

The Herald

December 2, 2012

First Sunday of Advent

From the Rector: Of the Language Jesus Spoke

Our family gathered this past weekend in San Antonio Texas for the baptism of Katharine's and my granddaughter Elliott. The baptism took place at St. George Maronite Catholic Church. I knew very little about the Maronite Church, also known as the Eastern Catholics. They are a much older church than the Roman Catholics. They are in communion with the Pope, but not under his authority. They were founded by the monastic patriarch, Maron, in the third century C.E. in the environs of current day Lebanon and parts east. So it is today mostly comprised of Lebanese members. Corey, our son James' wife's mother's family is Lebanese. Their family actually gave the baptismal font when the new (1983) church was built, so that made the occasion all the more special.

It was a beautiful service, most prayers chanted; beautiful Middle Eastern sounding music. The service felt more Eastern Orthodox than Roman Catholic. I was fascinated by the liturgy. The Maronite church uses the most ancient liturgy we know about. Its form is documented in the *Didache*, a second century C.E. Jewish/Christian document which outlines liturgical practice as well as moral behavior befitting communities of faith. (It even admonishes the faithful not to kneel for prayer during the whole of Easter!) The liturgical form for the Eucharist is called the Syriac Rite. It uses imagery of Mary the mother of God often. In one prayer, Mary's very womb is said to be the source from which all life flows. Sadly, centuries of patriarchy dispensed with such rich feminine language. Even today, though a good deal of the service is in English, the Eucharistic prayer and some of the other prayers, and the Creed as well are said or chanted in Aramaic. When it came time for the Eucharistic prayer in the service, the Deacon of the Mass announced that it would be sung in *the language that Jesus spoke....* that sent chills down my spine. I talk about the Koine Greek a lot, which is the language in which scripture was written, and the language of the academy of the early centuries of Christianity, but Jesus, and those with whom he lived, spoke Aramaic. To hear the words of institution and consecration in the very language Jesus spoke was nothing short of thrilling.

Over the last several decades some highly capable scholars of the Episcopal Church studied in careful detail the Syriac Rite as it is presented in the *Didache*. From that study, the Standing Liturgical Commission of the Episcopal Church has developed supplemental Eucharistic rites authorized for use in the Episcopal Church. There are three of them which capture quite beautifully the ethos and a good deal of the actual language of the Syriac Rite. For the past several years we have been using them in Advent and other high feasts of the church. Advent begins this Sunday and we will use one of these Eucharistic prayers. Listen closely, pay attention to the imagery. You may not hear the language Jesus spoke, but you will surely get a glimpse of the beauty and passion he evoked in his early followers, the words of early church, our ancient mother in any language.

On the Calendar:

Tuesday, November 27
6pm Rector's Forum & supper

Wednesday, November 28
9:15am L'Arche (Chapel)
12N Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
12N Debtors Anonymous (DA)
4pm St Cecilia choir rehearsal
7pm Adult choir rehearsal

Thursday, November 29
12N Al-Anon
7pm AA

Sunday, December 2
8am Holy Eucharist
9am Breakfast
9:20am Sunday School
9:25am Incense training
10:30am Holy Eucharist
Reception following
EYC

Monday, December 3
2pm L'Arche in Stirling Hall

Tuesday, December 4
11:30am All Sts @ 15 Place
12N Golden Circle

Wednesday, December 5
9:15am L'Arche (Chapel)
12N Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
12N Debtors Anonymous (DA)

Thursday, December 6
12N Al-Anon
7pm AA

Friday, December 7
Wedding rehearsal

Saturday, December 8
10:30am PFLAG
6pm Wedding

Sunday, December 9
8am Holy Eucharist
9am Breakfast
9:20am Sunday School
10:30am Lessons & Carols
Reception following
5-7pm Conde Explorers

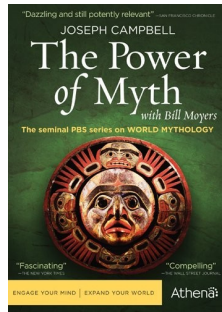


The Episcopal Church welcomes you

The Rector's Forum will be held tonight, Tuesday, November 27. Bring a dish to share for the potluck supper beginning at 6pm. Conversation about a variety of topics follows the meal. The Forum takes place in the Saad Room and meets every other Tuesday.

The Beth Murray class (aka Christian Living Today) is viewing the acclaimed six-part PBS series The Power of Myth, featuring scholar Joseph Campbell and journalist Bill Moyers. This week, the class will watch Episode 5, "Love and the Goddess," on Dec. 2.

The videos begin promptly at 9:20 a.m. (in order to finish by 10:20) in the Walter K. Smith room each Sunday, and all members of the congregation are invited. The episodes stand on their own, so feel free to attend even if you have not seen all of them.



Thurifer Training If you are an acolyte and would like to be trained as a *thurifer* (the person who swings the incense), come to the acolyte room in the church this Sunday, Dec. 2, at 9:25am. Experienced thurifers will be there to help with hands-on practice.



Golden Circle will have its December holiday lunch and bingo on Tuesday, December 4 at 12noon. All seniors are invited.

Good News! Consumer Reports has recommended Episcopal Relief & Development as one of just two charities working in the area of International Relief in its December 2012 newsletter *MoneyAdviser*. It is also the only faith-based charity named.

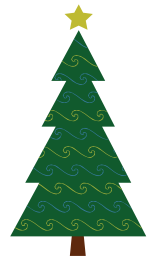
While you are reading this article, please remember that the victims of Hurricane Sandy still need help in their recovery efforts, and that the people of the northeast were very generous in helping people all along the Gulf Coast after Katrina. You can support these efforts by contributing to the [Hurricane Sandy Response Fund](#) at ER-D, which will ensure that help reaches where it is most needed.



The EYC will meet this Sunday, Dec. 2 to play kickball with Trinity EYC At Murphy High. Watch your email or Facebook for more details.

Pledge Ingathering The Vestry of All Saints has designated Sunday, Dec. 16, as the day for our Pledge Ingathering. If you have not yet turned in your pledge, please do so by then. The cards will be offered up at both services.

South Alabama Cares has a new name: AIDS Alabama South. Although the name is different, the purpose remains the same, and they have brought their Secret Santa Christmas Tree to give us a chance to help. If you would like to give something to one or more of their comments, please take a tag from the tree outside the office. Please drop off unwrapped presents at 2054 Dauphin Street by Wednesday, Dec. 12. For more information, contact Tiffany Collins, 251-471-5277, ext. 11.



IHN / Family Promise Week is around the corner. All Saints will house homeless families for the week of Dec. 16—23 and folks are needed for all the time slots available: breakfast hosts, dinner hosts, evening hosts and overnight hosts. Henry Brewster will be sending out a sign-up list to all those who have helped in the past. If you have not helped before and are interested, please call or email Henry to volunteer. Also, Henry will be out of town at the normal time to set up the bedroom partitions; he would like to set up before he leaves. If anyone is interested in helping him set up, please call or email, hbrewster@brewsterlaw.net or 251-338-0630.

The December calendar & schedule for those who serve are being reprinted in this issue of The Herald. Several items have been added to the calendar and a few changes have already been made for people who will serve in the various December services. Please look at them carefully if you are one who serves on Sundays! If you will not be available on your scheduled date, try to find a sub first, then let the office know as soon as possible. Please do not wait until it's too late to let us know!



All Saints 2013 Stewardship Campaign

During the 2013 stewardship program, the chairs of the task groups that were created as a result of the Appreciative Inquiry (AI) process will be speaking on Sundays to both services through December 16. They will be sharing their thoughts and encouraging your participation. December 16 is our target for financial and participation commitments. Please contact the task group chairs to pledge your time and effort or obtain more information.

November 25

Youth ministries/Sunday School/EYC,

Chair: Woody Hannum, Phone: 433-2056, Email: ehannum@usouthal.edu

December 2

Physical Improvements,

Chair: Darrel Williams, Phone: 476-1593, Email: djwilliams@darreljwilliamsassociates.com

December 9

Membership Growth,

Chair: Valerie Case, Phone: 340-7416, Email: vcase7@gmail.com

December 16

Congregational Support,

Chair: Jean Tucker, Phone: 342-0742, Email: jwtucker@usouthal.edu

Financial Stability/Stewardship,

Chair: Don Mosley, Phone: 680-8942, Email: dcmosley@usouthal.edu

Our pledge goal for 2013 is to increase our total financial giving by 5% resulting in a \$462,303 budget. To date, we have received 53 pledges for \$205,070. We are almost half way to our goal! If you have not yet sent your pledge card in, please be sure to as soon as you can. Thank you for your commitment to All Saints! We look forward to an exciting year ahead!

	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013 (to date)</u>
Total Pledges	143	53
Total Pledge Dollars	\$441,068	\$205,070
2013 Goal		\$462,303

Don Mosley
Stewardship Chairman

Those who serve for December 2012

Date	Time	Lector	Intercessor	Chalice	Acolytes	Ushers	Altar Guild	Flower Guild	Breakfast	Reception
<i>Dec 2 1st Sunday of Advent</i>	8am	J Clearman	S Willcox	L Van Dyke		P Mackey H Dodge	M Petithory K Gray G Thiel B Rockstad	B Hardaway B Bentley	J Tucker B Ratcliffe K Montgomery M Winkler	
	10:30 am	W Lewis R Williams	R Gray	L Thomas N Lancaster	B Foster L Gray C Mosley E Gray	D Mosley C Conte R Pappas	Bread: J Clearman B Bentley			R Williams P Ayres
<i>Dec 9 2nd Sunday of Advent</i>	8am	A Lilly	B Evatt	M Taylor		R Dillard W Hannum			E Doyle C Ryan	C Mackey V Case W Hannum B Schneider
	10:30 am	P Wilson T McLeod A Blair D Foster E Browne SF Greene			B Ayres B Reeves E Doyle G Ayres	L Wood M Morrison C McWaters J Molla				K Gray B Hardaway
<i>Dec 16 3rd Sunday of Advent</i>	8am	B Ratcliffe	J Clearman	S Willcox		B & B Evatt		B Brewster K Flowers	K Flowers K Gray R Greene C Ryan	
	10:30 am	M Allison B Harris	H Caddell	L Wood R LaMonte	D Greene D Williams E Kelley K Gray	R Bradford H Brewster T Locke				D Foster J Tucker
<i>Dec 23 4th Sunday of Advent</i>	8am	MH Slaton	J Basenberg	M Taylor		F South TBA		D Nichols K Butler	C Kelly C Doyle W Hester J Rivers	
	10:30 am	R Coarsey M Durant	V Mitchell	C Cade- Lemmon C Ryan	L Gray M Williams B Ayres L Ayres	M Williams H Caddell J Ayres				TBA
<i>Dec 24 Christmas Eve</i>	5pm	E Kelley P Wilson	D Nichols	S Willcox B Harris	B Reeves D Reeves E Doyle G Ayres	C Doyle R Pappas D Mosley J Ayres		Flower Guild		
	11pm	M Durant V Mitchell	R Gray	M Taylor L Thomas	D Williams L Wood	R Bradford C McWaters J Molla M Morrison			Choir	
<i>Dec 30 1st Sunday after Christmas</i>	8am	S Willcox	L Hallett	B Ratcliffe		W English M Taylor		S Drew B Wilson	J Clearman M Harris S Cleveland B Evatt	
	10:30 am	M Petithory J Ayres	A Barrett	M Morrison R LaMonte	L Gray SF Greene E Gray	C Doyle D Greene D Greene				Birthday Group



December 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 <i>1st Sunday in Advent</i> 8a Holy Eucharist 9a Breakfast 9:20a Sunday School 10:30 Holy Eucharist Reception following EYC kickball @ Murphy	3	4 11:30a All Saints Serves @15 Place 12N Golden Circle	5 9:15a L'Arche –chapel 12N Holy Eucharist 12N DA 4p St Cecelia Choir 7p Adult Choir	6 12N AI-Anon 7p AA	7 Wedding Rehearsal	8 10:30am PFLAG 6pm Wedding
9 <i>2nd Sunday in Advent</i> 8a Holy Eucharist 9a Breakfast 9:20a Sunday School 10:30 Lessons & Carols Reception following 5pm Conde Explorers	10	11 5p Murray House Bd 6p Rector's Forum & potluck supper	12 9:15a L'Arche –chapel 12N Holy Eucharist 12N DA 4p St Cecelia Choir 7p Adult Choir	13 12N AI-Anon 7p AA	14	15
16 <i>3rd Sunday in Advent</i> 8a Holy Eucharist 9a Breakfast 9:20a Sunday School 10:30 Holy Eucharist & Pledge Ingathering Reception following	17 6p Vestry mtg 6p 15 Place Bd mtg	18 6p Rector's Forum & potluck supper	19 9:15a L'Arche –chapel 12N Holy Eucharist 12N DA 4p St Cecelia Choir 7p Adult Choir	20 12N AI-Anon 7p AA	21	22
IHN / Family Promise Week December 16—23						
23 <i>4th Sunday in Advent</i> 8a Holy Eucharist 9a Breakfast 9:20a Sunday School 10:30 Holy Eucharist 5:30pm Hanging of the Greens & chili supper	24 <i>Christmas Eve</i> <i>Office closes at noon</i> 5pm Holy Eucharist 10:30 Choral Music 11pm Holy Eucharist	25 <i>Christmas Day</i> 10am Holy Eucharist <i>Office closed</i>	26 <i>Office closed</i>	27 <i>Office closed</i>	28 <i>Office closed</i>	29
30 <i>1st Sunday after Christ- mas</i> 8a Holy Eucharist 9a Breakfast No Sunday School 10:30 Holy Eucharist Birthday Celebration	31 <i>Office closes at noon</i>					



Advent Credo

It is not true that creation and the human family are doomed to destruction and loss—
This is true: For God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life;

It is not true that we must accept inhumanity and discrimination, hunger and poverty, death and destruction—
This is true: I have come that they may have life, and that abundantly.

It is not true that violence and hatred should have the last word, and that war and destruction rule forever—
This is true: Unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given, and the government shall be upon his shoulder, his name shall be called wonderful councilor, mighty God, the Everlasting, the Prince of peace.


It is not true that we are simply victims of the powers of evil who seek to rule the world—
This is true: To me is given authority in heaven and on earth, and lo I am with you, even until the end of the world.

It is not true that we have to wait for those who are specially gifted, who are the prophets of the Church before we can be peacemakers—
This is true: I will pour out my spirit on all flesh and your sons and daughters shall prophesy, your young men shall see visions and your old men shall have dreams.

It is not true that our hopes for liberation of humankind, of justice, of human dignity of peace are not meant for this earth and for this history—
This is true: The hour comes, and it is now, that the true worshipers shall worship God in spirit and in truth.

So let us enter Advent in hope, even hope against hope. Let us see visions of love and peace and justice. Let us affirm with humility, with joy, with faith, with courage: Jesus Christ—the life of the world.

From *Testimony: The Word Made Flesh*, by Daniel Berrigan, S.J. Orbis Books, 2004.



Sunday, December 2, 2012
25th Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 28

The Lessons

[Jeremiah 33:14-16](#) [Psalm 25:1-9](#) [1 Thessalonians 3:9-13](#) [Luke 21:25-36](#)

The Collect of the Day

Urgent God, breaking through the static to speak to our hearts: disarm our love of control and shake the silent heavens to reveal your dawning glory, judging all in the light of love; through Jesus Christ, the one who is to come. Amen.

Those Who Serve

Altar Guild: Melanie Petithory, Kim Gray, Gretchen Thiel, Bruce Rockstad
Bread bakers: Jeff Clearman, Betty Bentley
Flower Guild: Beth Hardaway, Betty Bentley
Breakfast: Jean Tucker, Burl Ratcliffe, Kay Montgomery, Margaret Winkler
Reception: Rosemary Williams, Pam Ayres

8:00am

Lector: Jeff Clearman
Intercessor: Serena Willcox
Chalice: Lee Van Dyke
Ushers: Pete Mackey, Harold Dodge
Greeter: Renee Dillard

10:30am

Lectors: Wyll Lewis, Rosemary Williams
Intercessor: Rob Gray
Chalices: Lister Thomas, Nancy Lancaster
Acolytes: Ben Foster, Liam Gray, Caroline Mosley, Emma Gray
Ushers: Don Mosley, Chris Conte, Ray Pappas

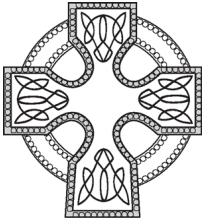
Music for Sunday

Voluntary Johann Sebastian Bach – *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland* (BWV 659)
Hymn 56 vss 1-3 *Veni, veni Emmanuel*
Richard Webster – *Trisagion, Missa Dorica*
Anglican Chant William Russell – *Psalm 25:1-9*
Hymn 444 *Thornbury*
Offertory Anthem Gerald Near – *To Thee, O Lord, Have I Lifted Up My Soul*
Hymn 74 *Valet will ich dir geben*
Richard Webster – *Sanctus, Missa Dorica*
Richard Webster – *Agnus Dei, Missa Dorica*
Hymn 53 *Gottes Sohn ist kommen*
Motet Mark Sirett – *Thou Shalt Know Him*
Hymn 497 *Wie schön leuchtet*
Procession Johann Sebastian Bach – *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland* (BWV 661)

Please keep in your prayers:

✚ For healing for: David Leff, Brittany, Angelo Harris, Melanie Wright, Jack Ratcliffe, Steven Bodiford, Arthur Johnson, Walter Sims, Alan Grubbs, Mitch Price, Austin Brown, Jim Wilson, Barbara Deming, John Stephens, David Barrineau, Johnny Madden, Brian Hammond, Heather and family, Martha Collier, JoAnn Pappas, Dunn Chandler, Geoff Peach, Scott Podstata, Abraham Kuol, Roy Muth, Jim Gray, Jane Arnau, Jessica Montalvo-Lopez, Evina Valera, Ed Givhan, LaNiece Bland, Sharon Cleverdon, Mike Downing, Patsy Childress, Anna Marie Brown, Laura

✚ For those who serve in the armed forces, especially: Spencer Abbot, Matt Abbot, Jonathan Carter, DeMario Snead, Randy Johnson, Jordan Caturia, William Wesley Pollard



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Valerie Case
Harold Dodge
Elizabeth Doyle
Rob Gray
James Hamilton
Woody Hannum
Amy Hunter
Emily Kelley
Don Mosley
Diana Nichols, Clerk
Jean Tucker
Darrel Williams

Curt Doyle, Treasurer

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Flower Guild: Katharine Flowers
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Golden Circle: Laura Rutherford, Wylly Stirling
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IHN/Family Promise: Henry Brewster
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Property: Ricky Bradford
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Service Schedule

Sundays	8:00 am Holy Eucharist 9:00 am Breakfast 9:20 am Christian Education Classes (during school year) 10:30 am Holy Eucharist
Wednesdays	12 Noon Holy Eucharist (Chapel)