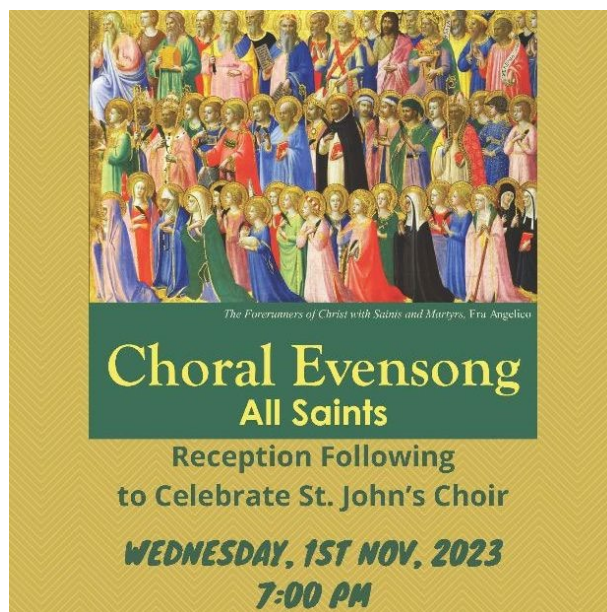


**St. John's**  
**Episcopal Church**  
Oklahoma City, OK

**Fab Friday, October 27, 2023**

EVERYTHING HAPPENING AT ST. JOHN'S THIS WEEK (AND MORE)



Well, the time has finally come for us to **celebrate both the 25th Anniversary of the Nave AND St. John's Choir**. This weekend, you will enjoy a beautiful party at Cynthia Cortright's home on Saturday afternoon; a lovely service of rededication and celebration of the Nave on Sunday morning; all topped off with lunch at Johnnies following the Sunday service.

You'd think that would be enough for one week - **BUT NO!** The celebration of All Saints Evensong on Wednesday, at 7:00 pm, will be followed by a lovely reception in the WD Hall to honor St. John's Choir. The choir members' dedication to the choir spans 1-40 years. Come and see who has served the 40 years (even more than Cynthia's 33 years). Can you guess?

Much time and energy has gone into the planning and execution of these events, and we hope that you will be able to join us for some, if not all, and that you will have a wonderful weekend, even if the weather turns cold and wet.


Coming up in November, we will begin our Stewardship Drive for pledges for the coming year. Please look forward to hearing more about this effort in coming weeks and making a

prayerful decision about your own giving to St. John's. We have been blessed with growth and prosperity this year. Reflect on this and the future of St. John's as you consider your investment for next year.

Here is your [Sunday bulletin](#) for this week. We hope to see you at Cynthia's on Saturday and in the pews on Sunday!

Peace be with you!  
Nancy

**NOTE:** Celebration of the Life of Jean Inge will be held on Saturday, October 28 at 10:00 am.



**Storymakers for Children** - with Sarah Carr in the Parish Hall  
**Youth Bible Studies** - with Babette Patton in Library  
**New Episcopalians and Confirmation Class** -  
with Fr. Nate in WD Hall  
**Adult Formation - Year A Lectionary Study** -  
with Fr. Willie and Steve Orwig in the Parlor

## **Adult Formation - Year A: Matthew's Gospel Lesson Five Discussion Questions**

**Sunday, October 29: Matthew 22:34-46 (Proper 25).** Debates in Matthew's Community—  
Law and the Messiah

Questions:

1. How is this text related to other texts in Matthew's Gospel? What is the critical word in the first part of the Text? Which other text in Matthew reflects debates and disagreements in Matthew's community?
2. What is the matter of Jesus' question about the Messiah?
3. Is Jesus the Messiah? What does that mean?

## **Calendar of Upcoming Events**

- Sunday, October 29, following service** – Let's all meet up for a St. John's Community Lunch at Johnnies Charcoal Broiler on Britton Rd. **Be there or be square!**
- Wednesday, November 1, 7:00 pm** – Evensong and Reception to honor the St. John's Choir
- Thursday, November 2, 5:30 pm** – All Souls Day Evening Eucharist
- Sunday, November 5** – All Saints Worship Service with reading of remembrances
- Saturday, November 11, 8:00 am** – Brotherhood of St. Andrew
- Sunday, November 12, following morning worship** - Healing Service with Holy Unction at the Altar Rail
- Saturday, November 18, 9:30 to noon** – Volunteer Event at Regional Food Bank
- Sunday, November 19, following morning worship** – Birthday Party for Nema Maney in the WD Hall – all are invited to help Nema celebrate her birth
- Thursday, November 23** – Thanksgiving Day
- Friday, November 24** – Office Closed for Holiday
- Sunday, November 26, following morning worship** – Advent Event
- Thursday, November 30, 5:30 pm** -- Feast of St Andrew the Apostle



## INFORMATION CENTRAL

I have changed up some things in the Narthex this summer that may be of interest to you. I am repeatedly asked when an event is to happen with "I haven't seen anything about this event". I wanted to give you a brief list of places you can look to find information, especially calendared events.

1. This missive - there are many ways to get information you need in the Fab Friday. Please take time to check it out and keep it in your inbox for reference.
2. The large bulletin board at the front doors - here you will find announcements of everything from parties to service calendars (GO Team) to evening service listings.
3. The smaller bulletin boards between the kitchen and acolyte room will be a place to find photos of our most recent events.
4. The website - Did you know that there is a calendar on our website? You will find it under the Connects tab or at this [link](#). You will also find 3-4 *upcoming events* at the bottom of our Home page. Just keep scrolling down.
5. And of course, the Sunday Bulletin.

Disclaimer: I do my best to keep up with all these sources of information. Please bear with me when I make errors along the way.

## Coming and Going and Trash is a Flowing

**Have you noticed lately that the front red door doesn't always close tightly?** While we figure out how this can be repaired, please take notice as you enter and exit the building to ensure that you have closed the door securely behind you. I know that the Office Manager would greatly appreciate this as she spends many hours alone in the building and she's scared of Boogy Men or other wayward folks.

**And then there is the dumpster.** With new tenants and increased activity within our church membership, we are using and disposing of a lot more trash. Boxes that are not broken down flat take up a great deal of space. If you need to dispose of boxes, please make sure they are flattened before they go in the dumpster. Again, the Bishop's Committee is looking into solutions for this problem so stay tuned.

## SPEAKING OF ALL SAINT'S DAY

**Look for a form in your Sunday bulletin.**

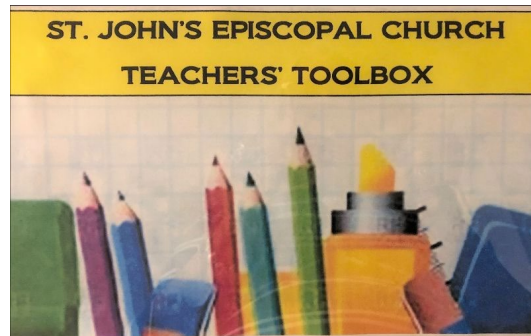
*It's time to submit names of persons you wish to remember on All Saint's Day. Names will be read aloud during the All Saints' Sunday Worship on November 5. Please complete the form you find in your bulletin and place it in the offering plate OR email Nancy with your name, phone and the name(s) of those you wish to remember.*

**DEADLINE: Wednesday, November 1, at noon.**

***Names received by end of business on Monday will be listed in the Evensong Bulletin on November 1.***

**Heh Everybody!**

*We really need Play Doh.*





**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

**SATURDAY, NOV. 18, 9:30-NOON**  
**WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

Join us for this fun, family friendly event. Plan to work hard, laugh a lot, and get better acquainted with each other. Wear comfortable shoes and work gloves if you'd like.

Sign up for the event on the signup sheets in the Narthex by Sunday, November 5.



**REGIONAL  
FOOD BANK**  
OF OKLAHOMA

### **Employment Opportunity:**

**St. John's is once again looking to hire a nursery worker** who can commit to two / two-and-a-half hours per week for consistent service in our nursery. Background check and Safe Church training will be required. Do you know a good child care worker that might want to pick up some extra money? Please contact Nancy if interested.

### **New St. John's Security Measures:**

In light of recent events, the Bishops Committee has been reviewing our safety and security guidelines. **As a safety precaution, a member of Bishop's Committee (BC) will lock the front door of the church after the Sunday service begins.** The BC member will remain near the door, for the duration of the service, to provide access for anyone arriving late for the service. Safety precautions are under review for other services. More to come.

