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We welcome all to live and proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ

Dear Friends of St. John's,

It is quite fashionable in my generation—suspicious of unbridled nationalism and the moral ills that afflict this nation—to hold patriotism in suspicion if not outright contempt. We have forgotten, you see, that when he shall come again in glory to judge both the quick and the dead—his Kingdom having no end—individuals are not the only thing judged. Nations shall be judged as well.

I think that it is, as Anthony Esolen writes, “the product of easy cynicism. Learn to despise the place where you were born, its old customs, its glories and its shame. Then stick your head in a comic book (or plug into your iPod). That done, you will be triple-armored against the threat of real thought, or the call of the transcendent. Some people have no (actual) worlds for God to pierce through.” I think what he means is this: human fathers prepare us to understand more fully our Heavenly Father.

Human mothers prepare us to understand more fully our sacred Mother the Church. Human bridesmaids help us to more fully understand the institutions that assist the blessed Church in her mission—never to be confused with the Bride of Christ but claiming witness to that glorious day of her marriage to the Bridegroom our Lord. Human children assist us in our understanding of what it is to be the one who receives the merciful care of the holy Trinity. Each human institution—nature itself to lead us to Nature's God.

And countries are no different. Proper and fitting and discerning patriotism teaches us in this world how to love a new heaven and a new earth. To see a holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. To salute, as it were—to stand at attention when she enters the room—when we hear the great voice saying, “Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.” To lay our hands upon our hearts as we hear that God will wipe away all tears from the war-torn eyes of those who have battled the ravaging effects of the world, the flesh, and the devil, and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. Behold, Christ makes all things new.

God bless you.

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Summer Evening Services

Friday, July 22 - 5:30 p.m. - Feast of St. Mary Magdalene in Mary Chapel
Wednesday, July 27 - 5:30 p.m. - Evening Eucharist in Mary Chapel
Monday, August 15 - 5:30 p.m. - Feast of Saint Mary the Virgin in Mary Chapel
Wednesday, August 31 - 5:30 p.m. - Evening Eucharist in Mary Chapel

Recurring Events - Summer Schedule

Second Sunday of Month - following service - Daughters of the King
Healing Service with Holy Unction - Nave
Second Sunday of Month - 11:30 am Daughters of the King Meeting - Parlor
Fourth Sunday of Month - 11:30 am Bishop's Committee Meeting - Parlor
Mondays - 11:00 to 4:00 CAIR Refugee Resource Center Open - School Annex
Wednesdays - 11:00 to 4:00 CAIR Refugee Resource Center Open - School Annex
Wednesday Evenings - 7:00 pm Choir Practice
Thursday Evenings - 6:30 pm Tai Chi
Second Saturday of Month - 8:00 am Brotherhood of St. Andrew - Parlor

Office Hours

Tuesday through Friday - 9:00 a.m. to 3:00

(or by appointment)

(If you have a recurring event that you would like added to this posting, please contact Nancy at stjohnsokc@yahoo.com or 405-943-8548.)

July Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

2 – Andy Ferguson
2 – Kim Jackson
3 – Duke Jones
4 – Melva Carney
4 – John Greiner
5 – Aaron Mooney
5 – Nathan Carr
7 – Claire Dowling
9 – Scott Sproat
15 – Fay Freeman
15 – Midge Woodard
21 – Martha Brown
23 – Peggy Cummings
28 – Mike Maney
31 – Troy Vance

Anniversaries

3 – Danny & Cathie Gauntt
25 – David & Kim Jackson
30 – Ron & Priscilla Pierce

New COVID Protocols Announced

The Bishop's Committee, in keeping with the recommendations of the CDC, reduced caseloads, and the Diocese of Oklahoma, has returned all services and activities to pre-COVID status. We will continue live-streaming for those still viewing at home, will return coffee hour to Wade-Dalton Hall, and will begin **serving wine through intinction only**. We heartily welcome those who wish to continue wearing masks inside the church, but we will leave that choice to each individual/family.

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