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WEEKLY SERVICE SCHEDULE

Sun.:	7:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	8:00 a.m.	Said Mass (No Incense)
	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School/Forum (<i>School Year</i>)
	10:00 a.m.	Sung Mass (Incense)
	After Mass	Coffee Hour
Mon.:	9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	4:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer
Tue.:	8:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	9:00 a.m.	Said Mass & Unction
	4:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer
Wed.:	9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	4:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer
Thu.:	9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	4:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer
Fri.:	9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer

*Prayer Book Holy Days—Masses are celebrated as announced.
Confessions may be made at announced times and by appointment.*

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THE EPISTLE



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The purpose of the Church of the Holy Apostles is to glorify God through worship, discipleship, stewardship, fellowship and love.

FROM THE RECTOR

We are blessed, this year, to have a very long season of Epiphany. Depending on the date of Easter, Epiphany season can vary in its length by as much as a month. In 2019, The Feast of Epiphany fell on a Sunday, so Sundays in the whole of January have been within the Epiphany Season. As Ash Wednesday is March 6, all of February is also within the Season of Epiphany. This gives us lots of time to reflect on the meaning, for our lives, of the Incarnation of Jesus Christ. On The Feast of Epiphany, we acknowledged the revelation of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles in the following words of that Feast's Collect: "O God, who by the leading of a star didst manifest thy only-begotten Son to the peoples of the earth..." The Collect for The Epiphany goes on to indicate that the arrival of the Magi was not the end of the story, but only the beginning, "Lead us, who know thee now by faith, to thy presence, where we may behold thy glory face to face..."

During the Season of Epiphany, the Lessons for the Mass each week reveal further aspects of Christ's coming "to be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of thy people Israel," as Simeon put it in his song that we recite each day in Evening Prayer, the *Nunc Dimittis*. What Simeon recognized, by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, is that Jesus was given not only as a gift to Mary and Joseph, and to save His people, Israel, from their sins, but also to be a light to lighten the Gentiles, to be the Savior of the World.

The realization of this fact of redemptive history, and its confession by the Church throughout the past two millennia, is also not the

end of the story, but another beginning. Our enlightenment by the Light of the World is not an end in itself, but a means to a further, and greater, end. We receive the Light of Christ in order to bear that light to a world darkened, benighted, by sin. The Collect of The Second Sunday after the Epiphany makes this explicit: "Grant that thy people, illumined by thy Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth..."

It is tempting to think of our Baptism, or our Confirmation, as the end of the line. We can fall prey to seeing our initiation into the Church, or our mature profession of faith in Confirmation as the point of arrival, that we've reached an end. The very words of the rites used in those two Sacraments make plain that that is not the case. We are being enlisted in God's Kingdom in order to serve Him and to carry out His command to take the Gospel to the ends of the earth. We are given all that we need in these two Sacraments to live out the life that was implanted in us in our Baptisms. Confirmation further strengthens us for service, of course, by the laying on of the Bishop's hands.

What we must come to see, to believe, and to live, is that God manifested Himself to Israel and to the Gentiles in His birth, life, death, and resurrection, and that we, who bear the Name of Christ, are to manifest Christ, to show forth His light in our lives, day by day, month by month, year by year, so long as God grants us life and breath. That is why the Church never ceases to call her sons and daughters to repentance and faith, through the Word of God and the Sacraments of the Church. None of us lives out our Baptismal

and Confirmation vows perfectly. None of us are without sin. All of us stray. Christ, our light and our life, perpetually intercedes for us (see *The Epistle to the Hebrews* for more on this), and continually stretches out His hands to us, calling us to repent of our sins and to return to Him, that He might more and more come to dwell in us and we in Him.

The end, the destination or goal, that God has in mind is the salvation of the world and the consummation of all things. The means that He uses is His Word, faithfully preached, and His Sacraments, faithfully practiced, in His Church, and the Word and Sacraments faithfully lived out by the People of God in the world. We only arrive at the end for which we were created and redeemed when we behold God face to face, when we reach the Beatific Vision. Until then, we struggle to work out our salvation, with fear and trembling (as St. Paul says to the Philippians) that our lives may be a light to the world, so that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth. That is God's great plan of redemption and that is our role in carrying it forth, that His Kingdom may come and His will may be done on earth, as it is in Heaven.

So, how are you doing with that? If you are striving to live out your faith, so that Christ's light might shine forth from your life, excellent! Do not grow weary in well-doing. If you have grown cold in your love for God and your neighbor, if you have strayed, God calls you back to Himself, to repent and to return. All of that might sound like a Lenten message, but it is a fitting word for every day and season. Why wait until Ash Wednesday to renew your faith and to return to the Lord? "Behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation" (*II Corinthians 6:2b*). God grant you grace to complete what He has begun in you, that your lives may be light to the world.

Fr. Joel

P. S. I trust that everyone will be with us at Holy Apostles at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, February 23, 2019 (The Feast of St. Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr), when Bishop Iker will ordain Spencer Ryan Stubblefield to the Sacred Order of Deacons.

FROM THE ASSISTANT TO THE RECTOR

Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

Matthew 13:45-46

Dear Holy Apostles,

If you are like me, you have struggled and grasped with parables like this for long periods of time. I suppose that we all have our reasons why certain passages of scripture cause more difficulty than others. With that in mind, I would first like to comfort us all by saying that you are not alone. Everyone...every single person...who is confronted with the truth we find in scripture has difficulty understanding and/or applying what we read. I must also challenge all of us by saying that even though it is difficult to understand and/or apply, we are not, therefore, absolved from the truth or the striving to live into it. I would like to illustrate this point by revealing a bit of my weakness to you.

As you know all too well, we are now at roughly the mid-point of our discernment process to elect the Bishop Coadjutor. Such a process can reveal so many emotions within us as individuals as well as communities and the diocese. It can also reveal who we choose to be.

Over the course of this process, the nominating committee has asked us to keep them and this process in our prayers, but it has also asked for us to be more intentional by setting aside specific days for prayer and fasting. Our most recent day set aside for this purpose was January 11th. I bring this up because, on that day, I found it extremely difficult to maintain the discipline of fasting. My body was craving its own desires. Although it was difficult, I was able to keep the fast by asking one simple question: "What's it worth to me?"

Is it more important to grab a hamburger for lunch because my body is telling me that it is time to eat, or is it more important that I (and all of us) have a faithful man, chosen of God, to be our next bishop? This was the choice that was before me at that moment, and it is a practical way

to apply this parable. Just like it takes work and sacrifice to get that job you've been striving for or to receive the hand of the one you courted so strongly, the kingdom of heaven is worth everything that it takes to obtain it.

So I put it to you:

How important is receiving a faithful bishop to you? How important is a thriving community of faith to you? How important is Jesus to you? How important is the kingdom of heaven to you?

What's it worth to you? We strive and sacrifice for the things that are important to us.

In Christ,
Fr. Joseph

FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN

I appreciate the opportunity to serve as Senior Warden for Holy Apostles in 2019. This is an exciting time for our Parish, and I look forward to growing along with our church family. I believe we can continue to build on our recent successes of the "Trunk or Treat" and the "Benediction, Burgers, Beer, & Bingo" to inject new energy into our Parish. I hope that you will all come to the Super Bowl Party to have some fun and fellowship, too.

Please feel free to call, text, or e-mail me anytime. The entire Vestry is here to serve you in any way we can.

Sincerely,
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HAMS (HOLY APOSTLES MEN)

Our last HAMS meeting took place at 6:00 p.m. on January 15th and had a better than usual attendance of 12 men. We discussed the Spaghetti Dinner and how we were going to handle it.

We did have the Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, January 26th and it appeared that all had a very good time!

While we did not complete the accounting for this event, but it appears that we made \$920.00 and had approximately 85 customers.

Our next HAMS meeting will take place at 6:00 p.m., February 16th and we invite all men of our congregation to attend.

Michael Pinnau

PRAYING FOR THE PERSECUTED CHURCH

It's been quite a journey with Fr. Jerry Kramer and *Love for the Least* these past four years, and although it's not over yet, his mission in the Middle East is transitioning from relief to recovery. The persecution goes on in a lesser scale and with ISIS threats less, Fr. Jerry can begin to help rebuild lives. He had 80 Yazidi refugee orphans graduate from their children's centre. It may not sound like much to us but it's a start coming from nothing.

His group also took possession of some shipping containers and caravans to transform into a center to teach English starting with 16-20 years old. The teens and young adults are the most non-served in camp, the kids, he said, are bright and engaging and have nothing to do! The next long-term project is to teach the Kurds the basics of statecraft, which is essential to support the host country.

I can bet that most of us never even thought of these things as being necessary to remake a destroyed country. May we continue to think of these people as they try to put their lives back together and Fr. Jerry's part in it. Keep he and his people safe.

Peggy Bruce

<u>Income and Expenses through December 2018</u>		
	<i>Budgeted</i>	<i>Actual</i>
Income	\$250,472.00	\$256,093.00
Expenses	\$248,240.00	\$245,981.00
<u>Average Attendance at Sunday Masses</u>		
<i>Year to Date</i>	<i>December</i>	<i>January</i>
89	95	89

SUNDAY ROTA—FEBRUARY 2019

	FEBRUARY 3 4TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY	FEBRUARY 10 5TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY	FEBRUARY 17 6TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY	FEBRUARY 24 7TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
<u>8:00 A.M.</u> LECTOR	ANDREW MARTIN	GLENN RUSSELL	ANDREW MARTIN	
ALTAR SERVER(S)	JIM OWENS CHARRA WRIGHT	JANE ANDRUS SHORTY MENDOZA	JIM OWENS CHARRA WRIGHT	JANE ANDRUS SHORTY MENDOZA
GREETER(S)				
COFFEE HOST(S)				
<u>10:00 A.M.</u> LECTOR	DAVID MINCE	SUSAN HENRY	ADRIENNE STOVALL	MICHAEL PINNAU
SUBDEACON	TRACEY MINCE	MICHAEL PINNAU	MIKE ROBINIUS	SPENCER STUBBLEFIELD
CHALICE BEARER	TIM SCHWARZ	TRA HALL	JOE STEVENS	JIM STUBBLEFIELD
CRUCIFER/SERVER	KELSIE UPWARD	HEATH HAMPTON	TIM SCHWARZ	TRACEY MINCE
TORCHBEARERS	BEN MATTHEWS EMILY MATTHEWS	MADDI REAVES RACHEL SCHWARZ	BEN MATTHEWS EMILY MATTHEWS	MADDI REAVES RACHEL SCHWARZ
THURIFER	MIKE ROBINIUS	KELSIE UPWARD	JIM STUBBLEFIELD	TRA HALL
OBLATIONERS	PINNAUS	HENDON HORNICK	RIGDONS	
USHERS	PINNAUS			GENE ARMIGER PHIL RIGDON
GREETER(S)	REAUGH	PHIL RIGDON	MICHAEL PINNAU	
ALTAR GUILD	JANE ANDRUS SUSAN HENRY	CINDY BARTLETT KATHY SIMPSON	BETTY CASTLEBERRY PEG DONOVAN DEHN WILSON	RON MCCLELLAN GERRY STEVENS
FLOWER GUILD	MARGARET PINNAU	LINDA HENTZ	LEAH LANCASTER	NIKKI WILSON
COFFEE HOST(S)	MARGARET PINNAU	ROBINIUS	MINCE	HORNICK
VESTRY REPS	CINDY BARTLETT GERRY STEVENS	ROD REAVES PHIL RIGDON	JANE ANDRUS TIM SCHWARZ	CINDY BARTLETT DAVID MINCE

Church of the Holy Apostles

February 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>27</p> <p>THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY</p> <p>7:30am Morning Prayer</p> <p>+ 8:00am Said Mass</p> <p>9:00am Sunday School</p>	<p>28</p> <p>St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Doctor, 1274</p> <p>9:00am Morning Prayer</p> <p>7:00pm 12 Rules for Life Book Study</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Feria</p> <p>8:30am Morning Prayer</p> <p>+ 9:00am Said Mass & Holy Unction</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Bl. Charles Stuart, King, Martyr, 1649</p> <p>9:00am Morning Prayer</p> <p>11:00am Bible Study</p>	<p>31</p> <p>St. Gabriel's Conference</p> <p>Bl. John Bosco, Priest, 1888</p>	<p>1</p> <p>St. Brigid, 523</p> <p>9:00am Morning Prayer</p>	<p>2</p> <p>PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE</p> <p>9:30am Altar Guild</p> <p>....</p>
<p>3</p> <p>St. Gabriel's Conference</p>	<p>4</p> <p>St. Gilbert of Sempringham, 1189</p> <p>9:00am Morning Prayer</p> <p>4:00pm Evening Prayer</p> <p>7:00pm Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>5</p> <p>St. Agatha of Sicily, Virgin, Martyr, c. 251</p> <p>8:30am Morning Prayer</p> <p>+ 9:00am Said Mass & Holy Unction</p> <p>4:00pm Evening Prayer</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Blessed Martyrs of Japan, 1597</p> <p>9:00am Morning Prayer</p> <p>11:00am Bible Study</p> <p>4:00pm Evening Prayer</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Cornelius the Centurion, First Gentile Convert</p> <p>9:00am Morning Prayer</p> <p>4:00pm Evening Prayer</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Diocesan Men's Conference</p> <p>Feria</p> <p>9:00am Morning Prayer</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Feria</p>
<p>10</p> <p>THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY</p> <p>7:30am Morning Prayer</p> <p>+ 8:00am Said Mass</p> <p>9:00am Sunday School</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Our Lady of Lourdes</p> <p>9:00am Morning Prayer</p> <p>6:00pm Evening Prayer & Vestry</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Feria</p> <p>8:30am Morning Prayer</p> <p>+ 9:00am Said Mass & Holy Unction</p> <p>10:30am Outreach Commission</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Bl. Absalom Jones, Priest, 1818</p> <p>9:00am Morning Prayer</p> <p>11:00am Bible Study</p> <p>4:00pm Evening Prayer</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Ss. Cyril & Methodius, 869, 885; St. Valentine, Martyr</p> <p>9:00am Morning Prayer</p> <p>12:00pm Deanery Clericus-Library</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Bl. Thomas Bray, Priest & Missionary, 1730</p> <p>9:00am Morning Prayer</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Feria</p> <p>7:30am HAWs</p> <p>8:00am Annual Parish Leaders' Workshop - St. Andrews Church</p>
<p>17</p> <p>THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY</p> <p>7:30am Morning Prayer</p> <p>+ 8:00am Said Mass</p> <p>9:00am Sunday School</p>	<p>18</p> <p>St. Simeon of Jerusalem, Martyr, c. 107</p> <p>Presidents' Day</p> <p>9:00am Morning Prayer</p> <p>4:00pm Evening Prayer</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Feria</p> <p>8:30am Morning Prayer</p> <p>+ 9:00am Said Mass & Holy Unction</p> <p>4:00pm Evening Prayer</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Feria</p> <p>9:00am Morning Prayer</p> <p>11:00am Bible Study</p> <p>4:00pm Evening Prayer</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Bl. Peter Damien, Bishop, Doctor, 1072</p> <p>9:00am Morning Prayer</p> <p>4:00pm Evening Prayer</p>	<p>22</p> <p>St. Peter's Chair at Antioch</p> <p>9:00am Morning Prayer</p>	<p>23</p> <p>St. Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr of Smyrna, 156</p> <p>+ 10:30am Spencer Stubblefield Diaconal Ordination</p>
<p>24</p> <p>THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY</p> <p>7:30am Morning Prayer</p> <p>+ 8:00am Said Mass</p> <p>9:00am Sunday School</p>	<p>25</p> <p>ST. MATTHIAS THE APOSTLE (Tr.)</p> <p>9:00am Morning Prayer</p> <p>4:00pm Evening Prayer</p> <p>+ 6:00pm Said Mass</p> <p>....</p>	<p>26</p> <p>St. Oswald of York, Archbishop, 992</p> <p>8:30am Morning Prayer</p> <p>+ 9:00am Said Mass & Holy Unction</p> <p>4:00pm Evening Prayer</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Bl. George Herbert, Priest, 1633</p> <p>9:00am Morning Prayer</p> <p>11:00am Bible Study</p> <p>4:00pm Evening Prayer</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Founding of the Society of the Holy Cross, 1855</p> <p>9:00am Morning Prayer</p> <p>4:00pm Evening Prayer</p> <p>+ 6:00pm Said Mass</p>	<p>1</p> <p>St. David of Wales, Bishop, c. 601</p> <p>9:00am Morning Prayer</p>	<p>2</p> <p>St. Chad of Lichfield, Bishop, c. 602</p> <p>9:30am Altar Guild</p>