransom and a Reconciliation for us. But one can give nothing like oneself, understanding the Mystery and becoming for His sake all that He became for ours.

*Christ is risen!
Truly He is risen!*

Easter sermon of Gregory Nazianzen

If we reasonably ask who Gregory Nazianzen was, he was one of a group of thinkers in the early church (the sermon above was written in 362), without whom we would not recognize the faith we profess each Sunday. More than that, he recognized the upside-downness that we all feel through Easter day and the weeks following. If you are like me, we are not very good at having our worlds upended, our equilibrium removed. But that is part of what Easter is about. It is the mystery of our reconciliation with God that happens in a way we don't discuss often enough in church.

At the heart of these reversals is the Great Exchange and it only occurs in our worship twice during the year, once at the Second Sunday after Christmas and again as one of the collects for the Easter Vigil:



O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

More directly, it is this idea: God became human so that we might become divine. It is this idea that is behind all the reversals in Gregory’s sermon. It is a mystery, not something to be understood, only to be rejoiced in. It is in that spirit that I wish you all a miraculously upside-down Easter and a joyful Eastertide!

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Welcoming our Newest Members

We have the privilege of baptizing on Easter day two of the newest members of our St. Andrew’s family, each born this past December.

They (and their proud parents) are Samuel Norman Carpenter (Bryan and Salina Carpenter) and Christopher James Pendarvis (Madalene and Patrick Pendarvis).

The service for Holy Baptism tells us all to pray for the newly baptized, but we should also pray for them in preparation for Sunday. Please ready yourselves and your hearts for the official welcome of these two wonderful additions to our common life!

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The Senior Warden Reports

On Sunday, March 15, I attended the Wine Tasting at the Beth Israel Synagogue. There were other members of our parish in attendance, including the Rector. We tasted and evaluated several types of Israeli wines and enjoyed food pairings for each wine. We were warmly welcomed by the folks at the synagogue. It was a fun afternoon. I am looking forward to sharing other gatherings with them in the future.

A new sign-up sheet for Coffee Hour for the 10:30 service has been posted in the Parish Hall. As hosts, you are free to bring whatever you like, but keep in mind that it can be something simple. Thank you to those who have volunteered to host for the next quarter. Your efforts in supporting this ministry of hospitality are very much appreciated.

On Easter Sunday, we will provide a cake and we encourage parishioners to bring something to share. Plans are underway for an Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday after the 10:30 service.

Susan Bennett



A Reminder From Our Treasurer

While winter is finally over, the effects of the prolonged cold weather on our church budget have lingered. We’ve had extremely high utility bills; cold weather kept people at home, especially in January, so some have gotten behind on their weekly offerings.

The result is a looming threat that our operating expenses will be in the red for some time to come.

One thing we can all do to offset this risk is to keep our pledges current. Your offerings are not just nice to have, but essential to keep our church running. I thank you for your generosity.

If anyone needs pledge envelopes or would like help establishing a periodic electronic transfer for offerings, please reach out to me (pete.ulrich1@gmail.com) or Mary Maker (mlmaker@abm-md.com).

Pete Ulrich



A Quick Reminder: Holy Week Services

April 2—Maundy Thursday: 7:00 p.m.

April 3—Good Friday: Noon and 7:00 p.m.

April 4—The Great Vigil of Easter: 6:00 p.m.

April 5—Easter Sunday 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

(Festival Service)

Loaves & Fishes

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Egg Salad \$ 3.50
Sloppy Joe \$3.50
Grilled Cheese \$2.50
Vegetable Beef Soup
Tomato Soup \$3.00
Hot Dogs \$2.50
Pulled Pork Sand \$3.50
Chips 50¢
Cookies 50¢
Cup Cakes \$1.50
Coffee
Iced Tea 3 \$1.50
Water

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Corn Flour for St. Matthew's

The people of St. Andrew's and Trinity, St. Mary's City, have been gathering the last several months to pack corn flour for the people at St. Matthew's in Hyattsville, in upper Prince George's County.

This is in response to an acute shortage of food among the members of the largest Spanish-speaking parish in the diocese, and is sponsored by several parishes in the Southern Maryland region, as well as some generous individuals who have contributed to the effort.

While we are not the only parish doing this work (several parishes closer to the church are contributing rice and beans, as well as necessary produce items), the effort here is a product of the recognition of the suffering in many city parishes. It is, in our view a gospel imperative. St. Paul's in Waldorf will be doing the packing for May but we will likely resume our work in the summer. Please ask if you have any questions.

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Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

~~Ephesians 4:31-31

April 4 Holy Saturday

Acts 4:13-21 Psalm 118:14-18 or Psalm 118:19-24

Mark 16:9-15,20

Vergers: Mary Maker Lector: Susan Bennett

April 5 Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34-43 or Jeremiah 31:1-6 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 or

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 Colossians 3:1-4 or Acts 10:34-43

John 20:1-18 or Matthew 28:1-10

8:00 a.m. Lector: Mary Larson

Altar duty: Margaret Hallau and Lynn Duff

10:30 a.m. Vergers: Dee McRae Lector: Mary Maker

Coffee hour: Vestry and congregation

April 12 Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a,22-32 Psalm 16

1 Peter 1:17-23 Luke 24:13-35

8:00 a.m. Lector: Ron Leonard

Altar duty: Susan Bennett

10:30 a.m. Vergers: Susan Bennett Lector: Robert Abell

Coffee hour: Austin family

April 19 Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a,36-41 Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17

Romans 8:6-11 John 11:1-45

8:00 a.m.

Lector: Tom Joyner

Altar duty: Kim Stickney and Mary Hansen

10:30 a.m.

Vergers: Kim Stickney Lector: Ginni Stein

Coffee Hour:

April 26 Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:42-47 Psalm 23

1 Peter 2:19-25 John 10:1-10

8:00 a.m. Lector: Jerry Gehrig

Altar duty: Mary Maker and Michael Dyson

10:30 a.m.

Vergers: Mary Maker Lector: Joie Miller

Please Hold in Your Prayers

Patrick Afoakwah, Pam Baake, Melanie Baisley, Jan Barnes, the Hunter Bennett family, Eunice Benson, Elizabeth Biddle [Pumphrey], the Blackwell family, Caroline Bradford, Carol Brimm, Pete and Nancy Brown, Christine Butler, Amanda Cain, Misty Cantu, Susan Carroll, Donna Carter, Donnie Carter, Judy Cavin, Jennifer Ceriale, Brandan Chan, Judy Consoli, Lanette Cowles, Erica Day, Judi Donnelly, Billy Doughty, Phyllis Doughty, Erin Dugan, Karol Dyson, Ruby Dyson, Dean G., Brian Gardner, Paula Gardner, Jerry Garner, Susan Geary, Gloria Gehrig, Alexi Greene, Jerry Himmelheber, Ryker Hurst, Greta, Helen Kundacik, Kelly, Terrie Leonard, Thomas Leonard, Elinor Mattingly, Dee McRae, Artie Miller, Bob and Doreen Misener, Betty Lou Nagel, Bernice Nunes, Kyle Patrick, Skylar Patron, Natalie Reed, Jane Roderick, Mark Stutso, Jonathan Tanner, Taylor, Isabella Tenczar, Charlene Townsend, Ryan Turner, Paula Wayland, Angelica Wilkinson, the Willet family, Stuart A. Wood, first responders, and all who serve in the military and their families..



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Meeting ID: 822 3631 3643

Passcode: 604270

The Nursery is available:

10:15 a.m. till 11:45 a.m.



Almighty God, who hast given us this good land for our heritage: We humbly beseech thee that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of thy favor and glad to do thy will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in thy Name we entrust the authority of government that there may be justice and peace at home and that, through obedience to thy law, we may show forth thy praise among the nations of the earth. In time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in thee to fail; all which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

~~Book of Common Prayer

- 1 **Wednesday**
9:00 a.m.—noon Thrift Shop
- 2 **Maundy Thursday**
6:00 p.m. AA
6:30 p.m. AlAnon
7:00 p.m. Liturgy of Maundy Thursday
- 3 **Good Friday**
6:00 p.m. AA
Noon—Good Friday Liturgy
7:00 p.m.—Good Friday Liturgy
- 4 **Holy Saturday**
6:00 p.m. Great Vigil of Easter
6:00 p.m. AA
- 5 **Easter Sunday**
8:00 a.m. H.E. I
9:15 a.m. Adult Forum
10:30 a.m. H.E. II
No nursery today
Noon Easter-Egg Hunt
- 6 **Monday**
- 7 **Tuesday**
- 8 **Wednesday**
9:00 a.m.—noon Thrift Shop
12:30 p.m. Healing Service
1:00 Bible Study
- 9 **Thursday**
9:00 a.m.—noon Thrift Shop
6:00 p.m. AA
6:30 p.m. AlAnon
- 10 **Friday**
6:00 p.m. AA
- 11 **Saturday**
9:00 a.m.—noon Thrift Shop
- 12 **Sunday**
8:00 a.m. H.E. I
9:15 a.m. Adult Forum
10:30 a.m. H.E. II
10:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 13 **Monday**
- 14 **Tuesday**
- 15 **Wednesday**
9:00 a.m.—noon Thrift Shop
12:30 p.m. Healing Service
1:00 Bible Study
- 16 **Thursday**
9:00 a.m.—noon Thrift Shop
6:00 p.m. AA
6:30 p.m. AlAnon
- 17 **Friday**
6:00 p.m. AA
- 18 **Saturday**
9:00 a.m.—noon Thrift Shop

- 19 **Sunday**
8:00 a.m. H.E. I
9:15 a.m. Adult Forum
10:30 a.m. H.E. II
10:30 a.m. Sunday School
6:30 p.m. AlAnon
- 20 **Monday**
Noon Garden Club luncheon
- 21 **Tuesday**
- 22 **Wednesday**
9:00 a.m.—noon Thrift Shop
12:30 p.m. Healing Service
1:00 Bible Study
- 23 **Thursday**
9:00 a.m.—noon Thrift Shop
6:00 p.m. AA
6:30 p.m. AlAnon
- 24 **Friday**
6:00 p.m. AA
- 25 **Saturday**
9:00 a.m.—noon Thrift Shop
- 26 **Sunday**
8:00 a.m. H.E. I
9:15 a.m. Adult Forum
10:30 a.m. H.E. II
10:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 27 **Monday**
- 28 **Tuesday**
- 29 **Wednesday**
9:00 a.m.—noon Thrift Shop
12:30 p.m. Healing Service
1:00 Bible Study
- 30 **Thursday**
9:00 a.m.—noon Thrift Shop
6:00 p.m. AA
6:30 p.m. AlAnon



Remembering Spring Weddings

- 6 Lou and Clair Kollar
- 13 Barry and Dottie Knouse
- 16 Michael and Brooke Staley Fallon
- 26 James and Nancy Meade

Celebrating Spring Birthdays

- 2 Brenda Frazier, Cindy Kilcoyne
- 5 Daniel Ulrich, Maxine Aldridge
- 6 Brittany Culpepper
- 7 Amy Ulrich
- 15 Zach Stickney
- 17 John Papson 20 Pam Baake
- 21 Autumn Mallory 23 Lucy Wible, Sean Drury
- 24 Kimbra Benson 26 Brenda Wolcott, George Kennett

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Food for Thought

A few year ago, David Brooks asked, "How do you stay mentally healthy and spiritually whole in brutalizing times? How do you prevent yourself from becoming embittered, hate-filled, calloused over, suspicious and desensitized?" The ancient Greeks (who knew about violent times) "adopted a tragic sensibility" which teaches a sense of humility, "the ability to cast aside illusions and vanities and see life as it really is." Tragedy can also teach us "to be empathetic to all those who suffer, not just those on our own side."

As much as we need bread and sleep, human beings need recognition. The essence of dehumanization is not to see someone, to render him inconsequential and invisible. . . . Many people look at the national conversation and don't see themselves represented there, and hence grow bitter and alienated. . . .

The core counterattack against this kind of dehumanization is to offer others the gift of being seen. What sunlight is to the vampire, recognition is to those who feel dehumanized. We fight back by opening our hearts and casting a just and loving attention on others, by being curious about strangers, being a little vulnerable with them in the hopes that they might be vulnerable, too. This is the kind of social repair that can happen in our daily encounters. . . .

This is not a call to naïveté. Of course there are toxic people in the world. . . .

But most people — maybe more than you think — are peace- and love-seeking creatures who are sometimes caught in bad situations. The most practical thing you can do, even in hard times, is to lead with curiosity, lead with respect, work hard to understand the people you might be taught to detest.

That means seeing people with generous eyes, offering trust to others before they trust you. That means adopting a certain posture toward the world. If you look at others with the eyes of fear and judgment, you will find flaws and menace; but if you look out with a respectful attitude, you'll often find imperfect people enmeshed in uncertainty, doing the best they can. . . .

One of my heroes is a woman named Etty Hillesum, a young Jewish woman who lived in Amsterdam in the 1930s and '40s. Her early diaries reveal her to be immature and self-centered. But as the Nazi occupation lasted and the horrors of the Holocaust mounted, she became more generous, kind, warm and ultimately heroic toward those who were being sent off to the death camps. She volunteered to work at a labor camp called Westerbork, where Dutch Jews were held before being transferred to the death camps in the east. There she cared for the ill, tended to those confined to the punishment barracks and became known in the camp for her sparkling compassion, her selfless love. Her biographer wrote that "it was her practice of paying deep attention which transformed her." It was her ability to really observe others — their anxieties, their cares and their attachments — that enabled her to enter into their lives and serve them."

It did not save her. In 1943, she herself was sent to Auschwitz and