



St. Andrew's Tidings

Message from Deacon Ray

Saint who?

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My students were getting excited about the trip to New York, making plans with friends on what to pack and what they hope to do in big city. The day before we left one of my students in class, obviously a good Catholic, asked if she could put a St. Christopher statue on the dash of the bus. I told her it was fine with me, but soon the question lead to some questions from other students about saints, patron saints, saint days, etc. I wisely stepped out of the way and let them discuss it for a few minutes. Actually the young lady that first started the whole conversation did a pretty good job of answering the questions.

I wish I had recorded her answers but I didn't, so I turned to the source of all great knowledge today – Wikipedia. "A patron saint or a patron hallow is a saint who in some Christian denominations is regarded as the tutelary spirit or heavenly advocate of a nation, place, craft, activity, class, clan, family, or person. Patron saints, having already transcended to the metaphysical, are believed to be able to intercede effectively for the needs of their special charges."

OK, that's a bit technical but you get the idea. Anglicans, Catholics, and various Orthodox faiths all have a list of recognized Saints. The list gets modified occasionally but most have been around a long time. The students that asked about the practice of saints probably attend other branches of Protestantism where the practice is considered a form of idolatry. I do find it interesting that these same students are quick to observe saints like St. Patrick, St. Valentine, and especially St. Nicolas.

Saints often become the patrons of places where they were born or had been active. In Latin America and the Philippines, Spanish and Portuguese explorers often named a location for the saint on whose feast or commemoration they first visited the place, with that Saint naturally becoming the area's patron. Right here is great example of that; when the English first "discovered" our bay (long after the Native Americans and the Spanish were here) it was St. Andrew's feast day so that is where this area got the name.

Professions sometimes get a patron saint owing to that individual being involved somewhat with it. Lacking such a saint, an occupation would have a patron whose acts or miracles in some way recall the profession. For example, when the previously unknown profession of

photography appeared in the 19th century, Saint Veronica was made its patron, owing to how her veil miraculously received the imprint of Christ's face after she wiped the blood and sweat off.

I found several quasi-official lists of Saints that range from the usual obvious ones to the obscure like Isidore of Seville, recognized by the Vatican in early 2000 as the patron saint of the internet. Almost every day has some saint that is recognized, which brings us to this past Sunday, March 30, 2014. This the feast day for Saint Innocent of Alaska; and if you are like me then you are probably thinking "Saint who?"

Saint Innocent of Alaska (August 26, 1797 - March 31, 1879), also known as Saint Innocent Metropolitan of Moscow, was a Russian Orthodox missionary priest, then the first Orthodox bishop and archbishop in the Americas, and finally the Metropolitan of Moscow and all Russia. Remembered for his missionary work, scholarship, and leadership in Alaska and the Russian Far East during the 19th century, he is known for his abilities as a scholar, linguist, and administrator, as well as his great zeal for his work.

As a missionary priest he took his wife and family with him. In these territories he learned several languages and dialects of the indigenous peoples. He wrote many of the earliest scholarly works about the native peoples of Alaska, including dictionaries and grammars for their languages for which he devised writing systems; also, he wrote religious works in, and translated parts of the Bible into, several of these languages. His books were published beginning in 1840.

On October 6, 1977 the Russian Orthodox Church, acting on the official request of the Orthodox Church in America, glorified (canonized) Innocent as a saint, giving him the title "Enlightener of the Aleuts, Apostle to America." On the liturgical calendar of the Episcopal Church (USA), Innocent is honored with a feast day on March 30. So now you know the answer to "Saint who?"

Maybe next to her St. Christopher I should have put my bobble-head plastic Jesus that I used in that sermon last year, at least everyone would understand who he is I hope.

Ray

COMMUNION PROCEEDURE

PLEASE DO NOT COME FORWARD TO COMMUNION UNTIL THE CHOIR HAS RECEIVED AND HAS LEFT THE RAIL TO GO BACK TO THE CHOIR LOFT. THE USHERS WILL THEN USHER YOUR ROW TO THE RAIL. PLEASE DO NOT CROSS OVER TO ANOTHER SIDE. THIS TOTALLY CONFUSES THE CLERGY. Those in the chapel plus those with walkers will be communed first. Just be patient and wait for a clear spot. Thanks.

HOLY WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S



PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 13

WE WILL GATHER FOR THE PALM SUNDAY PROCESSION IN THE
COURT-YARD BETWEEN THE OFFICES

THERE WILL BE A PROCESSION COMPLETE WITH HORSE AS THE
CROWD SINGS "HOSANNA FILIO, FILIO!" AT THE MEMORIAL
GARDEN WE WILL HAVE THE LITURGY OF THE BLESSING OF THE
PALMS AND THEN PROCEED INTO THE NAVE. AT THE TIME OF
THE GOSPEL, THERE WILL BE A DRAMA OF THE PASSION.
THERE WILL BE BRASS AND SPECIAL MUSIC ON THIS DAY.

MAUNDAY THURSDAY-7:00 P.M.

FOOTWASHING AND STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR
HOLY EUCHARIST WITH SPECIAL MUSIC, 7:00 P.M.

GOOD FRIDAY-NOON

THE PROCESSION WITH THE CROSS THIS YEAR WILL BEGIN IN THE PARKING LOT AT THE CLEMMONS COMPANY, AT THE CORNER OF HARRISON AND 6TH AND PROCEED TO THE CHURCH FOR THE SOLEMN COLLECTS AND EUCHARIST FROM THE RESERVED SACRAMENT WHICH WILL BEGIN AT NOON. IF YOU WANT A SHORTER ROUTE, YOU CAN PARK AT THE BUCCANEER AND JOIN THE PROCESSION.

THE EASTER VIGIL-6:30 P.M.

THE FIRST FIRE OF EASTER, HOLY BAPTISM, AND THE FIRST EUCHARIST OF EASTER. SPECIAL MUSIC WITH BRASS FOLLOWED BY A CHAMPAGNE RECEPTION

EASTER SUNDAY-10:00 A.M.

FESTAL HOLY EUCHARIST WITH SPECIAL MUSIC AND BRASS

IF YOU NEED A RIDE FOR ANY OF THE EVENTS, PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH. WE HAVE PEOPLE READY AND WAITING TO OFFER RIDES.

The Easter Vigil-A Time for Baptism

If you would like to be baptized, or if you have children or grandchildren to be baptized at the Easter Vigil, please call the office or speak to Margaret+



We still have centennial cookbooks for sale! Where else can you get a useful \$10 gift? Why not buy several and keep them on hand for those last minute occasions when you need a gift? Plus, the cookbooks reflect the wonderful heritage of our church. Remember, each adult member (male and female) is asked to buy at least two cookbooks to help raise money for the Living Stones campaign. By purchasing cookbooks, each of us takes an active role toward reaching the goals of making our church more accessible and of enhancing a sense of community at St. Andrew's. Visit the table in Byrne Hall and purchase yours today!

Puppeteers Needed!

We are getting ready to start practicing for a Pentecost puppet show. If you are interested in being a puppeteer, please contact Laurie Ayers at 265-5978.



Time for

What: St. Mary's Guild

When: Tuesday, April 8, 10:00 am

Where: Vera Lansing, 414 W. 26th St., Lynn Haven

Program: Judy Cooley -- Storytelling

Hostesses: Mary, Wimpenny, Barbara Sontag, Glenda Dean

Call to Artists

Art Life

Expressions of the Heart, Mind, and Soul

An Arts showcase to benefit Mental Health Awareness

Coming Saturday May 17, 2014

5-8pm

At the Amelia G. Tapper Center for the Arts at Gulf Coast State College

This is an event showcasing the artwork of individuals living with mental illness and/or other brain-related disorders alongside other local artists. We began this work in the hopes of being able to bridge the gap between both groups and raise understanding of these talented individuals in our community. We plan to include all forms of art; visual, written, and the performing arts.

To submit works of art, you can visit our website at <http://artlifepc.com>, to complete the submission forms, and can turn them in to a board member or email them as an attachment to artlifepc@gmail.com. Please contact Colleen Cox at 763-0017 x 107 if you have any further questions.

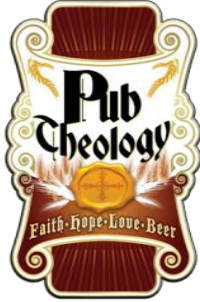
The deadline for submissions will be April 12th, 2014 to give the gallery and board time to review the art work and number of submissions.

The American Cancer Society
Greater Panama City Relay for Life
May 2nd & 3rd at Tommy Oliver Stadium
Our own Ann Bruce, a member of St. Andrew's
Assembly of God Team" will be walking and
would appreciate your support!

Birthdays and Anniversaries

We are almost ready to print our new St. Andrew's Birthday and Anniversary booklet but we are still missing some of our member's information. As a church family we want to honor and celebrate these important dates. The forms for this information are in Byrne Hall on the round table by the entrance. Please complete a form (day and month only) and return it to the basket. Members we are missing include: *Anita Ables, Robin Atamian, John and Nell Barnett, Tammy and Journey Cupstid, JT Caruso, Ted Czyprk, , Peggy Douthit, Coleen Dykins, Mary Green, Gail Harris, Rita Jones, Bobbie Kimball, Elaine Lindsey, James McCoy, Pam Ramsden, Bill Reed, Anne Ruple, Jim Sandlin, L. Strickland, and Cat Turner.*

*Pub Theology
Tomorrow
Night
6 p.m.
"The Place"
on Harrison*



*Bring a
Bible-no
experience
necessary!*

Please keep the following in your prayers : Anna, Michela, Doris, Helen, James, Maggie, Pat, Judy, David, Jerry, Amy, Julie, Frances, Henry, Lena, J.W., Harold, Wendy, Sandy, Charley, Danette, Pam, Eric, Robert, John, Toni, Sandie, Barbara, Deborah, Stephanie, Steve, Jane, Joy, Colleen, Ryan, Joni, Linda, Jeremy, Lauren, Rebecca, Margaret, Dick, Pam, Eric, Robert, John, Bill, Linda, Patricia, Marsha, Stephanie, Betty, Louanna, Louis, Ann, Maggie, Anne, Jerry, Jeremy, Patricia, Joe, David, Michele, Evan, Lauren, Wyn, Laurie, Bob, Sean, Jeanne

We pray for our men and women in the Armed Forces at home and abroad; Jeff, Bowe, James, Andrew, Kenneth, Evan, Ryan, Joe, Nate, Richard, David, Brian, Jason, Billy, Colin, Todd, Brett, Jordan, Jason