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DESCENT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

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FROM YOUR INTERIM RECTOR

You and I as The Feast of Pentecost and of “Firstfruits”

It was not by mistake or coincidence what would take place on the Feast of Pentecost for the 120 apostles and other remaining disciples. There are multiple signs and meanings that fit exactly so well and so profoundly with the descent of the Holy Spirit upon them all. It was a similar descent upon Jesus at his baptism. We should all expect and look for, and PRAY for the same descent upon each of us.

In the process of revealing His plan of salvation for mankind, God established His annual Holy Days around the harvest seasons in the Middle East (Leviticus 23:9-16; Exodus 23:14-16). Just as His people harvested their crops around these three festival seasons, God's Holy Days show us how He is harvesting people for eternal life in His Kingdom. The Holy Days have meanings that build upon each other. Together they progressively reveal how God works with humanity.

We understand Passover symbolizing Christ's giving of Himself for us so our sins could be forgiven and we could be redeemed from death. We also understand how the Days of Unleavened Bread teach us that we must remove and avoid sin and instead obey God in actions and attitudes. The next festival and Holy Day, Pentecost, builds on this important foundation.

This festival is known by several names that derive from its meaning and timing. Also known as the Feast of Harvest (Exodus 23:16), it represents the firstfruits (Numbers 28:26) gathered and given as the result of the labor of those who completed the spring grain harvests in ancient Israel (Exodus 23:16).

It is also called the Feast of Weeks (Exodus 34:22), with this name coming from the seven weeks plus one day (50 days in all) that are counted to determine when to celebrate this festival (Leviticus 23:16). Similarly, in the New Testament, which was written in Greek, this festival is known as Pentecost (*Pentekostos*), which means “fiftieth.” Among Jews the most popular name for this festival is probably the Feast of Weeks, or *Shavuot*. When

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celebrating this festival, many Jewish people recall one of the greatest events in history, God's revealing of the law at Mount Sinai.

I could go on, and you could make the connections for yourselves. But it is the **Firstfruits** connection I want to focus on, and specifically the connection of Firstfruits with the feast of the Ascension. Firstfruits are the first agricultural products to mature and ripen. Throughout the Bible, God uses the analogy of the harvest—and, particularly on Pentecost, Firstfruits—to illustrate aspects of His plan of salvation. Israel observed this day in the late spring after the barley and wheat harvests.

One of the first harvest lessons of the New Testament is that Jesus Christ “is risen from the dead, and has become *the firstfruits* of those who have fallen asleep” (1 Corinthians 15:20). The wave-sheaf offering represented Jesus Christ, who was the “*firstborn* over all creation” and the “*firstborn* from the dead” (Colossians 1:15, 18). He presented Himself to God the Father on the Sunday after His resurrection, the same day during the Days of Unleavened Bread on which the first sheaf of grain of the spring harvest was to be waved before God.

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark and after Jesus had already been resurrected (John 20:1), Mary Magdalene came to His tomb and discovered that the rock in front of it had already been rolled away. She ran to tell Peter and John that Jesus was no longer in His grave. The two men hurried to see this and verified that Jesus' body was gone (John 20:2-10). Mary also returned and, after Peter and John left, she stood outside the tomb (John 20:11). As she wept, Jesus appeared to her but would not allow her to hold on to Him because He had “not yet ascended” to the Father (John 20:17).

We could go on, naturally, to speak of the Body of Christ, the Church, in the same way “Firstfruits” just as Jesus Christ himself is “Firstfruits.”

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But it is in the eventual Ascension of Christ, 40 days after Resurrection, that another aspect of “Firstfruits” occurs – not in the receiving by God from us, but in the giving by God to us. In the same way, we can see Pentecost, the Feast of Firstfruits of what has been given by God in harvest, of which we return. So also in the Ascension, that which is harvested by Christ and taken up with him into heaven, is now released to us as the Firstfruits of that bounty.

Ascension is the day we celebrate Jesus’ return into the glory of the Godhead that he willingly left behind in order to become “Emmanuel” (God-with-us). Whereas the Incarnation brings God to us and takes on the flesh of humanity, flesh and bone and blood, fully Man and still fully God, the Ascension does not mean this God with us GIVES UP, or sloughs off that humanity. No, he has taken his humanity into heaven with him. And there is more that he has taken with him.

When Jesus died and rose again, he became victorious as a warrior King, taking unto himself every treasure, every gift, every blessing ever given. All these he carried with him “back into heaven” at his ascension (prophesied in Psalm 68:18). Then, by our human count of 10 days, he poured it all back out onto his apostles and disciples on that feast of Pentecost (Ephesians 4:7-10), redeeming it all and making it those spiritual gifts and tools for the work of the church universal (Acts 2:33).

This is the Firstfruits of the spoils of resurrection that Jesus Christ has taken, and then poured back out on his apostles and all the disciples gathered at Pentecost. God has recreated the means of harvest! And the continual Firstfruits of that harvest are you and I.

It is a process that is meant to be repeated endlessly until the end of time. This is why we do not rely solely upon the first action of such firstfruits from heaven, and why the apostles did not! They were constantly laying hands on people who had become believers and baptized in water, so that the newly baptized would also receive the Firstfruits of Christ given at Pentecost. It is a repeated story given testimony in the book of the Acts, and throughout Paul’s writings.

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Not only is Christ the Firstfruits for salvation, but you and I as the Church are the next generations of Firstfruits, and we are to RECEIVE the Firstfruits of Christ's victory in power and authority in the Spirit, as well as share the good news in the power of that spirit, evidence the harvest of souls first hand, and then pray for a new outpouring of the Spirit as the firstfruits in the newly baptized, that the Good News is carried forward more, and more, and more.

Pray for the outpouring of the Spirit, and the evidence of the firstfruits of Pentecost in you, and in new converts to Christ.

With love and prayer,

Fr. Rob. Esten +

SEARCH COMMITTEE REPORT

Dear Parishioners of All Saints' Church,

Rector Search Update: May 17, 2019

Please continue to keep the search committee and the vestry in your prayers as we search for a new rector.

We've extended the deadline for receiving names until 5/31/2019. We've also extended our job listing for rector in the Episcopal News Service.

An e-mail was sent to the vestry 5/13 asking them to review our second draft of written questions for candidates that the search team formulated. We will present these questions to the vestry on 5/21 for vestry approval. As of 5/17 we have received applications from four candidates. This is very promising. It shows that we have clergy interested in All Saints'. I neglected to inform the parish in my last search committee report who the other members of the search committee are. The other search committee members are: Lucretia Locke, Terri Tremper, Todd Muffatti and George Dreyer.

Yours in Christ,

Karl-Gregorij Jørgensen
Search Committee Chair

THE PENTECOST QUADRENA

June 5, 6, 7, 8

A Quadrena is a 4-day prayer commitment, just as a Novena is a 9-day prayer objective. In both, it is the intention for an individual or a group of people to have a prayer objective, and by their daily commitment and focused prayers to pray their prayer in faith (James 1:1-8; 5:13-18)) that it will be accomplished, in the Name of Jesus Christ and in the Will of God.

You simply add each of the following to your daily prayers, on your own. You can always invite another person or persons to meet with you to do the same. That's always more fun, and sometimes very profound. The Quadrena finishes with a fellowship liturgy of all who can attend, of Evening Prayer and Blessing with the Reserved Sacrament (Benediction), on Saturday, June 8, at 5:30 pm, in the Chapel.

For the 2019 Pentecost Quadrena, our Prayer Objectives have been expanded, at the request of the Bishop-elect, Rev. Susan Brown Snook ("S.B.S.").

(1) Begin each day's Quadrena time with **this daily petition**:

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in us the fire of your love.

"You send forth your Spirit, and they are created. And so You renew the face of the earth." (Psalm 104:30 BCP)

O God, who by the light the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

(2) **Read through Romans 12** (*preferably using your own bible, or follow the link for an online presentation of the chapter*), either the entire chapter each day, or in the following sections: June 5th:

June 5th [Romans 12, verses 1 and 2](#)

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June 6th: [Romans 12, verses 3 through 8](#)

June 7th: [Romans 12, verses 9 through 13](#)

June 8th: [Romans 12, verses 14 through 21](#)

3) **Reflect** on these Noted Ministries from Romans 12 regarding yourself (“Is this me?”) in Ministry, **and Pray** your own prayer for these to be visibly brought forward by the Holy Spirit into our parish life:

June 5th: Prophecy and Ministry (Service)

June 6th: Teaching and Exhortation (Encouragement)

June 7th: Giving

June 8th: Leading and Compassion (Mercy)

Prophecy. The gift of prophecy is the special ability that God gives to certain members of the body of Christ to receive and communicate an immediate message of God to His people through a divinely-anointed utterance.

Service. The gift of service is the special ability that God gives to certain members of the body of Christ to identify the unmet needs involved in a task related to God’s work, and to make use of available resources to meet those needs and to help accomplish the desired results.

Teaching. The gift of teaching is the special ability that God gives to certain members of the body of Christ to communicate information relevant to the health and ministry of the body and its members in such a way that others will learn.

Exhortation. The gift of exhortation is the special ability that God gives to certain members of the body of Christ to minister words of comfort, consolation, encouragement, and counsel to other members of the body in such a way that they

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feel helped and healed.

Giving. The gift of giving is the special ability that God gives to certain members of the body of Christ to contribute their material resources to the work of the Lord with liberality and cheerfulness.

Leadership. The gift of leadership is the special ability that God gives to certain members of the body of Christ to set goals in accordance with God's purpose for the future and to communicate these goals to others in such a way that they voluntarily and harmoniously work together to accomplish these goals for the glory of God.

Mercy. The gift of mercy is the special ability that God gives to certain members of the body of Christ to feel genuine empathy and compassion for individuals (both Christian & non - Christian) who suffer distressing physical, mental, or emotional problems, and to translate that compassion into cheerfully done deeds which reflect Christ's love and alleviate the suffering.

- 4) The Prayer Objectives - using your own words, add these 5 prayer objectives each day
- For the discernment leading to the election and calling of a new Rector for All Saints
 - For the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the parish for the purpose of sharing of the Good News of Jesus Christ and gaining new disciples for the Body of Christ in the parish
 - S.B.S. - That all Episcopalians in our Diocese of San Diego would grow in their relationships with Jesus Christ through worship, learning and service to others
 - S.B.S. - That those in our parishes and missions and communities within the diocese whose lives would be enriched by the good news of Christ would hear that good news and accept it.
 - S.B.S. - That the mission of Jesus in our congregations would be empowered as we go out into our neighborhoods, meet the people who are there, become acquainted with their needs, hopes, and longings, and discern our own ministries of service there.

5) Finish each day by saying the Gloria Patri, making the sign of the cross.

PARISH CALENDAR EVENTS

June

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| 1 | Societies of Mary | 11:00am |
| | <i>All are welcome to join the Societies of Mary for their monthly day of devotion, beginning in the Chapel with Rosary at 11:00am with Mass to follow. After which we will adjourn to the Parish Hall for a potluck luncheon.</i> | |
| 2 | The Seventh Sunday of Easter: The Sunday after Ascension Day | |
| | Mass | 8:00am |
| | Solemn Mass | 10:30am |
| 4 | Mass | |
| 8 | Evensong and Benediction (St. Mary Chapel) | 5:15pm |
| 9 | The Day of Pentecost: Whitsunday | |
| | Mass | 8:00am |
| | Solemn Mass | 10:30am |
| 11 | Mass | Noon |
| | Finance Committee Meeting | 6:00pm |
| 16 | The First Sunday after Pentecost : Trinity Sunday | |
| | Mass | 8:00am |
| | Solemn Mass | 10:30am |

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June

18	Bernard Mezeki, Catechist and Martyr in Rhodesia, 1896	
	Mass	Noon
	Vestry Meeting	7:00pm
23	The Second Sunday after Pentecost: Corpus Christi Sunday	
	Mass	8:00am
	Solemn Mass	10:30am
25	Mass	Noon
30	The Third Sunday after Pentecost	
	Mass	8:00am
	Solemn Mass	10:30am

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## July

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| 2  | Mass                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Noon              |
| 4  | Independence Day ( <i>Office Closed</i> )                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                   |
| 6  | <b>Societies of Mary</b><br><i>All are welcome to join the Societies of Mary for their monthly day of devotion, beginning in the Chapel with Rosary at 11:00am with Mass to follow. After which we will adjourn to the Parish Hall for a potluck luncheon.</i> | 11:00am           |
| 7  | <b>The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost</b><br>Mass<br>Solemn Mass                                                                                                                                                                                                | 8:00am<br>10:30am |
| 9  | Mass<br>Finance Committee Meeting                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Noon<br>6:00pm    |
| 14 | <b>The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost</b><br>Mass<br>Solemn Mass                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 8:00am<br>10:30am |
| 16 | Mass<br>Vestry Meeting                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Noon<br>7:00pm    |
| 21 | <b>The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost</b><br>Mass<br>Solemn Mass                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 8:00am<br>10:30am |

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## July

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| 23 | Mass                                      | Noon    |
| 28 | <b>The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost</b> |         |
|    | Mass                                      | 8:00am  |
|    | Solemn Mass                               | 10:30am |
| 30 | Mass                                      | Noon    |

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Memorial Garden Improvement Update



What a change in our garden the past month due not only to the beneficial rains but to the generosity and creativity of so many people inside and outside of our Parish! When I first discussed this garden with Pete and the Flower Guild, I envisioned it as only a cutting garden and a place of repose. It has evolved into a true Memorial Garden and becomes a more meaningful gathering place and oasis of peacefulness as time goes by. And yes, the first flowers gleaned from the garden were for Bill's Memorial Service followed by Easter Sunday.



This month has seen the dedication of "The Barrett Family Bench", a beautiful teak curved bench dedicated to Don and Lois and their two sons. This bench was purchased by friends and neighbors in honor of Lois. It will soon sport a cushion once a fabric has been decided upon. And Lois's response to all of this was, "Lord love a duck". It was a marvelous surprise for her and shows her how many caring people are a part of her life.

Many donations have been made in Bill's memory and they will be used to add more plants and begin work on the Todd Muffatti design of the back brick wall. A picture is posted on the Flower Guild bulletin board. Bill also wanted a passion flower vine planted against the long fence and that will happen as well.

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You will also notice that all of the tools are now enclosed in a locked shed. Bob Gromofsky who worked on the garden design with me, built it out of the boards which adorned the side of the garden that we pulled off the neighbor's fence. The interior of the shed consists of the lovely blue boards that were once part of our fence. All of the shed has been constructed of recycled materials. Bob said to me, "Sue, remember you pulled every nail out of all those boards". Believe me I remember!

I do hope that you will have a chance to come and ponder in our lovely garden soon!

Sue Johnston



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Stewardship and Music

The canons of The Episcopal Church describe Christian stewardship as involving “generous and consistent offering of time, talent, and treasure for the mission and ministry of the Church.” At All Saints’ the music offered by our choir provides a great example of each of these three elements of stewardship.

The volunteer members of the choir make generous offerings of their time each week, as they attend practice on Thursday night and sing at the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday. The talent of these musicians is on display on Sunday when they join with the paid section leaders to enrich our worship with psalm chants and anthems. Finally, our offerings of money (treasure) help fund the paid soloists and section leaders whose special musical gifts make it possible for our choir to offer musical works that would be extremely challenging with an all-volunteer choir.

Parishioners who volunteer to sing in the choir currently are sopranos Stephanie Beck, Marj Osgood, Louise Lawson, and Sarah Schneewind; altos Vanessa Dinning, Pamela Gray, and Laura Shell; tenors Blair Lawson and Don Lindstrom; and basses Derek Fish and Michael Lockridge. Providing leadership for each section are soloists Jenn French (soprano), Lois Myers (mezzo-soprano), Dennis Williams (tenor), and John White (baritone).

One of the most challenging times of the year for the choir is during Lent and Holy Week, when the choir sings at each of the Holy Week liturgies as well as the Easter Sunday celebration. We were blessed this year to have Judy Mowers and Jo-Darlene Reardon join the alto section for the season.

Organist/Choirmaster Robert MacLeod has graciously provided a selective list of composers whose works can be sung by a choir like ours and fresh insights into how these works enrich our worship. “Music from the baroque and classical periods is extensive,” Bob writes, “and includes choral selections from cantatas and oratorios by such composers as Buxtehude (‘Rejoice, Beloved Christians’) and Handel, whose works include ‘Messiah,’ and ‘Judas Maccabaeus.’ The output of Mendelssohn is great though much of his music is

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not for a small choir. Some will work and we sing as much of it as possible. Also, the music of Haydn is often accessible.”

Bob continues:

“Other composers of great church music sung by our choir include Herbert Howells, Charles Villiers Stanford, Gustav Holst, Randall Thompson, R. Vaughan Williams, and Camille Saint-Saens. We sing from these composers throughout the year. We will be singing ‘Ave Verum’ by Saint-Saens on Corpus Christi Sunday in June. Other titles from these composers include ‘Turn Back, O Man,’ ‘O Clap Your Hands, All Ye Peoples,’ and ‘Five Mystical Songs.’ ‘Greater Love Hath No Man’ by John Ireland is a great favorite.

“The music of Eric Thiman is vast and we sing much of it, along with works by Alec Rowley and Healey Willan. In terms of music by living composers, American Craig Courtney has an enormous output, hundreds of titles, and we sing some of these, though much of his music is commissioned by more evangelical-protestant churches. We include his ‘Canticle of Fellowship’; ‘Here I am, Lord’; ‘One Faith, One Hope, One Lord’; ‘Be Not Afraid’; and others. Tom Fettke’s ‘The Majesty and Glory of Your Name’ is a favorite of the choir and of Fr. Noble as well.”

Bob concludes: “English composer John Rutter is another with an extremely large output of compositions in all genres of music. His church music library is heard frequently, especially during the Christmas season, and we sing a number of his choral works. Three of these which come readily to mind are ‘The Angel Carol,’ ‘The Shepherd’s Pipe Carol’ and ‘What Sweeter Music.’ Another general anthem of his which has become popular is ‘For the Beauty of the Earth’.”

The worship of the congregation is enriched not only by the many anthems sung by the choir, but also by the choir’s leadership in the singing of hymns and Mass music. The volunteer members of the choir, in turn, depend on the paid soloist/section leaders to lead the music sung by the choir. And a key stewardship question for All Saints’ as we

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continue our search for a new Rector is funding the budget for compensation of choir soloists/section leaders.

Each year a number of parishioners make pledges not only for general support of the work of the parish, but also special pledges for support of our music program. Last year, these pledges were supplemented by a major gift that covered approximately 40% of the compensation of the paid soloists. However, the music pledges received for 2019 fall far short of what is needed.

The Finance Committee and Vestry are discussing a variety of ideas for making up the difference. There are many ways that we could show our appreciation for the choir's leadership of our worship through their music. As we move into the summer season, special offerings designated for the music fund are particularly welcome. For some parishioners, a year-end gift of appreciated securities could provide needed help for our music program. A fund-raising festival is a possibility. But most of all, we need to express our thanksgiving to God (and also to Bob MacLeod and the choir members) for the special gifts of time and talent that they offer through music.



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TREASURER'S CORNER

By John Gray III



Operating income is under budget for the month of April and expenses were over budget.

	Actual	Budget	Difference
<i>Revenues</i>	\$29,986	\$34,393	\$(4,407)
<i>Expenses</i>	\$39,667	\$38,302	\$1,365

Key *REVENUE* deviations from plan were:

- Current month pledges were \$1,404 under budget.
- Music revenue was \$644 under budget.
- Plate/Other Contributors revenue was \$1,054 over budget.
- Investment income was \$7,237 under budget. No funds were distributed from the Ready Fund.
- Fund donations were over \$388 over budget.
- Property Mgmt. revenue was \$1,632 over budget due to adjusted CTA rent received.

Key *EXPENSE* deviations from budget were:

- Pastoral expense was \$2.5k under budget due to personnel transition.
- Business expenses were \$1.4k over budget due to the timing of insurance payments.
- Facilities expenses were \$201 under budget.
- Music Program expense was \$1.1k over budget
- Activity/Committee expenses were 329 under budget.
- Property Management expense was \$1,865 over budget due to the fire alarm installation at 3674 7th Ave.

Totals through April:

	Actual	Budget	Difference
<i>Pledges</i>	\$6,096	\$7,500	\$(1,404)
<i>Total Revenues</i>	\$29,986	\$34,393	\$(4,407)
<i>Expenses</i>	\$39,667	\$38,302	\$1,365

For the first four months of 2019, net income is over budget by a favorable \$44,325.

PRESCHOOL CORNER

Bv John Gray III



Operating income is over budget for the month of April, and expenses were under budget

	Actual	Budget	Difference
<i>Revenues</i>	\$51,659	\$48,939	\$2,719
<i>Expenses</i>	\$46,962	\$48,335	\$(1,373)

Key *REVENUE* deviations from budget were:

- Current month tuition was a favorable \$3,380 over budget

Key *EXPENSE* deviations from budget were:

- A new preschool teacher's aide has been hired. Preschool salaries are on budget for April.
- Program expense is under budget by \$258.
- Repair and Maintenance expense were under budget by \$809
- Major improvements were under budget by \$417.

Net Income for April is \$4,697.

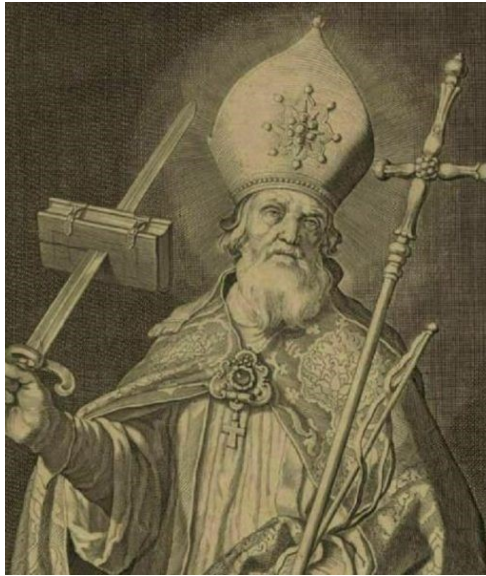
Preschool Update for June:

- We currently have 78 children enrolled for June, of those 16 are part-time and 11 are toddlers. We continue to have waiting lists for both Toddlers and Pre-K programs.
- Upcoming Events:
 - Father's Day Celebration on June 14 will be celebrated at 2:00pm.
 - Preschool Graduation will be held on June 21st at 2:00pm.

COMMEMORATION

Boniface, Bishop, Missionary, Martyr

5 June 754



Wynfrith, nicknamed Boniface ("good deeds"), was born around 680 near Crediton in Devonshire, England. When he was five, he listened to some monks who were staying at his father's house. They had returned from a mission to the pagans on the continent, and Boniface was so impressed by them that he resolved to follow their example. Although his father had intended him for a secular career, he gave way to his son's entreaties and sent him at the age of seven to a monastery school. He eventually became director of the school at Nursling, in Winchester, where he wrote the first Latin grammar in England, and gave lectures that were widely copied and circulated.

At thirty, he was ordained and set out to preach in Friesland (overlaps with modern Holland), whence he was soon expelled because of war between its heathen king and Charles Martel of France. Boniface, after a brief withdrawal, went into Hesse and Bavaria, having secured the support of the Pope and of Charles Martel for his work there. In Hesse, in the presence of a large crowd of pagans, he cut down the Sacred Oak of

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Geismar, a tree of immense age and girth, sacred to the god Thor. It is said that after only a few blows of his axe, the tree tottered and crashed to the ground, breaking into four pieces and revealing itself to be rotted away within. It was the beginning of a highly successful missionary effort, and the planting of a vigorous Christian church in Germany, where Boniface was eventually consecrated bishop. He asked the Christian Saxons of England to support his work among their kinsmen on the continent, and they responded with money, books, supplies, and above all, with a steady supply of monks to assist him in teaching and preaching.

Boniface did not confine his attentions to Germany. He worked to establish cooperation between the Pope and others in Italy on the one hand and Charles and his successors in France on the other. He persuaded Carloman and Pepin, the sons of Charles, to call synods for the reform of the church in their territories, where under previous rulers bishoprics had often been sold to the highest bidder. He never forgot his initial failure in Friesland, and in old age resigned his bishopric and returned to work there. Many Frisians had been converted earlier by Willibrord (another Saxon missionary from England--see 7 Nov), but had lapsed after his death. Boniface preached among them with considerable success. On June 5, the eve of Pentecost, 754, he was preparing a group of Frisians for confirmation when they were attacked and killed by heathen warriors.

The historian Christopher Dawson estimates that he has had a greater influence on the history of Europe than any other Englishman.

From James Kiefer BIO's

COMMEMORATION

Macrina the Younger, Monastic and Teacher

9 July 379



Basil the Great is remembered as the founder of Eastern monasticism. All Eastern Orthodox monks are Basilian monks and follow a variation of the monastic rule that he outlined. However, it is often overlooked that the community of monks organized by Basil was preceded and inspired by a community of nuns organized by his sister, Macrina.

Macrina the Elder lived in the days of the Emperor Diocletian, who made a determined effort to destroy the Christian faith. She and her husband fled into hiding, and survived into the time of Constantine. One of their sons, Basil the Elder, and his wife Emmelia, had several distinguished sons, including Basil the Great (14 June), Gregory of Nyssa (9 March), Peter of Sebastea, Naucratis, and (according to one ambiguously worded communication) Dios of Antioch.

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Their oldest offspring, however, was their daughter Macrina (called Macrina the Younger to distinguish her from her grandmother). She was betrothed at the age of twelve, after the custom of the day, but when her fiance died, she determined to devote her life to prayer and contemplation and to works of charity. After the death of her father, she and her mother formed a community of women who shared her goals. She often brought poor and hungry women home to be fed, clothed, nursed, or otherwise taken care of, and many eventually joined the community, as did many women of means.

After the death of their parents, Macrina was chiefly responsible for the upbringing of her ten younger brothers. When they were disposed to be conceited about their intellectual accomplishments, she deflated them with affectionate but pointed jibes. Her example encouraged some of them to pursue the monastic ideal, and to found monastic communities for men. (Dios founded one of the most celebrated monasteries in Constantinople.) Three of them (Basil, Gregory, Peter) became bishops, and all of them were leading contenders for the faith of Nicea against the Arians.

Gregory, in his *Life of Macrina*, records his last visit with her, and her farewell speech and her prayers and teachings about the resurrection.

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