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Enigma

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Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he. Proverbs 29:18

In spite of those who have disregarded the Revelation of Jesus the Messiah as confided to John the aged apostle, the said revelation has marked the closure of the canonical scriptures; And in these closing times of the Days of Grace, the note of triumph silences the gloomy predictions of the prophets of doom.

To those whose hope is built on nothing less than Jesus blood and righteousness, the Book of Revelation is the vision of a renewed earth wherein those who have kept faith in the Eternal God will people earth and heaven and enjoy unremitting bliss: the Lion will lie down with the Lamb and they shall not hurt nor destroy in the Holy dominion of God.

The icon of the ancient document is not the eclipse of the Babylonian whore but rather the Anointed Son on his white steed and from his mouth proceeds the Word of the Living and Loving conquering Creator. Without that dominant vision the Hope of the world is as a chimera – a mirage. The second word of that Solomonic truism is current in the Hebrew language of today. Those whose profession it is to forecast the weather are called the chazonim. They are the visionaries who see the weather patterns and advise the public accordingly.

The spiritual conditions prevailing in today's hedonistic and godless society and endemic across our planet earth is such that the eschatological 'forecast' is that the '*Coming of the Lord draweth nigh*'! And the Church is God's weather-vane to warn the godless that the Spirit of God will not forever strive with the committed prodigal, nuzzling in the slough of the unclean.

For those who have responded to the Call of the Holy Spirit to repent and reform their lives and to know the joy and happiness of sins forgiven and forgotten and to walk in new-ness of the new birth... theirs to know the joy of the Lord in the paradise of His holy universe.

Yes! Faith in Christ is '*pie in the sky*' and the flavor is totally satisfying unlike the husks of the unclean doomed godless. In the Book of the Revelation are found these words that mark the destiny of the doomed...

And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof. And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it. And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there. And they shall bring the glory and honour of the nations into it. And there shall in no wise enter into it anything that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life. Rev. 21:23-27

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Christ Episcopal Church, Xenia Service Calendar, August 2010

Ministry	Aug 1	Aug 8	Aug 15	Aug 22	Aug 29
Worship Leader	Barbara Bonham	Rev Betty Coleman	Pam Feinour	Rev Betty Coleman	Rev Judith Doran
Altar Guild	Ruth Hazel Betsy Kitch	Jonathan Feinour Pamela Feinour	JoAnne Earley The Walkers	Ruth Hazel Betsy Kitch	Jonathan Feinour Pamela Feinour
Lector	Mark Cummings	Michael Taint	Debbie Gillespie	Dana Rhyne	Doug Pultz
Ushers	Summer Watts Doug Pultz	Jennie Hudson JoAnne Earley	Elaina Walker Kim Holbert	Rick Feinour Tommy Thomas	Glenn and Claris Donovan
Intercessor	Rick Feinour	Dana Rhyne	Mark Cummings	Barbara Bonham	Summer Watts
Chalice	xxxxxx	Barbara Bonham	xxxxx	Debbie Gillespie	Pam Feinour
Vestry Member of the Week	Michael Taint	Kim Holbert	Jack Kitch	Rick Feinour	Doug Pultz

Christ Episcopal Church, Xenia Service Calendar, September 2010

Ministry	Sept 5	Sept 12	Sept 19	Sept 26
Worship Leader	Debbie Gillispie	Rev Judith Doran	Jack Kitch	Rev David McCoy
Altar Guild	JoAnne Earley The Walkers	Ruth Hazel Betsy Kitch	Jonathan Feinour Pamela Feinout	JoAnne Earley The Walkers
Lector	Barbara Bonham	Chandra Hightower	Betsy Kitch	Pam Feinour
Ushers	Elaina Walker Summer Watts	Doug Pultz JoAnne Earley	Jennie Hudson Kim Holbert	Elizabeth Clark Rick Feinour
Intercessor	Ruth Hazel	Debbie Gillespie	Barbara Bonham	Rick Feinour
Chalice	xxxxxx	Rick Feinour	xxxxx	Ruth Hazel
Vestry Member of the Week	Roth Patterson	Jennie Hudson	JoAnne Earley	Michael Taint

If your name is down and your schedule conflicts, contact Becky as soon as possible.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

02 Larry Thomas
06 Jackson Davis
09 Joanne Brooks
Beverly Krouskop
10 Elaina Walker
12 Kathleen Taylor
14 Nerak Patterson
16 Mark Cummings
18 Joyce Wells
23 Violetta Thomas

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

04 Angie & Ed Lowe
08 Maxine & Larry Thomas
09 Faye & James Thomas

Oops...if we ever miss your birthday/anniversary please give Tanya a call 767-1578.

To keep the Church Directory “up to date”... if you are planning a move in the near future, or have a new phone number or e-mail address please be sure and let the church know. **Thanks!**

Margie Ridgeway's NC Mailing Address:
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I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last. Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city. For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolators, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie. I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star. And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.

For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book. If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book. And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.

He who testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen. Revelations 22 13-21

The penultimate warning will remind those familiar with the Gospel of our Saviour's admonition relative to the superlative expediency of those engaged in the work of ministry.

Woe unto thee, Chorazin! Woe unto thee, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works had been done in Tyre and Sidon, which have been done in you, they had a great while ago repented, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. But it shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the judgement, than for you. And thou, Capernaum, which art exalted to heaven, shalt be thrust down to hell. He that heareth you heareth me; and he that despiseth you despiseth me; and he that despiseth me, despiseth him that sent me.

And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name. And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven. Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven.

In that hour Jesus rejoiced in spirit, and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes: even so, Father; for so it seemed good in thy sight. Luke 10:13-21

When the whole plan of man's redemption and the created universe is restored to its original status, then the wonder and glory of God's divine love will occasion the triumphant song of total redemption...



EXHIBIT OF HISTORIC ICONS

Representing more than five centuries of a unique artistic tradition, St. Paul, The Apostle Orthodox Church will host an exhibition of more than 100 icons, both ancient and modern, in its sanctuary, located at 4451 Wagner Road in Dayton, August 20 – 22, 2010. The exhibition is free and open to the public from 10 AM to 6 PM on Friday, August 20 and Saturday, August 21, and from 12- 5 PM on Sunday, August 22. Icons (from the Greek word “eikon” meaning “image”) are an ancient Christian artistic tradition dating from the time of the Apostles, aimed at communicating the Gospel visually. The historic icons will be surrounded by 36 large icons recently installed on the walls of St. Paul’s, commissioned by the parish from noted Russian-American iconographer Dmitri Shkolnik. The exhibition is part of the year-long 25th anniversary celebration of St. Paul the Apostle Orthodox Church, a parish of the Orthodox Church in America (OCA). The OCA one of 16 independent Churches (among them the Russian, Greek and Romanian Churches) that comprise the Eastern Orthodox Church. For more information on the exhibition, or the associated events, please contact St. Paul Orthodox Church at (937) 320-9977, or Fr. Ted Bobosh at (937) 297-3060. or visit the parish website at www.stpdayton.org.

Sunday Scriptures for July

Aug 15th
Isaiah 5:1-7 &
Psalms:80:1-2,8-18 or
Jer. 23:23-29 & Psalm 82
Hebrews: 11:29-12:2
Luke 12:49-56

Aug 22nd
Jeremiah 1:4-10&
Psalm71:1-6 or
Isaiah 58:9b-14 &
Psalm 103:1-8
Hebrews: 12:18-29
Luke 13:10-17

(Lectors need to verify the readings for their Sunday.)

July 18th
Jeremiah 2:4-13&
Psalm81:1,10-16 or
Sirach 10:12-18 or
Proverbs 25:6-7 &
Psalm 112
Hebrews: 13:1-8,
15-16
Luke 14:1,7-14

And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God. And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvelous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways,, Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? for though only art holy: for all nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy judgments are made manifest. Rev. 15:2-4

As the book of The Revelation of Jesus – the Son of God and Saviour – closes the canon of Holy Scripture the reader cannot but feel the consummation of History. There is no mention of the apostate denominationalism or of the spurious successors of the apostolate and domiciled in the thousand-roomed basilica of the Vatican of Saint Peter in a city called Rome – the scene of innumerable unchristian indictments leading to the torture and execution of Christian men, women, and young people.

Many scholars – and I share their conviction – that the dénouement of the *Whore of Babylon* is God’s final judgment upon the great LIE of HISTORY. The jubilation that such an historic apostasy has at long last come up for final judgment (in the words of scripture.. *never to be remembered forever!*) is a cause for joyous euphoria and *dafkah* from the noble Army of Martyrs thousands of whom were burned at the stake when a nod from the Pontiff would have won their release from such an obscene and dreadful fate.

On that great Day of Assize when all are arraigned for judgement, only those will be exonerated by virtue of their faithful trust in the redemptive work of the Lamb of God: their names are written down in the Lamb’s book of eternal life.

Jesus spake a parable touching upon the condition of acceptance at the marriage supper of the Lamb of God...

Then saith he to his servants, The wedding is ready, but they which were bidden were not worthy. Go ye therefore into the highways, and as many as ye shall find, bid to the marriage. So those servants went out into the highways, and gathered together all as many as they found, both bad and good: and the wedding was furnished with guests. And when the king came I to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment: And he saith unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless. Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. For many called, but few are chosen. Matthew 22:8-14

The parable is perennially relevant. It was directed at those who chose to believe themselves above the ‘*common status*’ and to signal their superiority by a more choice garment. The King would have no such *nauvoux riche!* The very gesture of the gatecrasher was a tilt at the King – a gesture of *lésè majèsté*.

The resultant fate is a forewarning that to be called and chosen for such a banquet of grace it is imperative to be clothed in the King's garments of righteousness and to throw off ones sin-stained worldly garments and be obedient to the King's commandment.



While vacationing this summer please remember CECX..... the parish doesn't get a vacation from our financial responsibilities. Our bills continue to arrive on schedule. Your continued support with your pledge is very much appreciated. May God's blessings be upon you & yours during your summer ventures. Have fun!

If you are not on the email mailing list or not receiving emails and you thought you were on the mailing list for the church, email Tanya at cecxtanya@cyberwildstar.com Make sure any spam filters allow email from christchurchxenia@cyberwildstar.com and cecxtanya@cyberwildstar.com

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Honor Someone with Flowers

If you would like to honor a loved one by donating money for perennials, contact Kathy Bard. This is a great way to remember someone and beautify the grounds of the church at the same time.

A Huge THANK YOU to Larry & Maxine Thomas for hosting our parish picnic!

They have been so gracious in opening up their home to us for the last three years. We are truly blessed to have such a wonderful location to enjoy fishing, playing scrabble, laughing, and of course, eating. Congrats to Lilly Hudson on the catch of the day....a big catfish and to Phyllis Walker who dethroned Summer Watts as Scrabble champion. Thanks to both Cheryl Eskridge & Becky Gentry for helping organize & deliver items supplied by the parish to the picnic. Thanks to everyone who came out, brought all those scrumptious dishes, and made it a wonderful day of fellowship. We can't wait until next year!

Altar Flowers: If you would like to purchase live flowers for the altar, please see Doug Pultz or Pam Feinour. The cost is \$20.

New Church Directory: If you would like a copy of the new directory, please let Becky know and she'll make a copy for you. You can call her at the Parish office during the week, or email her at church, christepiscopalxenia@gmail.com or at her home, rvg1947@sbcglobal.net.

Office & Church Supplies Greatly Needed: The church is in need of Kleenex tissue, paper towels, and toilet paper...if possible, please pick up a little extra when you go to the grocery!!! Please see Becky Gentry for further details. Also, a big "Thanks" to everyone who brought in printer paper...we are stocked for now!!!

Attention CECX Gardeners: If you cannot volunteer at St. Margaret's and you have your own garden, St. Andrew's food pantry would be happy to receive part of your harvest. Let Doug know and he will transport your goods to the pantry.

Outreach Opportunity for Christ Church Xenia:

Dayton Episcopal Ministry's Community Garden 1st Year Planting The Dayton Deanery Community Garden has been started on the grounds of St. Margaret's Episcopal Church. The harvest from this Garden will go to the Deanery food pantry located at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church.

Volunteers are welcome and need to come help us plant, upkeep and harvest the produce. If you would like to make a donation of time, supplies, need more information, or would like to donate money, please contact Maureen Boyles at mv_boyles@yahoo.com or call after 9 pm at 274-2774. Come help us grow food to feed our community good food.

***** Coffee Hour

Coffee time sign-up sheet is in the parish hall. If you would like to provide refreshments for fellowship following the worship service please fill in your choice of dates.

Adopt a Garden Space

If you are interested in adopting a garden space for the summer, contact Kathy Bard or Doug Pultz.

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