

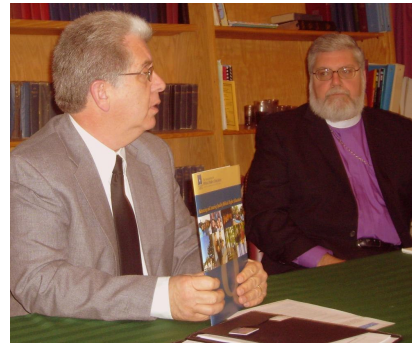


*Thus saith the LORD,  
Stand ye in the ways,  
and see, and ask for the  
old paths, where is the  
good way, and walk  
therein, and ye shall find  
rest for your souls.*

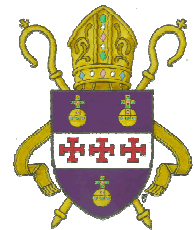
Jeremiah 6:16



*The archbishop is good in the pulpit and in the kitchen. Here, while making pancakes on Shrove Tuesday, he's watched by official taste-tester Canon Kennedy, who waits to lick the spoon.*

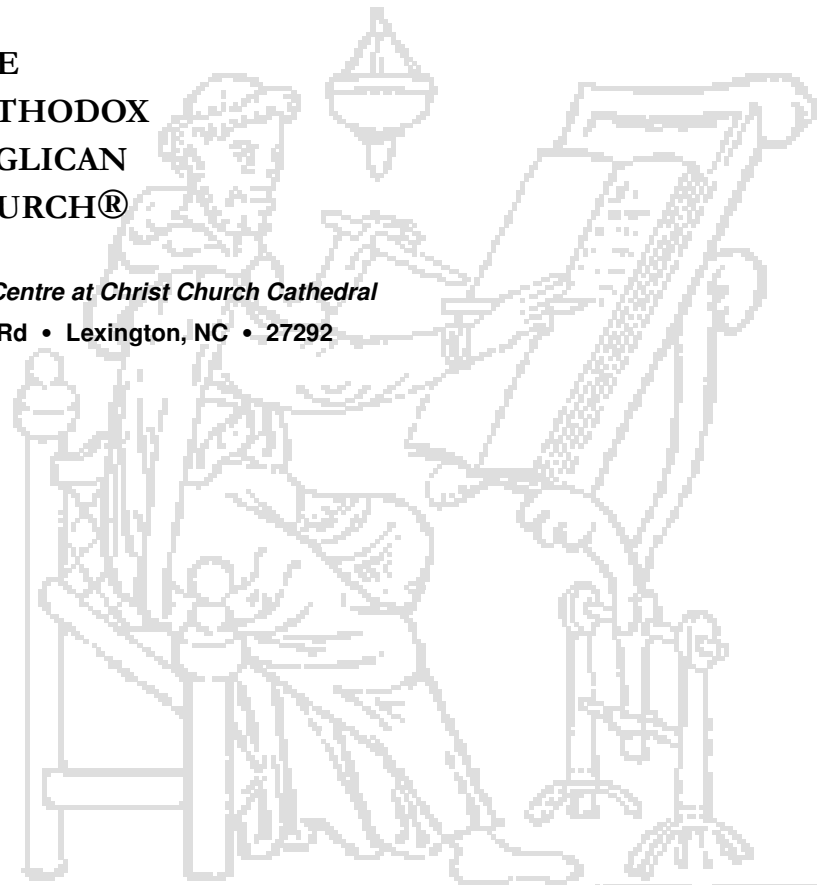


*Accreditation consultant Dr John Lindsey talks with Archbishop McLaughlin at a recent meeting.*



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*He is not here...  
He is risen, as He said.*

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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.*
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- ◆ *... is the Orthodox Church of the West.*
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## Your home as a gift to the Church

The most valuable asset most of us own is our home.

Have you ever thought of using your home as a way of fulfilling your desire of making a charitable gift to the Church?

There is a way you can use your home for a gift to the Church and still live there as always.

If you use a **Life Estate** arrangement, you can make a gift of your home or other real property now while having the security of knowing that you may live in your home as long as you wish. You can enjoy the benefits, rights, and responsibilities of ownership.

By using a Life Estate arrangement, you will continue to maintain the property, pay the taxes, and receive any income such ownership may produce. By making this arrangement, your home or other real property doesn't pass through your probate estate, and this can possibly save expenses and delays in settlement. Also, the property may not be part of your estate for federal tax purposes, and may result in a substantial tax savings for your heirs.

### Example:

Mary Canterbury lives in the home she and her late husband purchased many years ago. Her children are grown and have no interest in inheriting the house. Mary plans to leave her children the majority of her estate, but would also like to make a substantial charitable gift to The Orthodox Anglican Church in memory of her husband.

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## Christian Education

Heidi Hawks, National Director of Christian Education

December through May are full of Christian education and spiritual formation opportunities for a church.

We have a whirlwind tour of five of the six church seasons of the year in these months: Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent and Easter arrive and depart almost before we've gotten settled into each season.

As a Christian Education Director, I found that the Sundays that started each of these seasons seemed to bring more people to church, so I began to offer special Sunday morning events preceding or following the service as a way to "sneak" some education and formation into parishioners' lives.

We would have Jesse Tree ornament workshops during Advent, a 12 Days of Christmas workshop complete for Epiphany, a Candle and Prayer Lenten workshop during Lent, and an

Easter He Is Risen social on Easter Sunday. Whitsunday, which usually falls around the end of the Sunday school year, was always the best event of the year; we would celebrate the church's birthday.

What was most interesting to me was that people attending these events did not describe them to others as educational events. Instead, they described them as great times of fellowship and community building. After this, they would add that they also learned some really interesting things about their faith/their church/themselves! Who said learning had to be painful?!

Interestingly, because visitors always seemed to show up on those first Sundays of the season, the special activities and events often brought visitors back, and frequently contributed to their decision to eventually join the church.

So, these activities, which were usually very inexpensive to create and required little prep work, served not only as educational tools but also as community builders and avenues for church growth!

For small churches, the special events you offer are essential to the life, community and growth of a church.

This spring, please consider taking advantage of the Lenten and Easter seasons and especially Whitsunday to add a little more education, formation and fellowship to your Sunday morning.

If you would like help coming up with ideas for special events or if you have ideas to share, please contact me; at hhawk@orthodoxanglican.net.

Let us all have the chance to grow in God this spring!

# News from the Communion



## Kenya

We have received an emergency message from Bishop Hesbon Njera, of Kenya, whose Church is a member of our Communion.

You are, no doubt, aware of the considerable recent media attention... daily, for a time... surrounding Kenya, especially the riot-

ing and destruction caused by reactions to that nation's recent presidential election. The violence has been horrendous.

Bishop Hesbon has informed us that 11 OAC churches have been burned to the ground in the violence and that some members have lost their homes.

Please pray that the political situation will calm, that our churches can rebuild, the members' homes can be rebuilt, and pray for the bishop and all Church members. Pray that peace will be restored and that they will be able to return to their work soon.

## The Cathedral Priory of St Stephen the Protomartyr

Fr Michael Clancy, SSP, Prior



That St. Stephen was a Jew is unquestionable, and he probably was a Hellenist who spoke Greek. The name is Greek, *Stephanos*, meaning "crown". His early life is unknown, as are the details of his conversion to Christianity.

The Apostles assembled the faithful and told them that they could not relinquish the duties of preaching and prayer to attend to the care of tables; and suggested they choose seven men of good character, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, to do so.

Stephen was one of those chosen and presented to the Apostles, who, praying, laid hands upon them, and ordained them the first deacons.

Stephen spoke with great, irresistible wisdom and a plot was laid by the elders of certain synagogues in Jerusalem. The main point urged against him was that he affirmed that the temple would be destroyed, that the Mosaic traditions were but shadows and types no longer acceptable to God, Jesus of Nazareth having put an end to them.

Stephen was allowed to speak and, in a long defense (Acts 7:2-53), he said that Moses was commanded to set up a Temple, but that God wasn't confined in

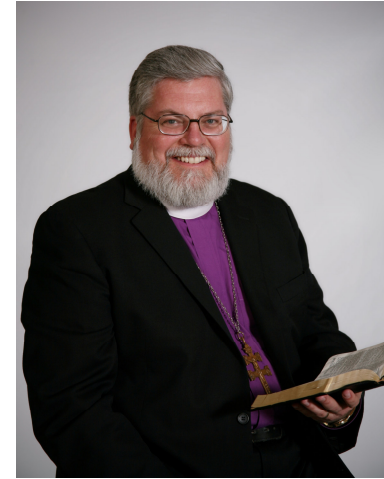
houses made by hands: the temple and the Mosaic law were temporary, and were to give place when God sent the Messiah himself. He ended with a stinging rebuke: "You stiff-necked and uncircumcised in hearts and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit; as your fathers did, so do you also. Which of the prophets have not your fathers persecuted? And they have slain them who foretold the coming of the Just One, of whom you have been now the betrayers and murderers: who have received the law by the disposition of angels, and have not kept it."

The whole assembly raged at Stephen, but he, being full of the Holy Spirit and looking up steadfastly to the heavens, saw them opened and beheld the glory of God and the Saviour standing at the right hand of the Father. And he said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing on the right hand of God". And they, crying loudly, stopped their ears and with one accord ran violently upon him. And, casting him forth without the city, they stoned him; and the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man whose name was Saul. And they stoned Stephen, invoking and saying, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit". And falling on his knees, he cried with a loud voice, saying, "Lord, lay not this sin to their charge". And when he had said this he fell asleep in the Lord.

*Adapted from "Butler's Lives of the Saints"*



# A word from Archbishop McLaughlin



Archbishop Scott E. McLaughlin

**A**s this edition of the *Herald* goes to print, we have nearly completed the Lenten season and stand at the threshold of Holy Week.

By the physical disciplines of Lent, we have prepared our selves spiritually to commemorate Jesus' last week on earth.

Together in our parishes and missions, we will liturgically re-live the great events of Holy Week: listening to the preaching of Christ in the Temple; sharing with the Apostles the Lord's last Supper; praying with Him in the Garden; feeling the sting of betrayal by Judas' kiss; suffering with our Lord at the Pillar of Scourging; weeping at the foot of His Cross; waiting by His Tomb; and finally to celebrate with great joy His triumph over death.

The Holy Week liturgies are powerful proclamations of the Gospel. By our worship, we preach the Good News of salvation: the death of our Lord is the touchstone of God's love for humanity, while the resurrection of our Lord is the cornerstone of our faith in God.

St Paul declared that God's provision for our salvation is "the gospel of God, (which he had promised afore by his prophets in the Holy Scriptures,) concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh; and declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead: by whom we have received grace and apostleship, for obedience to the faith among all nations...." (Romans 1:2-3) These words were written very shortly... only twenty-five years, in fact... after the Resurrection. "Primitive Christianity" is thus not an unknown ideal (nor the object of sceptical, scholarly research). Rather, it is the Gospel as we know it today. It is a Gospel of grace "for obedience to the faith."

What does the Apostle mean by this phrase?

Simply this: faith is joined to life like grapes are joined to the vine. "Obedience to the faith" should be the aim of our Lenten spiritual disciplines and the fruit of a life lived in the joy of Easter.

In *The Liberty of a Christian*, Martin Luther wrote, "Christ

is full of grace, life, and salvation. The human soul is full of sin, death, and damnation. Now let faith come between them. Sin, death, and damnation will be Christ's. And grace, life, and salvation will be the believer's."

The faith of which Luther wrote is far more than mere intellectual belief. According to the Bible, to have faith is personally to trust someone.

We all have had the bitter experience of trusting a person who was untrustworthy. Only the foolish will continually place their trust in a scoundrel. The essence of the Gospel, however, is that God has demonstrated His trustworthiness. He keeps His promises.

As St Paul insisted, God promised the Good News by the prophets of the Old Covenant (see 1 Kings 8:56). He demonstrated His trustworthiness by the incarnation of the Son of God. He sealed His fidelity to us by the death of His Son. He manifested the glory of the Gospel by the Resurrection of Christ. The promises of people fail. The promises of God are sure: "As for God, his way is perfect: the word of the LORD is tried: he is a buckler to all those that trust in him" (Psalms 18:30).

The Gospel proclaims that our faith is built upon the foundation of God's own trustworthiness. But, in turn, our trust in God is demonstrated by a changed life. The Gospel thus does not end with the life, death and resurrection of Christ. It includes us, who are united to Christ by faith and—because of that faith—obedient to the commandments of God. As St. Paul wrote, "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me" (Gal. 2:20).

We soon will be commemorating the events of Holy Week. To commemorate is, literally, "to remember together." As we gather around the cross and before the empty tomb, by the power of the Holy Spirit let us renew our faith—our personal trust—in Christ, Who is the "resurrection and the life" (St. John 11:25).

God bless you!

*Faith is joined to life like grapes are joined to the vine.*

## 2008 General Convention announced

The 43rd General Convention of the Orthodox Anglican Church has been set for June 19-22, 2008 in Lexington, North Carolina.

The theme of this year's convention is "Let endurance have its perfect result."

The basis of that theme is James 1:4 (and, by extension, verse 3). In short, these verses tell us that the testing of our faith produces endurance and that we should let endurance have its perfect result, in order that we complete and lacking in nothing.

When one considers the opportunities and work before us, including Church growth and accreditation for St Andrew's, these two verses provide a good theme for this year's gathering.

Some events... mostly those of ceremony and worship... will be held at

the cathedral, while others... those business and social... will be held a few miles away at the Comfort Suites Hotel.

By using the conference facilities at a hotel, we will be able to ease some of the logistics of going back and forth and, hopefully, make everyone a little more comfortable.

The convention will begin on Thursday, the 19th, with a noon convocation for the Cathedral Priory of St Stephen the Protomartyr. Later in the day, His Grace will give the Opening Address following Evening Prayer and Holy Communion.

Day One will be capped by the opening reception.

Friday's business will include prayers, business meetings, graduation exercises for St Andrew's, and the Ordina-

tion of Deacons.

Day Three, Saturday, will include prayers, National Director's reports, the St Andrew's Board of Directors meeting, and workshops.

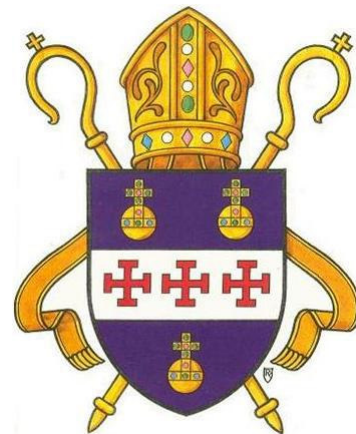
The convention concludes on Sunday with worship and the Ordination of Priests.

The convention registration fee remains at \$85 per delegate again this year, provided registration is received by May 19. Afterward, the registration fee is \$100 per delegate.

Registration forms will soon be sent, but do go ahead and make your plans to attend our 43rd convention.

Additional details, including hotel information, may be found below.

See you in June!



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"... let endurance have its perfect result." - James 1:4

### Additional Convention details

All details will, of course, be made available very soon. However, here is some information we can share now:

The hotel for the 2008 General Convention is the Comfort Suites Hotel, 1620 Cotton Grove Road, Lexington. The hotel is located at exit 91 off I-85 (the cathedral is accessed by exits 94 and 96, so this is reasonably close).

Delegates and visitors can receive a discount for staying at the hotel, if they register by May 19. The room

rate is \$85 per day. Our group number is 100699.

The hotel telephone number is: 1.800.858.5659 or, if local, 336.357.2333.

Most, if not all, business conducted will take place in their conference facilities. Some of the Saturday workshops may take place at Christ Church Cathedral.

The graduation speaker for Satur-

day's St Andrew's graduation exercises is Rev John Lindsey. Rev Lindsey is the Vice President for Academic Affairs at John Wesley College in High Point, NC.

In making your dinner plans for Saturday evening (the 21st), please note that the graduation exercises begin at 4pm at the conference facility and the Ordination of Deacons begins at 7:30pm at the cathedral.



## In the parishes...

**St Augustine's Anglican Church, Bryson City, NC** (Fr Rusty Marts): Recent months have been filled with blessings. November saw the ordination of Deacon James Ward. He is now preaching on Sundays and Wednesdays and we are blessed by his teaching and leadership.

Our Sunday School has been inaugurated. Patti Ward (Superintendent) teaches small children, Gus Higdon teaches older children, and Deacon James teaches adults. Thanks to Heidi Hawks for help developing our curriculum!

We recently inaugurated a new web site, under the guidance of webmistress Peggy Angel. The address is [www.ouranglicanchurch.com](http://www.ouranglicanchurch.com). We thank our dear sister for her fine work!

We held our first Christmas party in December, which included a gift exchange and dinner. We had a wonderful Christmas Eve service, which was followed by fellowship and hot chocolate.

In January, we celebrated the taking of vows as a Novice by Sr Elisabeth Quinn. We honour her devotion to the Lord God bless you!

Congratulations to Beth Higdon, our new Senior Warden and heartfelt thanks to Denny Trousdale, as he leaves the office of Treasurer. Denny will continue to serve as Director of Development, providing excellent leadership in the investment of parish funds.

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**Anglican Church of the Good Shepherd, Myrtle Beach, SC** (Fr Creighton Jones): Thanks to a friend of the church and the gifts and donations from our parishioners, we "adopted" five families at Christmas. Each family received food baskets with hams and turkeys, personal gifts from our members, and gift cards. In all, seven adults and eight children were helped and one family awarded a special gift of \$200 to assist with utility bills.

The pre-Lent and Lenten season have been very busy. Fr Murray is teaching a confirmation class for youths and Fr Jones, a similar class for adults. We hope to have four youths and two adults prepared for confirmation when the Archbishop comes on Palm Sunday. Also, we plan to baptize 2 children and one adult before then. Fr Jones is teaching a class for 15 people: *The Apocrypha, the Hidden Books of the Bible*.

Our Shrove Tuesday pancake supper took place in February. The congregation is starting to swell as we have a good number of Canadian Anglicans who worship with us during the winter months.

The vestry of Good Shepherd had a retreat in February, planning for our upcoming Capital Fund Campaign. A generous pre-campaign donation has allowed us to proceed with replacing the fence on the south side of the building.

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**Christ Church Cathedral, Lexington, NC** (Fr Keith Bernaducci): Advent and Christmas were uplifting. Thanks to all who prepared and decorated the church. Thanks to the Eddys for transforming some old purple paraments to beautify the cathedral and to the glory of God.

Also special thanks to young Nicole Hawkes, who created cover art for our Advent programs and a special cover for the ordination of Deacon Jason Ellis.

In January, we hosted a convocation for the priory of St Stephen the Protomartyr, plus the first round of accreditation talks for St Andrew's. In February, we hosted Deacon's Week, a five day intensive workshop for St Andrew's students.

We are attempting to record and post weekly sermons on the web site for those who were absent or like "re-runs"! These MP3 files can also be downloaded to your iPod for "Grace on the go!"

Our members work hard preparing for the ordinations and visits we receive being the cathedral. I again mention the Eddys, who are always there to cook for and serve visitors and clergy with love and dignity. Special thanks to the dessert lady, my wife, Susan, for her many sweet creations loved by all, especially His Grace!

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**OAC Mission, Roswell, NM** (Bishop Jack Mette): The ministry was recently slowed by the illness of Bishop Mette. However, by God's grace, his health has improved, allowing him to resume work as a Chaplain with the Roswell Police Department, the Eastern New Mexico Medical Center, and the Roswell Regional Hospital.

Bishop Mette also works with the many street people he encounters and writes about the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the true teachings of the Church. (Anyone wishing a copy of his writings may send a

SASE to: Bishop Jack Mette, 209 East Hammond Street, Roswell, NM 88203.)

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**Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Kannapolis, NC** (Fr Patrick Maclean): Holy Trinity Anglican Church in Kannapolis continues to meet on Sunday afternoons at the Cannon Memorial YMCA. During Advent, we welcomed Archbishop McLaughlin and his family, and Canon John Kennedy has also been a welcomed guest. Holy Trinity has been blessed with several new faces, including a family who visited "seeking orthodoxy." Well, they found it here!

We began our Lenten observance with Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes at the home of Deacon Tom Gordon.

Our religious education class meets at the Gordon's home on Sunday mornings, and also gathers monthly with the youth of Christ Church Cathedral.

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**St Jude's Anglican Church, Tucson, AZ** (Fr Mark D'Amico): The parish has received a "facelift" with the repainting of the exterior. Projects in March/April include a new AC unit and a "facelift" for the interior. To continue our move to the "Spanish Mission Church look", we will be tiling our floor and removing the "popcorn" ceiling.

St Jude's began Wednesday Evening Prayer services in January and has held several special services recently for Ash Wednesday and during Lent.

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**Holy Cross Anglican Church, Baraboo, WI** (Fr Jerry Pfaff): On December 21, the feast of St Thomas, Fr Gene Stillings, a dear friend of Fr Jerry, and his children joined us in celebrating the life of St Thomas as they also celebrated the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood.

For months, Fr Jerry has been visiting a young woman in jail who is preparing to be baptized at Holy Cross, along with her baby daughter, when she is released soon. These visits have led to holding Evening Prayer every Sunday night in the jail, where as many as 7 women have joined us for prayer.

On February 1, Fr Jerry officiated at the funeral of one of his dearest friends, Tom Hass. He also officiated at the funeral of his Dad, Merton Pfaff, on Feb 23. Fr Jerry

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