



THE GRYPHON'S ROAR



MAY, 2010



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**“We at St. Mark’s are on a journey seeking God in you,
 ourselves, and all creation”**



Weekly Schedule

Sundays	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist
	9:15 AM	Sunday school
	10:30 AM	Holy Eucharist
	5:00 PM	AA Meeting
2 nd Sunday	9:00 AM	Breakfast – Sept. – May
Wednesday	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Fridays	8:00 PM	AA Meeting
1 st Saturday	8:00 AM	Quiet Day

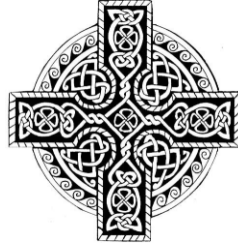


The Rt. Rev. John Bauerschmidt	Bishop of Tennessee
The Reverend Battle Beasley	Rector
Frank Brannon, M. Div.	Pastoral Care Coordinator
Greg Noren	Senior Warden
Kate Granger	Junior Warden
Charles Cross & Les Worsley	Treasurers
Leigh Pittenger	Clerk of the Vestry

Next month deadline for submissions is Sunday, May 23, 2010
Gryphon submissions to: submitgryphon@aol.com

St. Mark's Vestry:

David Winters, Eileen Cardwell, Ron Balcarras	(2012)
Greg Noren, Cyndy Fahnestock, Kate Granger	(2011)
Jim Hall, Suzanne Lindsey, Judy Robnett	(2010)



Father Battle's sermons are now available on the St. Mark's web site.

Dear People of God,

I am continually struck by how the congregation of St. Mark's participates in worship. I know our prayer book provides for participation throughout the liturgy but it always seems to me that here at St. Mark's people are almost eager to join in the hymns, psalms, prayers and responses. The Liturgy models for us the call and practice of the Christian life which is a great gift, yet if we choose not to respond that gift is wasted. We gather for worship and praise at least in part to be renewed to be strengthened for the week to come. Participating in the liturgy not only encourages us it encourages those who join with us. We are bearing witness to each other and to those who visit us that we are in this together and are committed to being there for each other. I hope and pray that all of us find support and encouragement as we gather in worship. I want you all to know that I have come to cherish and give thanks for your worship and praise of God. You bear witness to me every week of God's gracious Love. Thank you.

Peace,
Battle +

Rogation Days

Rogation days on the church calendar are the days traditionally set aside for Blessing of the newly plowed and planted fields, and the Blessing of all herds of animals being raised by farmers. We are going to celebrate this on Sunday May 2nd. We will hold both services outside around the vegetable garden! Bring your lawn chairs and wear comfortable clothing. At the end of the service, we will Bless our vegetable garden. Most of us are aware that last year our vegetable garden raised and gave over 2000 lbs. of food to 2nd Harvest. After the 10:30 service we will be planting some vegetables.

Contact us:

St. Mark's Website – <http://www.stmarksantioch.org>
The Reverend Battle Beasley via email:
stmarksrector@bellsouth.net or
pathwayspartners@yahoo.com

The Gryphon is St. Mark's Newsletter and as such welcomes articles and suggestions from ALL parishioners. This is your venue for expressing thoughts you would like to share, important events in your families' lives, and suggestions you might have to make our parish life better. Please do not hesitate to use it.

Lorna

Dates to Remember

- 2 May – Outdoor service celebrating Rogation Days
- 8 May – Work Day
- 20 May – Vestry Meeting 6:30pm
- 23 May – Pentecost – Potluck Lunch – remember to wear RED!
- 12 June – LiCM Composting Workshop

Vestry person responsible for Sunday lock up:

5/02/10 – E. Cardwell

5/09/10 – R. Balcarras

5/16/10 – D. Winters

5/23/10 – K. Granger

5/30/10 – J. Robnett

CELEBRATE

May Birthdays

Jim Hargrove	10
Ann Honig	15
Ginger Maxwell	16
Cheryl Banner	19
Cheryl Walker	21
Melanie Pafford-Failor	22
Jordyn Elkins	23
Ryan Garcia	28
Kim Tantis	29
Kathy Larson	30

May Anniversaries

Karen & John Seufert	02, 1987
Arwen & William Wagers	10, 2006
Dave & Debbie Colvin	27, 1978
Herb & Shirley Stewart	27, 1955

Baptism

At the Easter Vigil, April 3rd, we welcomed Rider Joseph Recla into the Household of God through Holy Baptism. Rider is the son of Elizabeth and Ryan Recla, and grandson of Dale and Katherine Beaudoin.

Birth Announcement

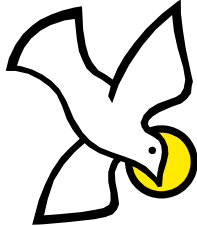
Bridget and Justin German are happy to announce the birth of their son, Everett Nolan. Everett was born April 13th, weight 7 lbs. 12 oz.; length 20 ½ inches. Proud grandparents are Dean and Becky Meyer, and Janie and Melvin German.

Pentecost Sunday – May 23rd

The Day of Pentecost is often referred to as the Birthday of the Church, the day when the Disciples received the Holy Spirit and went out preaching the Good News in many different languages.

Come and join us on Pentecost Sunday! Plan on wearing RED!!! and joining in a pot luck lunch after the 10:30 service. Cooking with some Red Chilies will get you extra desert!

Watch for the sign-up sheet!



But Don't All Religions Lead to God?

Michael Green

Michael Green is a Senior Research Fellow at Wycliff Hall, Oxford England and internationally respected author, speaker and scholar. This book was on the reading list for the Episcopal Evangelism workshop I attended in April. It's short, 92 pages, but packed with thought provoking information about what makes Jesus so different from the leaders of other religions. an example is karma - cause and effect, paying off your guilt vs. grace forgiveness even when you don't deserve it. Chapters offer counters of frequent retorts such as: "It doesn't matter as long as you're sincere."(It does matter because your belief is the springboard for action.). Or, "All religions are pretty much the same." Not true, read just how different.

This short little poem is quite insightful.

If
all religions
lead to God,
how come
most of them,
having been given
a thousand years at least,
haven't yet
arrived?

Read it and renew yourself in the knowledge of all Jesus has done for us and the world.

Cyndy Fahnestock

*Many thanks to all who worked for Habitat on Saturday, April 17th.
St. Mark's sodded 6 ½ yards!*

Work Day – May 8th

Work day will be held on Saturday May 8th. The major focus of this day will be clearing brush and small trees between the Church and the road to improve our visibility. We will also be cleaning the gutters, mulching, and filling in dirt at the edges of some of the newly paved parking areas. Please come with your shears, saws and clippers, and plan on staying for a picnic pizza lunch.



Financial Concerns

The vestry has asked the finance committee to review our stewardship and our budget. We have had some unusual expenses so far this year, very high utility bills, a busted water line and back-flow replacement among other items. We have had to draw down nearly \$9,000 from our reserves to meet our expenses. There is cause for some concern and the vestry wanted an overview from the committee on where they feel we stand relative to our proposed budget.

Thank you letters

We have received two thank you letters from St. Luke's Community House thanking Battle for the generous donation of \$312.50. St. Luke's provides help to low income families and seniors in west Nashville overcome difficulties that threaten their stability. They may need food, finances, or help finding work. Some need to find a safe environment for their children. If you have questions or comments for St. Luke's, please do not hesitate to contact them.

We have also received a thank you letter from Magdalene and Thistle Farms that is signed by everyone there. Magdalene and Thistle Farms help women recover from addiction and lives of prostitution. This is the first time some have been able to enjoy the spring season in a safe environment.

These letters will be posted on the bulletin board in Reynold's Hall for all to read. Phone numbers and addresses are included in the letters if you would like to learn more about either of these wonderful programs.

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
May						1 QUIET DAY 8:00 AM - Noon
2 EASTER V Outdoor Services	3	4	5 Brain Club 11:00 – 2:00 Choir 7:00 PM	6 Renaissance Dance Class 7:00 PM	7	8 Work Day
9 EASTER VI 2 nd Sunday for 2 nd Harvest	10	11	12 Choir 7:00 PM	13	14	15
16 EASTER VII	17	18	19 Brain Club 11:00 – 2:00 Choir 7:00 PM	20 Vestry Meeting 6:30 PM	21	22
23 PENTECOST Potluck Lunch	24	25	26 Choir returns the Wednesday after Labor Day	27	28	29
30 PENTECOST I	31	2010				



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