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Annual Pledge Ingathering

Greg Frost

CELEBRATE!!

Sunday, October 23rd!

Why do you come to church? Why do you hang around for coffee and doughnuts after? Why do people make announcements about you? Why does the choir sing? And why do you applaud (Yes, applaud!) when a young person (or sometimes not-so-young) is presented to you after being baptized? It could be because this church---this place---these people---are what make you happy, comfortable, at ease, at least one day of the week. The rest of the time we are working and busy and

worrying about who thinks what and where we can go and how much it will cost. On Sunday, we let all that go, and we come to the place where we can be ourselves as God's creations, and be accepted for whom we are. On Sunday, October 23rd we will celebrate who we are and all the things we do for each other and for our community. Please plan to come to the parish hall at 9AM for ONE SERVICE ONLY on Sunday, October 23rd. We will worship AND share a scrumptious free breakfast AND we will bring our pledges to each other, and our pledge to St.

Andrew and St. Charles Episcopal Church in Granada Hills, and to God. We will place our pledges at the altar and raise them up to God in full confidence that we are cared for, and we care for each other in Christ. If you are unable to make this ingathering, pledges can be mailed in (on the form sent to you), completed on-line at our website or picked up in either narthex in the coming weeks. Pledges turned in on or before October 23rd will receive a \$10 Starbucks gift card as a token of appreciation for helping the Vestry stay on schedule in planning the budget for 2012. :-)

Inside the Issue

By: Cathie Coppolino

After some really wonderful fellowship at the Annual Rectory Party AND the Murder Mystery dinner we greet October with an approach to the business end of why we love our church and our church community. Please Give thought to the articles within regarding the annual Stewardship Campaign.

One last FUNdraiser of the year is this month at the ever popular Claim Jumper. Don't miss it.

Bob Coppolino shares his personal observations and experience at the One Light Celebration honoring the Sept 11 ten year anniversary.

The Adult Faith Formation, The Book Club, the Red Tent are in full swing and the Vestry is

looking for ways to keep you and us up to date.

I personally support Greg's idea expressed in the Rector's Corner and would gladly bring my grand-children to church if they didn't live on the other side of the continent. Those of you are who so fortunate to have yours close by—well give this some thought.

Peace be with you. ♥

Adult Faith Formation

Maria Rountree

AFF meets during the 9am hour in the St. Andrew room, and all are invited to attend.

September 18th through October 2nd, Fr. Greg will be leading three classes entitled "Christianity: Down and Dirty." Topics of discussion will include: "What exactly did happen on the cross", "Jesus' DNA" and "Does prayer change God's mind." The

Gospel of Mary will be discussed on October 9-16th. Please note that no class will be held on October 23rd due to the annual Ingathering, however, we will have special sessions on October 30th and November 6th in recognition of Halloween and All Saints Day! The AFF discussion on "The Lemon Tree" will take place on November 13th and 20th. This topic was included in our AFF schedule as part

of Bishop J. Jon Bruno 2011 "One Diocese, One Book" initiative to help increase understanding of issues central to Middle East peacemaking. The book will be available for purchase at Church and it can be easily found on-line or in local bookstores.

Remember, if there is a subject that you are anxious to explore or debate with the AFF group, please let us know!

Are You Up ??

Ken Shoga

Are you up to date??

Some of us use Facebook, Twitter, Skype, cell phone texting and good old fashioned email to keep in touch with family, friends, and neighbors. At St. Andrew and St. Charles we also have the not so high tech Parish Picture Directory. In addition, the church office maintains official (private) member information for our parish such as dates of Baptism and Confirmations. Over the last year, we also had a presentation regarding the File of Life emergency information card to assist in providing important medical information and history for emergency or hospital personnel.

Beginning on October 23rd during our Stewardship In-gathering and for selected Sundays through November, members of the vestry will be volunteering to ensure your membership information is up to date and if you wish, assist you in completing your File of Life forms.

At St. Andrew and St. Charles, we are a community. It is important that the church have accurate information for our members to ensure that in the event of an emergency we have the ability to contact you and/or your family to keep them informed of any special needs.

One Light—personal reflections

Bob Coppolino

On the evening of September 10, 2011, Mike Mouton, Jan Schlesinger and I drove to downtown Los Angeles to attend the One Light interfaith prayer service marking the 10th anniversary of the 9-11 terrorist attacks. This gathering, hosted by the Los Angeles Council of Religious Leaders, focused on symbols of light overcoming darkness. Hundreds of representatives from about 500 houses of worship (Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Buddhist, Baha'i, and others) participated along with LA religious and civic leaders. One Light was fulfillment of the personal dream of Bishop Jon Bruno, who was its primary organizer. While details may be found on http://episcopalnews.ladiocese.net/dfc/newsdetail_2/441, this article focuses on my personal experience during and after the gathering.

Mike, Jan and I met in the St. A&C parking lot at 5:45 PM following Mike's request (as he was our community's official representative). Mike, a Navy brat, enlisted me to drive. Along the way, the three of us shared conversation in the close quarters of my Ford fiesta. How strange it is that three "well-acquainted" friends knew so little about each other until this time! We arrived at our destination, City Hall, well before the suggested 7:00 PM (1900 hours Navy time according to Mr. Mouton). This was a very good thing, as the entrance to the "free" underground parking lot was closed, forcing us to park in a lot somewhere in outer Little Tokyo.

After a brisk walk peppered with continuing conversation, we arrived at the steps of City Hall at about 7 PM. Mike and I conspired to obtain three seats among religious representatives, who were there to receive one lantern per parish. Jan reluctantly went along with our mischief, and we ended up seated together as there was enough room without displacing others.

Prior to beginning of the official event, I happily shared greetings with old and new friends as they arrived. Warm hugs shared with old friends Debbie Dunn and Mike Cunningham (who I met in 1983 at St. Nicholas in Encino) were followed by an embrace with a new friend, Priest-in-charge George Okusi of St. Timothy's in Compton (who I met some months ago at the funeral service for Father Howard Happ). Father Okusi and I agreed to find time to meet at his church, which is not far from my Torrance office. In addition, I noted the arrival of my spiritual director for the past 13 years, Father Alexei Smith (an Eastern Rite Catholic), who is Ecumenical and Inter-religious officer for the Los Angeles Archdiocese. It was impossible to share a greeting with Father Alexei, since he was in the stage area accompanying Archbishop Jose Gomez (Cardinal Mahoney's successor).

The more than hour long service included inspirational addresses by leaders of the varied religious communities, a Taiko drum led youth procession that culminated with the lighting of the giant One Light candle, a joint recitation of the Prayer of St. Francis by Bishops Jon Bruno and Jose Gomez, and that beautiful Koranic chant by Imam Salim Ghazaly: "God is the light of the heavens and the earth. The likeness of divine light is as of a niche with a lamp inside". What followed next were, in my opinion, the most profound words from Dr. Maher Hatout, chairman of the Islamic Shura Council of Southern California, who said that the 9-11 terrorist attacks were a crime against God and all humanity and "God does not belong to one religion. All religions belong to God".

The final "prayer" of this gathering was a recitation by leaders of the five oldest church congregations of Los Angeles of the names of all California victims of the 9-11 attacks, accompanied by lighting of the lanterns by teenage representatives of all faiths. Each lantern was a small clear glass bowl that contained sand and a small candle. On the side of the bowl were a Cross, Star of David, and Islamic Crescent, each decorated with "Hands of Healing" symbolizing Bishop Bruno's dream.

As the crowd silently dispersed after the lantern lighting, Mike, Jan and I walked back to the Little Tokyo parking lot. Along the way we stopped for a late dinner at a local Japanese restaurant, getting to know one another a bit more. While we ate dinner, our waitress asked about the lanterns that we placed at our table. I told her about the One Light service and about how the lanterns were to be placed in various houses of worship. Mike had one lantern for St A&C and Jan had another that Mike wanted for somewhere else. I told the waitress that mine was reserved for the Buddhist Compassion Relief Tzu Chi Foundation, which I represented on behalf of my close friend, Patrick Chou. She replied, "That is so nice. I am a Buddhist."

The evening of September 10, 2011 was a somber remembrance of innocent martyrs and an occasion for love shared among diverse old and new friends. It was a rare opportunity for unassuming "Hands of Healing" in this wonderful City of the Angels.



Back by popular demand!!!!

An Evening to Benefit St. Andrew & St. Charles Episcopal Church

Claim Jumper will proudly donate **15%** of your Pre-Tax food and beverage (not alcoholic) purchase to the St. Andrew & St. Charles Episcopal Church!

We all had such a great time, enjoyed the food immensely ... so, you've requested that we return to Claim Jumper!!

Where: Claim Jumper 9429 Tampa Northridge, CA 91324

When: Thursday, October 20th ~ All day!!

We have printed flyers for your convenience, and they're placed in both narthexes. Please make sure to pick one up and present it when you place your order. This will ensure we will receive 15% of your order.

This will be our last FUNdraiser @ a restaurant for the year, so please come out and show your support! Take the night off, enjoy a wonderful dinner, and make a difference! Bon Appétit!

Book Club and Book Exchange

Cathie Coppelino

Our book club is alive and well following the summer break. On October 18th we'll meet at the George home to discuss:

Matterhorn: A Novel of the Vietnam War by Karl Mariantes

Our discussion will be led by David Dean.

IMPORTANT! - The November gathering location will be at the home of Jerry and Judy Larson. Our book that month will be led by Greg Frost and we'll read **I am the Messenger** by Markus Zusak.

In December the meeting place is still TBD but the book choice

Is **Bookseller of Kabul** by Asne Seierstad and the discussion will be moderated by Bill Sibley.

And don't forget our monthly Book Exchange in the Parish Hall on October 16th. If you have books to donate, please leave them next to the book shelves in the Parish Hall.

Red Tent

Red Tent Women

This is a tentative schedule, thus consider it fluid as sometimes a special event can't be scheduled due to conflicts at the appointed location.

Our tentative schedule is:

October 19th Subway Tour—Judy Boone

November 16th Norton Simon Museum -Barbara De La Pena

December 14th Movie, potluck—Mary Hilberg, Lee West, Susan Cornner

January 18th Gamble House - Tina Scott

February 15th Museum ? - Lee West; Polly MacDonald

March 21st Parish Hall CPR/first aid -Joyce McMartin

April 18th Home Boys—Susan Yates

May 16th Theodore Payne Nursery --native plants/sheep dog demonstration—Susan Cornner

June 20th Planning Meeting Susan Cornner and the Red Tent Ladies

The Staff of the Northridge Claim Jumper will host a Community Support Night,
An Evening to Benefit St. Andrew & St. Charles Episcopal Church

Claim Jumper will proudly donate 15% of your Pre-Tax food and beverage purchase to the
St. Andrew & St. Charles Episcopal Church!

We hope that you can join us for a night of great food, fun, and fundraising!

(All flyers must be distributed prior to the event date)

**What: St. Andrew & St. Charles Episcopal
Church**

Where: Claim Jumper Northridge

9429 Tampa ~ Northridge, CA 91324

When: October 20th

Thursday, 11am - 10pm

**** Please Call for Reservations at (818) 718-2882 ****

__Stewardship__

Dear Parishioner,

*"The world is not in a state of sin waiting for Christ to save it; it is in a state of grace waiting for us to recognize it." (Huston Smith, *The Soul of Christianity*)*

This message, like a small radio station on your AM dial situated in between two mega-watt stations, is too often muted by those with louder voices. And yet, it is the truer voice of the gospel. It is our voice at St. Andrew and St. Charles. The giving of your time, talent and treasure will help sustain our voice and project it out into the community at large. The giving of your time, talent, and treasure will help teach our children that the Voice that God is neither about damnation nor is God irrelevant. We give to our church because we believe in Jesus' message of grace and forgiveness.

This year's pledge drive will include letters from parishioners, like you, who seek to be faithful to God's call to give of our resources to our faith community. They will speak of their struggles, joys and faith in God. They will speak of grace.

This year's pledge drive will conclude on Sunday, October 23th, with an ingathering celebration at one service at 9AM as we offer up to God our gifts in thanksgiving for the many blessings God has bestowed upon each of us. This ingathering service will feature a full, free breakfast as we do for our annual meeting. During the service, each of us will have the opportunity to place our pledge forms in a special offering plate to be placed on the altar. Please mark this Sunday---**October 23rd** on your calendars. However, should you not be able to participate in our ingathering, you may return your pledge form early by mail, by hand or fill out the pledge form online at www.2saints.org and follow the pledge instructions. All who return their pledge forms on or by October 23rd will receive a Starbucks card worth \$10.

Please give prayerful consideration to your pledge commitment. And join me in repeating the following prayer as we all reflect on our financial commitment to God.

Lord, I am conscious of how carefully I hold onto things. The more I obtain, the more I believe I need. But in the shadow of your cross, with your help, I willingly divest myself of these things that others may eat and others may see and others may know of your love for all of us. In Jesus name, we pray. Amen.

In Christ's Name,

Greg Frost

The Rector's Corner—Rev. Canon Greg Frost

Save The Grandchildren

There has been a relatively new societal shift, and this is that more and more grandparents are taking care of their grandchildren during the week as their parents (our children) work full time jobs. Grandparents have thus, more than ever, become formidable influences in their grandchildren's lives. I think this is great. I think it is so great that I would like to expand it. Many of the baby boomer generation's children do not attend church. For the most part, they are a lost cause. For whatever reasons, church is not something in which they are interested. As I mentioned in last month's newsletter, it is foolish for the Episcopal Church to chase after them. Let them go. Instead, let's focus on their children. As grandparents, we are now wiser and have more patience with our grandchildren than we did with our own children. We have made our mistakes, and we have learned. Besides, we can always return them to their parents when we become weary. Add this to the fact that our children love it when we take care of our grandchildren giving them respites, we now have a perfect storm.

My proposal is that grandparents bring their grandchildren to church. It is perfect. First of all, we love being with our grandchildren. And as mature adults, we recognize the importance of faith in a child's life. We know how ridiculous it is not to bring a child to church but instead allowing them to make their own choice when they get older. By that time the choice has already been made years prior. Do we do the same with school? Of course not. Secondly, children love church. They are given donuts, juice and youngest of the young can shout out and hear an echo. Thirdly, our children (parents of our grandchildren) would get to sleep in without the kids each and every Sunday. Just think----an entire morning free to drink coffee and read the paper while grandma and grandpa take care of the kids. And finally, a new generation is being brought up in the church. They are the real future! It is a perfect storm.

Thus, here is my suggestion. Have your grandkids sleep over on Saturday night. First of all, this would be fun. In addition, we, grandparents, go to bed the same time the kids do, and we eat dinner at 5PM just like they do. Then, the following morning get them up and bring them along to church. We have an excellent chapel and Sunday School program for them, or they can sit with you in church. We have coloring books and stuffed animals in the narthex for them to play with. If it is too much for them to sleep over each week, then swing by and pick them up. Trust me, your kids (their parents) will love it.

If you are a Baby Boomer (or a child or grandchild of one) who is NOT technologically challenged—then please do visit the St. Andrew and St. Charles Facebook page. It is a very casual place right now, but one where you are invited to post to the Wall or comment on Wall posts. We aren't accepting photos at this time (unless you contact the admin) You don't have to be friends with other people who "like" our page in order to enjoy the occasional update to your news feed. Just go ahead and LIKE the page. :-)

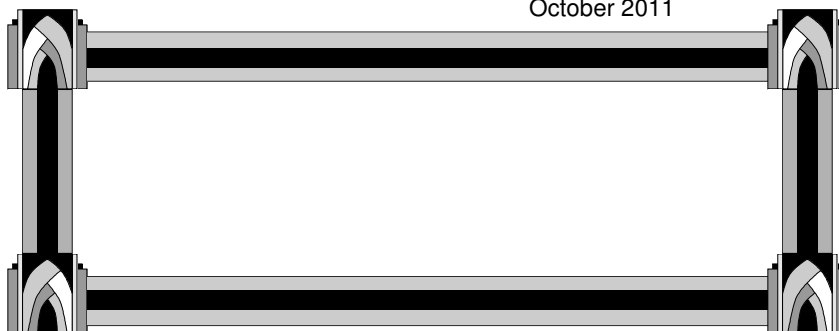
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Holy Eucharist Rite II

Sundays 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM

Adult Faith Formation 9:00 AM

Children's Chapel 10:00 AM

Sunday School 10:15 AM

Nursery provided

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