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We Believe...

- ◆ *The Holy Scripture is God's written word.*
- ◆ *... and confess the Nicene, Apostle's, and Athanasian Creeds*
- ◆ *In the genuine spiritual power of the sacraments.*
- ◆ *God has the power to heal the sick and broken-hearted.*
- ◆ *Loyalty to our Lord is expressed by service to our fellow man.*
- ◆ *In the necessity of inward spiritual development and outward amendment of life of every Christian.*

The Church...

- ◆ *... practices an ancient Way of Faith instituted by Christ, through the Holy Apostles, and brought to England in the earliest days of the Church.*
- ◆ *... has restored the original traditions of the Church of England, the Mother Church of the English-speaking people.*
- ◆ *... has re-instituted the original vision of the Anglican Reformation: a return to the doctrine and practices of the Early Christian Church, without Roman additions or Protestant subtractions.*
- ◆ *... is the Orthodox Church of the West.*
- ◆ *... is not led into error or heresy by political and social trends: only godly men are ordained to Holy Orders and marriage is affirmed as a sacred bond between a man and a woman.*

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A word from Archbishop McLaughlin



Archbishop Scott E. McLaughlin

With the advent of DVD's and videotapes, my children can watch the movie *The Wizard of Oz* anytime. I remember when it was broadcast only once a year—and after years of watching when I delighted to discover that the scenes in Oz were filmed in colour, while those in Kansas were in black and white. I loved that film as a kid.

The music, the dancing, the pageantry, the strange characters are still able to thrill kids of any age. As an adult, I've come to enjoy the witty "one-liners" that pepper the movie, many of which have become commonplace in the McLaughlin household.

As wonderful as the movie is, however, it cannot compare to the original book written by L. Frank Baum in 1900. The movie is based on the very first book in the OZ series of more than thirteen volumes, which for its time became the most popular children's literature in the world. In the first volume fantastic creatures portrayed in vivid language are coupled with a sinister and unexpected plot. Baum insisted that he wrote only for children's pleasure, but dialog like this convinced many that his work was thinly disguised political and social satire:

"Well," said the Head, "I will give you my answer. You have no right to expect me to send you back to Kansas unless you do something for me in return. In this country everyone must pay for everything he gets. If you wish me to use my magic power to send you home again you must do something for me first. Help me and I will help you."

"What must I do?" asked the girl.

"Kill the wicked Witch of the West," answered Oz.

According to Baum, there is a lot more to Oz than a yellow brick road! And, to appreciate truly the power of Dorothy's saga, one must resort to the book, not the Hollywood adaptation. Watching a movie is a passive activity. We become temporarily mesmerized in a darkened room, surrounded by sound before a wide screen. To read a book requires far more effort and discipline. By reading we exercise our own imaginations and become engaged with the characters, the plot, and ultimately the

mind of the author.

In many ways contemporary American Christianity is like watching the movie without any knowledge of the original work. Millions, both inside and outside of the Church, treat the Faith as personal entertainment—tawdry pageantry on one hand or glib sermonizing on the other. Sadly, today's church leadership is too often exposed—like Oz himself—as a humbug hidden behind a curtain of faithless insecurity, personal vanity, or ruthless power. The result is a passive Christianity, buffeted with the latest spiritual fads, presenting to the world a self-absorbed consumerist religion centered on temporary amusement or cheap therapy, with a self-appointed "wizard" leading the performance. Too many are missing *the whole story*.

While there many ways to practice the Christian faith, the unique strength of classical Anglicanism is that it keeps us focused on the original Author. The Prayer Book tradition—now more than four hundred and fifty years old—carefully balances the proclamation of the Gospel in both Word and Sacrament. The classic *Book of Common Prayer*, eighty percent of which quotes the original Book, presents us with the opportunity to grow beyond today's

superficial and passive faith to become fully engaged in the praise and worship of God, "with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven."

It is not easy to be an Anglican (and thus there are relatively few of us) but it is one proven way to understand the saga of God's love for humanity, and the terrible price He paid to demonstrate that love.

But unless we are prepared to submit ourselves—mind, body, and spirit—to the rigorous discipline of the Prayer Book tradition, we will miss the opportunity to understand the mind of the Author of our Faith. Thus the Prayer Book should not only be used for one hour on Sundays; it should be our constant companion, providing the daily spiritual fare for the nourishment of our souls. Our tradition is authentic Christianity, and our task is to be authentic Christians in a time and place where only the "movie version" is well known. So, skip the "movie;" go directly to the Book and find yourself to be a part of the greatest story ever told.

God bless you!

*I'll get you my pretty!
And your little dog too!*

--The Wicked Witch

++ *Scott McLaughlin*

Convention Summary

David Bessinger

The 43rd General Convention of the Orthodox Anglican Church was held June 19-22 in Lexington, North Carolina. The theme was "Let endurance have its perfect result", which is based upon James 1:3-4.

Business events were held at the host hotel's conference facility, while most worship related events were held at Christ Church Cathedral.

The convention began on Thursday with a convocation for the Cathedral Priory of St Stephen the Protomartyr, followed late in the day by Archbishop McLaughlin's opening address and a reception.

Morning Prayer was held on Friday and Saturday morning at the hotel and saw the use of Metrical Psalms. It was wonderful to hear so many voices singing!

A business meeting was conducted afterward, during which the nomination and election of at-large National Council members was held. (A complete list should be available on the Church web site.) Among other items of business were the presentation of the financial report and the second

reading and approval of an amendment regarding the ecclesiastical structure of the Church.

In the afternoon, commencement exercises were held for St Andrew's Theological College and Seminary. Several awards were presented to clergy and laity for their work with and dedication to the school.

The commencement address was given by Rev Dr John Lindsey, vice president of academic affair at John Wesley College in High Point, NC.

The presentation of a Doctorate of Divinity (*Honoris Causa*) was made to one of our honoured guests, the Most Revd Dr Herbert M Groce, followed by the presentation of degrees to graduates. Archbishop Groce is a great friend of The Orthodox Anglican Church, one of Archbishop McLaughlin's consecrators, and a mentor to many.

That evening, the Ordination of Deacons took place at the cathedral. Three men, Lloyd Prescott of Bowling Green, KY; Russ Reed of Blackville, SC; and Michael Rush of Pittsburgh, PA were ordained

Following Saturday's Morning Prayer, directors presented their annual reports and answered questions from convention attendees.

During the afternoon, the Board of Trustees of St Andrew's met to discuss the growth, organisation, finances, and the countless steps being undertaken to achieve accreditation for the seminary.

The Perfect Harmony Quartet presented a wonderful concert on Saturday evening at Christ Church Cathedral. They performed many beautiful selections. With the altar, candles, and new reredos of the cathedral as their backdrop, it was both moving and inspiring.

The convention concluded Sunday with Holy Communion and the Ordination of Priests.

Fr Tom Gordon was ordained to the priesthood, an ordination made all the more special by the fact that his father, Rev Paul Gordon, a retired minister, was one of those who came forward for the laying on of hands.

A reception concluded the convention.

Prayers for this time of concern and worry...

Archbishop McLaughlin

I know many of you are troubled by the ongoing issues regarding our nation's financial system and the health of our economy. For some, that concern may be for investments and retirement, for others, it may be worry about jobs, mortgages, and the rising cost of goods. For Church members in some regions, there have even been concerns about the availability of gasoline.

Let me commend to you this prayer:

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 favour and glad to do thy will. Bless our land with honourable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogancy, 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 the 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.

And this prayer for trustfulness:

O MOST loving Father, who willest us to give thanks for all things, to dread nothing but the loss of thee, and to cast all our care on thee, who carest for us; Preserve us from faithless fears and worldly anxieties, and grant that no clouds of this mortal life may hide from us the light of that love which is immortal, and which thou hast manifested unto us in thy Son, Jesus Christ

our Lord. Amen.

Consider, too, these Scriptures:

Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed. (St John 6:24)

Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the Lord. (Psalm 31:24)

Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. (St Matthew 6:31-33)

Soundings from St Andrew's

Revd Dr Guy Dunklee & Sr Heidi Hawks

Commencement

During the General Convention, St Andrew's held a formal commencement ceremony, complete with a graduation address presented by Dr John Lindsey of John Wesley College, and a presentation of awards and certificates by our academic dean.

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SACTS Board Meeting

At the SATCS board meeting, new bylaws were approved, which led to the appointment of a Board of Trustees along with the appointment of several key staff positions such as the president, the Revd Dr John Rybka, and the academic dean, the Revd Dr Guy Dunklee. A list of board and staff members is available on the SATCS website.

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Accreditation

St Andrew's will apply for accreditation with ABHE in early November, and there has been much work accomplished in recent months to prepare for this. Several large projects have either been recently completed or are in the process of completion: a new mission statement and goals have been established, the student catalog has been revamped to better reflect our mission and goals, a faculty handbook has been created, and the SATCS library is undergoing cataloging and valuing, to name a but a few.

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Seminars

St Andrew's conducted an Aspirant Seminar at the end of August and has scheduled a Liturgical Seminar for Priests in October, as well as a Homiletics Seminar for November.

For logistical reasons, a Liturgical Seminar scheduled for September has been moved to February 2009.

The 2009 schedule of seminars is also available on the SATCS website. Finally, St Andrew's plans to make its first set of online classes available in January 2009!

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A Word from Dean Dunklee

For 37 years, St Andrew's Theological College and Seminary has been "the Legacy of Continuing Orthodox Anglicanism". The call to "recruit new candidates and to support existing clergy through continuing education became second only to the recruitment and training of our Clergy. Without the frontline leadership and vision of our parish priests, all plans and dreams for the future of the Church will come to naught.

Since 1971, theological education has changed dramatically. Although teaching still remains largely in the lecture format, pastoral training has increased, providing additional areas of expertise such as the hospital, prison, and hospice environments. Faculty use of new technology has dramatically affected curricula. Active recruitment continues to be our top priority, requiring the most qualified to pursue studies at St Andrew's.

Some have said, "I'm glad I'm not the priest. It's too tough!" When that comment is meant to say, "I don't want your job because it's undesirable", it can insinuate that the priesthood is for men who lack ambition and cannot make it elsewhere. This view has been held by laity for centuries. Today, it is compounded by trends and attitudes which hold that clergy are corrupt, manipulative, and dishonest. These views have had serious consequences.

Children are rarely encouraged to pursue a religious vocation. Why? The priesthood is suffering from low self-esteem. Whether this is the product of priests giving poor impressions of themselves or it's from widespread secularisation, the priestly ministry is no longer a high profile career. If in past times an ecclesiastical career was synonymous with social prestige, today, it means being on the fringe of society.

Regarding social standing, the priest occupies a peculiar place. In our day, the Orthodox Anglican pastor is viewed from many perspectives. Is he a liturgical functionary, a tribal leader, a museum curator of the 1662/1928 Book of Common Prayer, a pseudo-ascetic cultic guru, an actor re-enacting ancient customs, businessman, or hired hand? Well, he must be each of these if he expects to be successful. It isn't just practical aspects of ministry, it is a matter of identity for the Orthodox Anglican pastor and laity alike. Are we members of the "One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church," trying to lead "all men to the knowledge of truth," or just people living within emotional ghettos, with quaint rituals and a unique cuisine but with little real connection to society?

Neither the Church nor its pastors can become immersed in this fallen world, but at the same time, the Church and the pastors exist to help a fallen world. Jesus prays to the Father: "I do not pray that Thou should take them out of this world, but that Thou should keep them from evil" (Jam 7:15). The Eucharist, the centre of the priest's liturgical ministry, symbolises the sacramental transformation of the world that Jesus accomplished through His priests and people. So who is the Orthodox Anglican priest? He is a humble, sober, and faithful shepherd; sub-

ject to every human institution; honouring all men; loving the brotherhood; living as a free man, yet not using that freedom as a pretext for evil, but co-suffering with and waiting for the Chief Shepherd, through Whom we obtain the crown of glory (1 Pet 2:13-16; 5:1-6).

The priest's role has undergone many changes and pastoral adaptation to new issues will continue. People have become casual and indifferent to religion. Where our grandparents came to church to volunteer, fellowship, and worship, the parish life of most parishioners today is limited to Sunday mornings. Pastors must adapt to these changes. But, laity also need to accept changes that affect priests and their families.

Bishops, priests, deacons are "set apart" from the laity by virtue of function (not by "who is better" but by "who does what"). Clergy and laity together make up the body that is the Church. We accept this as fact, but lingering attitudes exist that cause harm to the body. Clericalism and congregationalism are bad attitudes that need to be recognised, repented of, and avoided. When we understand how interdependent clergy and laity are, we come to understand the differences between the two. Yes, laity comes to priests for spiritual guidance and assistance. But the priests also come to the laity, for support and encouragement.

Priestly ordination is not only a sacrament, it is a vocation. A priest must have the "seven virtues": faith, hope, charity, fortitude, he must practice justice, he must exercise prudence, and he must be temperate (moderate with needed things and abstaining from things that are not needed).

Indeed, the clergy of the future will deal with the realities and problems facing society: not only disease, famine and poverty, but how to deal with issues facing society, and nurture the faith to be part of living and Orthodox Anglican Christian life. Clergy are called to be the "teachers of the faith" and witnesses of the second coming.

I implore all to support this "Legacy of Continuing Orthodox Anglicanism". Consider seeking another degree or some continued education. Financial, legal, medical, teaching, and other professionals are **required** to have continuing education to maintain certifications or licences to practice... often with a set number of hours annually. While I am not proposing that for our clergy, we should, nevertheless, **DESIRE** continuing education. It is critical that new issues be studied and old things be refreshed, especially in an age where the public is considerably more information-oriented, discerning, and even cynical; we need more than ever to be better prepared to counsel, minister, and teach.

Church welcomes Bishop Dilley



Bishop Dilley

Archbishop McLaughlin was pleased to incardinate Bishop Gary Dilley into The Orthodox Anglican Church on Sunday, June 22, 2008 at Christ Church Cathedral.

A native of Springfield, Illinois, Bishop Dilley was ordained a Roman Catholic priest in 1972.

Prior to that, he attended St Paul's Seminary and the Catholic University of America before earning his Master's in Pastoral Counseling and Theology from St Louis University.

In nearly four decades of ordained ministry, he has been a teacher, hospital chaplain, Air Force chaplain, and parish priest.

A few years ago, Bishop Dilley left the Roman Catholic Church after seeing changes that came from a lack of unity among parishes and the bishops. He then began working in traditional Catholic communities, offering a Latin Mass. His consecration as bishop came in 2006.

Nonetheless, Bishop Dilley still did not feel "at home" in his ministry.

"I was looking for a Church that was consistent in its beliefs in three things: theology, liturgy, and Scripture. It took some time, but after much prayer and searching, I found these things... these consistencies... in The Orthodox Anglican Church," says Dilley.

The bishop believes The Orthodox Anglican Church meets a real need. "This world is a real unhappy world, generally speaking. Many people are searching for something. Many are seeking a transcendent spiritual experience. This Church offers exactly that. This Church offers the experience and that consistency of beliefs I mentioned," he stated.

Speaking about the leadership of The Orthodox Anglican Church, Bishop Dilley also shared an observation he quickly made during his transition to Orthodox Anglicanism.

Ordinations and Incardinations

We pray God's blessings upon the following men as they work to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

Ordained to the priesthood:



Congratulations to Fr Tom Gordon, who was ordained a priest on Sunday, June 22, 2008 at Christ Church Cathedral!

He is the registrar for St Andrew's and has been assisting at Holy Trinity Anglican Church in Kannapolis, NC.

Fr Tom recently opened St Philip the Evangelist Anglican Church in Charlotte, NC.

Ordained to the Diaconate:

We congratulate these men, who were ordained as Deacons:

Lloyd Prescott of Bowling Green, KY

Russ Reed of Blackville, SC

Michael Rush of Pittsburgh, PA



(Left to right) Deacons Prescott, Rush, and Reed

"I'm impressed with the leadership. We have an archbishop who likes to listen to each side of an issue, who likes to consult," he stressed. "We are led by a man who encourages dialogue."

The bishop also offered another observation. "There is no mystery to the Orthodox Anglican Communion. The whole thing is clear... it is straight from the Book of Common Prayer.

"In the Roman Catholic 'Communion', if you will, there is less uniformity, less intimacy, and less reverence. In the Orthodox Anglican Church, we are unified."

Bishop Dilley has agreed to serve as dean of Christ Church Cathedral, beginning in late September. He will preach his first sermon at the cathedral on September 28.

Although currently living in western North Carolina, Bishop Dilley is in the process of relocating to the Lexington area. He has already been spending considerable time at the cathedral, but will shortly begin holding regular office hours and will be available for counseling and other pastoral care issues.

Welcome, Bishop Dilley!



In the parishes...



St Augustine's Anglican Church, Bryson City, NC (Fr Rusty Marts): The Lenten season was preceded by two events - the Candlemas (blessing of candles) on Sunday, February 3, and a Shrove Tuesday pancake dinner on Tuesday, February 5. Both were very well attended, as was the Ash Wednesday Mass on February 6.

We have been blessed with the addition of several young people and have formed a youth group, under the excellent guidance of Mrs. Beth Higdon, Youth Leader. On Saturday, March 8, the youth held their first ever youth outing, with a pizza party and then off to bowling. The church turned out to support the youth and we had a total of 20 in attendance! You can see pictures of the outing at our web site, www.ouranglicanchurch.com.

On Good Friday this year, we had our first observation of the Stations of the Cross and the Mass was very well attended, as was Easter Day, which was standing room only.

We have been blessed with recent additions to our congregation. Fr. Rusty conducted confirmation classes with 7 catechumens, all of which successfully completed the course. On Sunday, April 27, we were privileged to receive the annual episcopal visit of His Grace, Archbishop McLaughlin. At that Mass he confirmed five of the seven catechumens into the Church. The remaining two catechumens will be confirmed at a later date. Our congratulations to Michael and Sherry Bolt, Ryan Laws, Jerrod Laws and Alicia Laws upon their confirmation.

In order to further enrich our Wednesday evening Mass prayer experience, we have incorporated the use of the rosary. Fr. Rusty has adapted for Anglican use three Ave Maria rosaries with Holy Mysteries. We invite you to download them for your personal use from our web site.

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Anglican Church of the Good Shepherd, Myrtle Beach, SC (Fr Creighton Jones): Good Shepherd recently completed its first Capital Funds Initiative. The program, to be accomplished over a three year period, set a campaign goal of \$25,000. The final result amounted to a little over \$27,000. The funds will be used to improve the overall appearance and function of the building and grounds, add a handicapped accessible restroom and provide for some improved security meas-

ures.

This past winter, Good Shepherd was "home" to over 30 members of the Anglican Church in Canada. Fourteen towns and 5 provinces were represented with Alberta being the longest distance from Myrtle Beach.

Good Shepherd recently sponsored a *Mass For Life* in conjunction with the Grand Strand Citizens for Life Committee.

An Interfaith Hospitality Network is being formed in the Myrtle Beach area. The program is a community response to assist homeless families. The thrust of the program is to enable community religious groups to unite resources in order to provide assistance to homeless families. *Family Promise*, the official title of the program, is a national non-profit organization that assists religious and community organizations in developing Network outreach. Several members of Good Shepherd are involved in the preliminary development of this ministry.

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Christ Church Cathedral, Lexington, NC (Bishop Gary Dilley): Bishop Gary Dilley has been named Dean of Christ Church Cathedral. Bishop Dilley, who is in the process of relocating from Columbus, NC, has been spending a great deal of time at the cathedral and will soon be holding regular office hours. (A short interview with Bishop Dilley is found on page More information about Bishop Dilley is page six.)

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Military Chaplaincy Update, (Fr Michael Clancy): CH (CPT) Troy Allison and CH (CPT) Michael Clancy have both completed the US Army Chaplain Basic Officer Leadership Course, graduating in early September.

The 12 week residence program at Fort Jackson, South Carolina covered every aspect related to military ministry in the contemporary operating environment.

Upon completion of Chaplain School, CH Allison, who is on active duty in the Army, was assigned as the battalion chaplain for the 5th Engineer Brigade Combat Team, Military Police Battalion in Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. CH Clancy returned to the Maryland National Guard, where he is the battalion chaplain for the 1297th Combat Support Sustainment Battalion head-

quartered in Havre De Grace, Maryland.

The military chaplaincy is a challenging ministry for any member of the clergy and all services are seeking qualified applicants who can fill the role as a chaplain in the armed forces. The ecclesiastical endorsing agent for the OAC is Rev'd Fr. Jim Helton who can be contacted for more information about becoming a military chaplain.

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Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Kannapolis, NC (Fr Patrick Maclean): Holy Trinity continues to meet at the YMCA in Kannapolis. At a recent parish council meeting, Mr David Bessinger (who is also a Postulant) was elected Senior Warden and Mr Alan Lines was elected Junior Warden.

We congratulate Fr Tom Gordon, who served until recently as our Curate, on his recent ordination to the Priesthood. Fr Tom has left Holy Trinity in order to form a mission in Charlotte.

While continuing its ministry in Cabarrus County (part of the Charlotte metro-region), Holy Trinity is working toward relocating a few miles to the west, placing the parish within better reach of Huntersville, Cornelius, and Davidson. These three towns are adjacent to Charlotte and have experienced explosive growth in recent years as "bedroom communities" of Charlotte.

Charlotte, for those not familiar with the city, is the nation's second largest financial center and is the nation's 20th largest city, with a metro population of about 1.7 million people.

Lastly, we are proud to report that Fr Patrick's mother has been visiting and has indicated a desire to join Holy Trinity. (We expect she will keep Fr Patrick on his toes!)

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St Philip the Evangelist Anglican Church, Charlotte, NC (Fr Tom Gordon): St Philip's is a new OAC mission located within the city limits of the Carolina's largest city, Charlotte. Although the parish only opened in mid-September, within a couple of weeks, the size of the congregation quickly exceeded the number of prayer books. However, thanks to your contributions to the Missions Fund, St Philip's has been supplied with new

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News from the Communion



Brasil

The Orthodox Anglican Church in Brasil (Brazil) is one of the newer members of the Communion.

The presiding bishop is the Rt Revd Dr Celio Franca Spinelli. The Church's first diocese is the Diocese of Recife and the cathedral church is the Cathedral of St Paul, which is in Recife.

Congo

At latest count, the Eglise Orthodoxe Anglicane Episcopale du Congo has close to 30 parishes and well over 3,000 members. This year marks the 20th anniversary of their welcome

into The Orthodox Anglican Communion.

India

We celebrate the 25th anniversary of one of our Communion's largest dioceses!

The Missionary Diocese of Tamilnadu & Pondy, which is within The Orthodox Anglican Church of India, was formed in Chennai in May 1983. The diocese covers the whole state of Tamilnadu and other parts of India. There are nearly 750 churches in north and south India that are affiliated with the Missionary Diocese.

The Cathedral Priory of St Stephen the Protomartyr

Fr Michael Clancy, SSP, Prior



St Augustine, Botticelli (ca 1480)

The communal life of our order is based on the Rule of St Augustine, which is the oldest Monastic Rule (in the West). It is rich in wisdom and offers valuable teachings for all Christians.

For instance, St Augustine's instruction on prayer is thought provoking, cautioning us to "be assiduous in prayer (Col 4:2), at the hours and times appointed." It also tells us: "When you pray to God in Psalms and hymns, think over in your hearts the words that come from your lips."

Mindful that many have never studied the Rule of St Augustine, we decided to share a portion. This portion includes instructions on asking pardon and forgiveness from one another.

1. You should either avoid quarrels altogether or else put an end to them as quickly as possible; otherwise, anger may grow into hatred, making a plank out of a splinter, and turn the soul into a murderer. For so you read: *Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer* (1 Jn 3:15).

2. Whoever has injured another by open insult, or by abusive or even incriminating language, must remember to repair the injury as quickly as possible by an apol-

ogy, and he who suffered the injury must also forgive, without further wrangling. But if they have offended one another, they must forgive one another's trespasses for the sake of your prayers which should be recited with greater sincerity each time you repeat them. Although a brother is often tempted to anger, yet prompt to ask pardon from one he admits to having offended, such a one is better than another who, though less given to anger, finds it too hard to ask forgiveness. But a brother who is never willing to ask pardon, or does not do so from his heart, has no reason to be in the monastery, even if he is not expelled. You must then avoid being too harsh in your words, and should they escape your lips, let those same lips not be ashamed to heal the wounds they have caused.

3. But whenever the good of discipline requires you to speak harshly in correcting your subjects, then, even if you think you have been unduly harsh in your language, you are not required to ask forgiveness lest, by practicing too great humility toward those who should be your subjects, the authority to rule is undermined. But you should still ask forgiveness from the Lord of all who knows with what deep affection you love even those whom you might happen to correct with undue severity. Besides, you are to love another with a spiritual rather than an earthly love.

The Prayer of Saint Francis

*"O Lord, make me an instrument of Thy Peace!
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is discord, harmony;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light, and
Where there is sorrow, joy.
Oh Divine Master, grant that I may not
so much seek to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand; to be loved
as to love; for it is in giving that we receive;
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to Eternal
Life."*

FEAST DAY OF ST FRANCIS: OCTOBER 4



Something to think about...

Minister and administer share the common root word, ministrare.

Ministrare is Latin, which means "to serve".

No matter what we do for the Church, no matter our role, from Priest to Deacon to Parish Council member to volunteer, we are all ministers, serving God in some form!

Deferred gifts are an option for giving to the Church

From time to time, I appeal to you to consider ways you might be able to help the Church meet the future and face the challenges of fulfilling our mission to proclaim the Gospel.

Below are some examples of deferred gifts than could benefit the Church.

As always, I urge you to discuss these matters with your attorney or financial advisor when making decisions.

Bear in mind that I cannot give legal advice (and the laws vary from state to state), but I will gladly answer any questions to the extent that I am allowed.

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*-Fr Patrick Maclean, ObSSP
Director of Development*

- **Will or Trust Benefits** – the inclusion of the OAC as a beneficiary in a Last Will and Testament or Trust document. Upon the donor's death, his/her estate may receive an estate tax charitable deduction for the value of the bequest.

- **Beneficiary Designation Gifts** – the OAC is named as the beneficiary of an IRA, trust, annuity, life insurance policy or other legal contract. The donor's estate may receive an estate tax charitable deduction for the value of the assets transferred to the Church.

- **Life Insurance Gifts** – a new policy can be purchased and gifted to the Church, or a current policy can be gifted as well. The policy's value and premiums, gifted to the OAC, may qualify for an income tax deduction. Upon the death of the donor, the proceeds go directly to the Church.

- **Investment Gifts** – the transfer of ownership of an investment (i.e., real property, mutual funds, stocks, bonds, etc.) to the Church. A charitable income tax deduction for the gift made during the donor's lifetime may be obtained if itemized deductions are made on the income tax return. Also, capital gains and estate taxes may be reduced or eliminated through this type of gift.

- **Life Estate in Real Property** – property may be deeded to the OAC while the donor retains a life interest in the property. Upon the donor's death the full title to the property passes to the Church.

- **Traditional IRA** – with preplanning, funds in a traditional IRA can be given at the donor's death to the OAC through the IRA beneficiary designation. The IRA funds pass to the Church after the donor's death, escaping the income taxes due on the remaining funds. The donor's estate can generally receive a charitable estate tax deduction.

- **Zero Estate Tax Gift** – a will or trust can be designated to pass along the maximum amount of estate assets possible to the donor's children after the donor's death, free of estate taxes, through a family testamentary bequest. Typically the amount is equal to the current applicable estate tax exclusion amount. The remaining estate assets are then transferred to the OAC through a charitable bequest, also estate tax free. The plan may result in zero estate taxes being due.

- **Bank Account Beneficiary Designations** – Bank and Credit Union accounts may be established with the Church as a beneficiary. Some institutions allow a Pay on Death, Transfer on Death, In Trust For, or For Benefit Of status on various accounts. When the owner of the account dies, the funds pass immediately to the Church as beneficiary. This generally bypasses the probate process.

In the parishes, *cont'd*

prayer books, which will all be put into immediate use.

We are also holding Bible Study on Thursday evenings, accompanied by a "pot-luck" supper.

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Holy Cross Anglican Church, Baraboo, WI (Fr Jerry Pfaff): Archbishop Scott McLaughlin arrived on July 11 for his first visit to Holy Cross (his luggage arrived July 12)! A glorious and blessed occasion it was indeed, as the visit came just as Holy Cross celebrated her first anniversary, which was July 8.

On July 13, the Archbishop celebrated Holy Communion and preached to the largest attendance Holy Cross has seen. He also performed two Baptisms and four Confirmations, as well as received four people into the OAC. Those baptized were Maggie Busjahn and her daughter, Karina. Those Confirmed were Maggie Busjahn, Amy Page, and brothers Logan and Landt McNames, and those who were received included Stuart and Pam

McNames, Skip Blake, and Carol Fogle-son.

On Saturday, His Grace and Fr Jerry visited the Circus World Museum. Later, they attended a cookout at Skip Blake's home where the entire parish was present and enjoyed dining on the "official" state sandwich – bratwurst!

Fr Jerry held Inquirer's Classes for four weeks this spring. The classes focused on the OAC and the Prayer Book and how to use it. It was attended by parishioners and non-parishioners alike.

We pray God will continue to bless us and give an even greater increase as we enter into our second year.

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Mission Work in California, Upland, CA (Fr Paul Castellano): Fr. Paul continues to visit the Assisted Living facility in Pomona bringing the Eucharist to those who are unable to attend mass. Fr. is also spending time with Miss Margaret Thompson, the widow of Bishop Thompson. The Bishop's widow donated the late Bishop's li-

brary to St. Andrews Seminary. Please keep these wonderful people in your prayers, they are very lonely and certainly could use the intercessory prayers of the faithful members of Christ's Church.

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Amazing Grace Orthodox Anglican Church, Gastonia, NC (Canon John Kennedy): One of our attendees, Darrell Holman, is now a Postulant and has enrolled at St Andrew's. In addition, he is getting on-the-job training by assisting Canon Kennedy!

In August, we received a visit from Suffragan Bishop Gary Dilley, who delivered the homily, pronounced absolution and the benediction, and concelebrated with the Canon. Later, Bishop Dilley and the Canon took Communion to homebound parishioners and friends of the parish.

Amazing Grace thanks parishioner Bethea Baker for opening his home to us for worship and Communion recently. Our search for a permanent location continues.



*Thus saith the LORD,
Stand ye in the ways,
and see, and ask for the
old paths, where is the
good way, and walk
therein, and ye shall find
rest for your souls.*

Jeremiah 6:16



Dr John Lindsey of John Wesley College presented the commencement address.



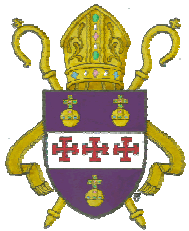
Fr. Mark D'Amico, president of the St. Andrew's Alumni Association, presents a donation to the association during commencement.



Archbishop McLaughlin confers an honorary Doctorate upon Archbishop Grace.



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