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September 2007

# FROM THE RECTOR'S DESK . . . .

Back to Africa I go, traveling at the end of August and returning on September 5. I am very excited about this trip, because I have been invited to attend the consecrations as bishop of Dean John Guernsey (the Dean of the Deans), Bill Murdoch (Dean of the New England Convocation), and Canon Bill Atwood. Fr. Guernsey will be consecrated in Uganda and the other two in Nairobi, Kenya.

This event is very important for all parishes who are under overseas oversight. These new bishops will return to the United States to represent the overseas diocesan bishops who have jurisdiction over parishes in the United States. This is the first step in transitioning All Saints' and others back to local oversight and in the formation of a new orthodox Anglican entity in the United States.

I know Fr. Guernsey very well having worked with him closely since March of 2004 and as a fellow dean. He is very much a man of God and a dear friend. I am very pleased that he will be representing Uganda as a local bishop for us and the other Ugandan congregations. This does not mean that we abandon our relationship with Luweero, far from it. It means that over the next year or two we will transition from a relationship with Luweero that has been both jurisdictional and missional to one that will be mostly missional. I.e. we will continue our mission relationship with Bishop Kisekka and the diocese, and for the next while, Bishop Kisekka officially continues as our bishop. As you know by now, he and Mama Robina will be visiting All Saints' from September 13 through September 19. Details of their visit will be forthcoming.

I also hope a large number of All Saints' parishioners will set aside October 13 at 10:00 am to be at St. James' Church, Newport Beach. At that time Bishop Kisekka will be ordaining one person, Cathie Young, to the deaconate and two persons to the priesthood, including our own vicar of Flagstaff Anglican Fellowship, Deacon Chuck McKinney. As if that were not enough, Bishop John Guernsey will be the preacher. This will be a wonderful time for us all to meet Bishop Guernsey.

A new day is dawning. The new orthodox Anglican orthodox entity in the United States is coming together. God is good. Blessings and love to you all.

Fra. Ketty

## GET INVOLVED IN ALL SAINTS' OUTREACH - at the Outreach Meal

On the third Saturday of each month people from all over Long Beach come to All Saints' Church for our Outreach Meal. They have in common not only their hunger and poverty, but also their need to be respected and treated decently. Our sit-down meal and our friendly parishioners who serve them show our care for them. These decent people in temporary need, or older people with limited incomes, come as early as 7:30 am to get coffee, juice, and in the winter, hot chocolate. The meal is served at 11:30 am with chicken being their favorite. They greatly appreciate the pitchers of milk provided with the meal. We have been told "there isn't much milk out on the streets."

Since its beginning in 1987 over 21,360 meals have been served. "Seconds" and "take-outs" are provided for those who request them—together these add up to one additional meal provided per person. Close to twenty-five parishioners are needed to set up, cook, serve and clean up. There are two shifts, 8:30-11:30 am (cook and set up); 11:15 am -1 pm (serve and clean up). If you feel the Lord is calling you to participate in this important ministry, please sign up on the kiosk—for one or both shifts!

### FROM FR. WOODFIELD

Summer is over and past. For Donna and me it was a quiet season. We reminisced about the times when we traveled – all the continents except Antarctica, countries and peoples, histories and currencies, churches and mosques.

This summer was different! We no longer travel. This summer God gave us the great gift of staying at home. What a joy to be at 7:30 Mass every Sunday with friends of decades! What a peace to do Morning and Evening Prayer daily without hurrying! What an opportunity to read, and read, and read! To think and meditate and write a sermon or two. To be with family and loved ones! To contemplate the loveliness of Leisure World where we live.

The Minneapolis tragedy brought back memories of the city where I was confirmed, and later ordained deacon at St. Mark's Cathedral. Iraq brought daily sorrow for the victims and tragedies of war! In the frenzied pace of the world around me, I praised God for pause to contemplate all my blessings.

It was a quiet summer. I rejoice that God has given me years when I can slow down, and breathe in slowly and quietly the immense joys and pleasures he has for me to explore with him.

Praise God for a quiet - and glorious - summer.

Father Robert C. Woodfield

#### WE INVITE YOU, YOUR FAMILY AND YOUR FRIENDS TO ...

A special meeting to introduce Christ Our Savior Anglican Church to the Torrance community

#### Wednesday, September 5 · 6:30 - 8:30 PM

at the Torrance City Library Meeting Room, Katy Geissert Civic Center, 3301 Torrance Blvd., Torrance

Come join us for a special time for us to introduce ourselves, to get to know you and you us, and share the Word of God with you. Enjoy a light dinner, fellowship and an opportunity to have your questions answered. If there is anything we can promise you, it is this: *God is going to bless you!* 

Invite your Torrance-area friends! Should you have any questions please contact: Rev. Elias 'Yinka Eniade at 562-438-3650.

#### NEXT PARISH BAPTISM

The next parish baptism will be October 7 at 10 am, but preparation classes have already begun. The opportunity after that is on the Feast of the Baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ on January 13, 2008 at the 10 am Eucharist. Prebaptismal training sessions will be at 9 am on Sunday, December 23, and January 6 and 13. Attendance at these sessions is mandatory for all adult candidates and all parents of infant candidates. Attendance at the final session is encouraged for sponsors and godparents. If you desire to be baptized or have a child baptized, or if you have any questions, please contact Fr. White. Subsequent days for baptism will be on Easter, March 23 at the 5:30 am Vigil, and on Pentecost, May 11 at 10 am.

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY

#### Moms in Touch:

- Wednesday, Sept. 12
- 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall
- Child care available Join other moms to learn about the highly acclaimed *Moms in Touch* way to creatively and effectively pray for our children. Sign up on the kiosk.

#### **Mentoring Moms:**

- Wednesday, Sept. 12
- 7:30 pm in the Parish Hall (following Moms in Touch)
- Child care available

A Presentation: *The Balanced Life*—Drawing from Father Bill's recent teaching on this topic, this evening will focus on concepts and illustrations especially helpful to moms. Sign up on the kiosk.

All "variations" of moms are most welcome to both of these gatherings — grandmoms, stepmoms, auntiemoms, etc. For more info, contact Susan at 562-438-3650.

### PARABLE FOR ALL SAINTS'

One day as the Little Red Hen was	s scratching in a field, she found a	a grain of wheat.
"This wheat should be planted," she	said. "Who will <i>plant</i> this grain of	wheat?"
"Not I," said the Duck.	"Not I," said the Cat.	"Not I," said the Dog.
"Then I will," said the Little Red Hei	n. And she did.	
Soon the wheat grew to be tall an	d yellow. "The wheat is ripe," sai	d the Little Red Hen. "Who will <i>cut</i> the wheat?"
"Not I," said the Duck.	"Not I," said the Cat.	"Not I," said the Dog.
"Then I will," said the Little Red Hei	n. And she did.	
When the wheat was cut, the Little	e Red Hen said, "Who will <i>thresh</i> ·	the wheat?"
"Not I," said the Duck.	"Not I," said the Cat.	"Not I," said the Dog.
"Then I will," said the Little Red Her	n. And she did.	
When the wheat was threshed, the	Little Red Hen said, "Who will ta	ke this wheat to the <i>mill?</i> "
"Not I," said the Duck.	"Not I," said the Cat.	"Not I," said the Dog.
"Then I will," said the Little Red Her	n. And she did.	
She took the wheat to the mill and	l had it ground into flour. Then sl	ne said, "Who will <i>make this flour into bread?"</i>
"Not I," said the Duck.	"Not I," said the Cat.	"Not I," said the Dog.
"Then I will," said the Little Red Her	n. And she did.	
She made and baked the bread. Th	nen she said, "Who will <i>eat</i> this br	ead?"
"Oh! I will," said the Duck.	"And I will," said the Cat.	"And I will," said the Dog.
"No, No!" said the Little Red Hen. "	/will do that." And she did.	

If you came up in certain generations you're familiar with this old fable, often a vehicle for talking up the values of having a robust work ethic and spirit of volunteerism. Now let's imagine this fable with a different ending: Hen's final question of who would eat the bread that she alone had conceived of and labored to produce would be answered by the Lord: 'Well done, thou good and faithful Hen.'

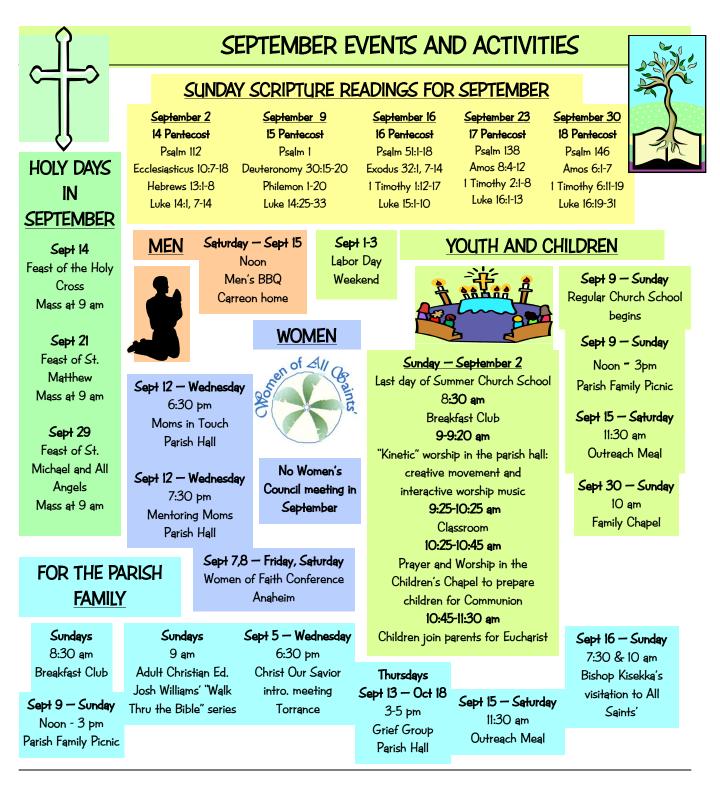
Now let's view ourselves at the end of an All Saints' effort, say for example the birthing of our new daughter-church, or perhaps the teaching of the next generation. Ask yourself: will my voice be that of Hen? or will it be of her companions who stood by while she did the work, then wanted in on the glory train at the end because, after all, we live on the same farm with Hen and somehow her good review should throw reflected glory on us? Ask yourself if you are doing the work of tithing that the Lord has called you to do. This is not a job someone else does for us at All Saints'; each of us must take an active role. While the Lord does not need our money, He does demand our *individual* and corporate obedience. Your obedience doesn't cover the person next to you in the pew; his tithing doesn't in any way make up for you or the person in front of him; and so on.

Do we want to be standing nearby when the Lord comes to assess? It's pretty clear that if we don't individually participate in making this loaf of bread, we won't be invited to the table. That is not a meal we want to miss.

Work ethic and volunteerism are noble. But read the story again and imagine a Divine storyteller's voice. When it touches you, get a hold of someone at church to talk about how you can help to till the soil, plant the grain, harvest, grind, bake, and yes, eat the bread. You will be doubly fed.







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Clergy	Staff	Parish Vestry		Schedule of Services	
Rector: Fr. William A. Thompson Associate Rector: Fr. Donald K. White Assistant Priest: Fr. Elias Eniade Associate Rector Emeritus: Fr. Robert C. Woodfield Assisting Priests: Fr. Dale Smith Fr. Earl Heverly	Youth Pastor: Donna Foster Pastor of Lay Ministry Development: Susan White Treasurer: Joe Bayley Assistant to the Treasurer: Randi Thornburg Adminstrator: Ruth Norman Chancellor: Lynn Moyer Choral Director: Cindy Drennan	Senior Warden: Jim Di Giovanna Junior Warden: Todd Jones Clerk: Jenna Vazquez	Vestry Members: Chris Carreon Bill Davidson Don Eriksen Suzann Farrell Laurel Howat Valerie Kamikubo Margaret Lovett David Thornburg Joshua Williams Tom Winfrey	Sundays7:30 & 10 am Mondays10:00 am Tuesdays6:30 am Wednesdays6:00 pm Thursdays10:00 am Fridays9:00 am Saturdays9:00 am	Morning Prayer: 15 minutes before Eucharist on weekdays; 7:10 Sundays Evening Prayer: 5:45 or 15 minutes before Eucharist, Monday through Friday.

ALL SAINTS' - SEPTEMBER 2007								
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