

# THE WEEKLY EPISTLE

Easter III † MAY 8, 2011

Dear Friends,

Well, it's been quite a week since the news of Osama bin Laden's demise broke last Sunday night. The strength of people's reaction has been the story within the story, and the question for us is, how we view it through the lens of the Christian faith, and in particular, the lens of Easter. The answer is far from easy, although some will be quick to claim that it is. If the Spirit moves, some of this may find its way into the sermon on Sunday, so I hope you will be here.

In the meantime, life goes on. Congratulations to Stephen Tharp, who has been named International Performer of the Year by the New York Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. We are uniquely blessed to have musicians of Stephen Tharp and Patrick Allen's caliber at the organ bench on Sundays. If you think they sound good now, just wait till we get them a real organ! Construction of the Grace Church Bicentennial Organ is well under way at the workshop of Taylor and Boody, with installation set to occur here in the summer of 2012.

Also, don't forget to RSVP for Springtime Cocktails on the lawn, Thursday, May 12 at 6 pm. Email [gracechurchsvp@gmail.com](mailto:gracechurchsvp@gmail.com) and let us know that you will be attending. The agenda is purely social to help us get to know one another and develop a closer parish family.

See you in church.

The Rev. J. Donald Waring  
Rector

**9:00 am**

**Holy Eucharist, Rite II**

Sermon: The Rev. J. Donald Waring

Music: The Parish Choir

*Nursery care for children ages 0-3*

*Sunday School for children ages 3-8 at 9:00 am*

**11:00 am**

**Morning Prayer, Rite I and Sermon**

Sermon: The Rev. J. Donald Waring

Music: The Choir of Men and Boys and The Girls' Choir

*Nursery care for children ages 0-3*

*Sunday School for children ages 3-8 during the sermon*

**6:00 pm**

**Holy Eucharist, Rite II in the Chantry**

Sermon: The Rev. Joshua Saxe

Music: Hymns with instrumentalists

**SUNDAY, MAY 8**

**TO ALL MOTHERS** in our midst, in our minds, and in our hearts today - we give thanks for the countless ways that God has shined his love upon the world through you.

**STEPHEN THARP NAMED INTERNATIONAL PERFORMER OF THE YEAR** for 2011 by the New York City Chapter of the American Guild Organists. This award was created in 1978 to recognize excellence in organ performance and to increase public awareness of the organ and its performers. The award is the highest honor bestowed by the New York City Chapter and is the only award of its type in the United States. Bravo Stephen!

**THE SUNDAY FORUM: THE RESURRECTION NARRATIVES OF THE GOSPELS 10 am** Each week we will consider a different Easter passage from Matthew, Mark, Luke, or John, with regard to classic interpretations, the latest scholarship, and how these texts have inspired faith. This week the Rector will lead a discussion on the well known Easter story of the Road to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35). Reception Room, refreshments are served.

**2040 CLUB MAY BRUNCH** – Join us on Sunday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at Jack, 80 University Place @11<sup>th</sup> Street. We'll meet at the restaurant at 1 pm. If you plan on attending, RSVP to [mhooper@gracechurchnyc.org](mailto:mhooper@gracechurchnyc.org). See you there!

**PLEASE JOIN US IN TUTTLE HALL AFTER CHURCH** for coffee and fellowship after the 9 and 11 am services before you go on your way. **LIKE TO HELP?** Our small group of 11 am Hospitality volunteers would love to welcome new helpers! To donate bite-sized (savory or sweet) treats or to assist with serving, please sign up on the bulletin board (near the ladies room) or e-mail (Dana) [danafoote1@me.com](mailto:danafoote1@me.com) or (Charlotte) [charbarnard@yahoo.com](mailto:charbarnard@yahoo.com).

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** for children ages 3-8 takes place at both the 9 and 11 am services. At 9 am, parents may drop children off at the classrooms near Tuttle Hall. Children then rejoin their parents in time to receive Communion. At 11 am, parents and children begin together in the church, and children follow the crucifer to their classes during the sermon. On 11 am Holy Eucharist Sundays, children in 11am Sunday school return to church for Communion. On all other Sundays, children may be picked up from their classrooms after the service. For more information, contact Maura Hooper at (212) 254-2000 x113 or [mhooper@gracechurchnyc.org](mailto:mhooper@gracechurchnyc.org). **NURSERY CARE** is available for children ages 0-3 during both the 9 and 11 am services. Take the Parish House elevator to the basement level.

**ASSISTED LISTENING DEVICES** are available for the 11am service from any usher.

**CENTERING PRAYER 5 pm** – This Christian meditation practice described by Father Thomas Keating in his book *Open Mind, Open Heart* is facilitated by Joe Budenholzer in the 3rd Floor Conference Room.

#### **THE WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY, MAY 9**

**OUTREACH MONDAY POTLUCK SUPPER** will take place this month on Monday, May 9<sup>th</sup>. We meet in the church for a brief prayer service (come through the 802 door) at 6:30 and then move to Tuttle Hall for dinner. Please bring a dish to share if you care to, otherwise just your concern for the poor and the homeless of the city. Contact Linda Bartholomew [lbartholomew@gracechurchnyc.org](mailto:lbartholomew@gracechurchnyc.org) for more information.

**THE DAILY OFFICE OF MORNING PRAYER** is celebrated each Tuesday from 7:15 – 8 am in the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor conference room. Newcomers are always welcome.

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** is held on Wednesdays from 10-11:30. Newcomers are always welcome. Contact Linda Bartholomew at [lbartholomew@gracechurchnyc.org](mailto:lbartholomew@gracechurchnyc.org) for more information.

**HOLY EUCHARIST WEDNESDAYS** at 6 pm – Celebrate in the Chantry with hymns and homily. This Wednesday's preacher is The Rev. Stephen Arbogast.

**SPRINGTIME COCKTAILS ON THE LAWN** On Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup> please join us for a festive cocktail party for adult parishioners on the Rectory Lawn. We'll enjoy fellowship, drinks and light hors d'oeuvres from 6 pm until sundown. Admission is free, but you must RSVP by Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> to [gracechurchsvp@gmail.com](mailto:gracechurchsvp@gmail.com) to be added to the guest list.

#### **NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 15**

**BISHOP DONOVAN TO VISIT** – The Rt. Rev. Herbert Donovan, Assisting Bishop of New York, will be with us at Grace Church for Confirmation at the 11 am service. Bishop Donovan will also be the speaker at the Sunday Forum at 10 am in the Reception Room.

**EXCERPTS FROM HANDEL'S MESSIAH PART III** will be sung by the Adult Choir with the Parish Choir as part of Choral Evensong on Sunday May 15<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm.

## **COMING SOON**

**OPEN DOOR VOLUNTEER CELEBRATION/OPEN HOUSE** - The Open Door Ministry coordinates volunteers who greet visitors, answer questions, and offer walking tours of Grace Church. Join us to learn more about our fun and wonderful volunteer opportunities, as we celebrate 1 year since relaunch. Hosted by the Rev. Linda Bartholomew on Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. RSVP by Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup> to Singleton Cox at [singleton.cox@gmail.com](mailto:singleton.cox@gmail.com).

**THE NEXT OPPORTUNITY FOR BAPTISM** will be on Pentecost Sunday, June 12 at the 11 am service. Contact The Rev. Ted Pardoe at [tpardoe@gracechurchnyc.org](mailto:tpardoe@gracechurchnyc.org) for information on infant or adult baptism.

## **MUSIC**

Please check ahead; programs are subject to the celebration of special liturgies and other observances (call 212-254-2000/6).

**CHORAL EVENSONG** with the Junior Choristers is held each Tuesday at 6 pm.

**BACH AT NOON** – The organ compositions of Johann Sebastian Bach are played between 12:20 and 12:50 p.m. every Tuesday through Friday in the Chantry.

**AFTERNOON ORGAN MEDITATION SERIES** - Held each Saturday & Sunday at 4 pm in the Church through May 29<sup>th</sup>.

**THE PARISH CHOIR WANTS YOU** to come sing with them! Rehearse with the Parish Choir at 8:15 a.m. on Sunday mornings and sing at the 9 a.m. Rite II Eucharist. If you have ever thought about joining a choir, this choir is for you! Families are most welcome. Contact Dr. Patrick Allen at [pallen@gracechurchnyc.org](mailto:pallen@gracechurchnyc.org) to sign up.

## **OUTREACH**

**FOOD DONATIONS** for local food pantries may be placed in the baskets in the narthex. Please be as generous as you can!

**ARE YOU READY FOR THE GO Project TUTOR experience?!** The GO Project provides critical year-round educational and family support to public elementary school children who are performing below grade level. We are seeking dedicated volunteers interested in contributing their time and talents to our weekday (Wednesday 3-5 pm) or Saturday (9:30 am to 12:30 pm) tutoring program to provide students with individualized instruction. Help make a positive impact in a child's life! For more information, please contact Olivia Nunez, at [goprojecttutor@gmail.com](mailto:goprojecttutor@gmail.com).

## **PARISH LIFE**

**THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF NY INVITES YOU** to come and celebrate the 15th anniversary of the consecration of The Rt. Rev. Catherine S. Roskam as Bishop in the Church of God on Saturday, May 14 at 10:30 am at the Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine. A reception with refreshments and entertainment will follow the service. For further information or directions: [info@stjohndivine.org](mailto:info@stjohndivine.org).

**RESTORATION UPDATE:** We have now completed Phase 2 of the interior restoration. Some detail work remains in the north and south chancel aisles (on either side of the choir), but the plaster, stained glass, and stone have otherwise been restored to their original condition. Thanks to all who pledged to the Bicentennial Capital Campaign to make this work possible. Phase 3 will now commence, and include the same type of work in the choir and sanctuary (altar area). The great window rising above the altar (known as the Te Deum window) is not only the largest and the oldest window in the church; it has also been moved twice when the church was lengthened in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century. For this window to be saved, it must be completely rebuilt at considerably greater expense than originally anticipated. **IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE IN OUR ONGOING RESTORATION EFFORTS**, please place your check made out to "Saving Grace" in the collection plate or in the mail to Grace Church, 802 Broadway, New York, NY 10003. You may also give online at [www.gracechurchnyc.org](http://www.gracechurchnyc.org) (click GIVE, scroll down to SAVING GRACE). Please be as generous as you can!

**IF YOU HAVE NOT YET MADE A 2011 PLEDGE**, we are counting on you to do so! Please mail your pledge card today, or make your pledge online by visiting [www.gracechurchnyc.org](http://www.gracechurchnyc.org) (click GIVE). If you have any questions about pledging, please feel free to contact Stacie Styles at 212-254-2000 x119 or [sstyles@gracechurchnyc.org](mailto:sstyles@gracechurchnyc.org).

**SUMMER CAMP FOR YOUR CHILD?** Incarnation Camp offers an abundance of spiritually rich and fun activities for children and teenagers. Located only 2 hours outside Manhattan, it is a camp adventure close to home.

Incarnation is a values oriented camp, which makes chapel and grace at mealtimes an integral part of the fun. For more information, you can visit their website at [www.incarnationcamp.org](http://www.incarnationcamp.org), or email Maura Hooper at [mhooper@gracechurchnyc.org](mailto:mhooper@gracechurchnyc.org).

**FOLLOW GRACE CHURCH** on Facebook (<http://www.facebook.com/gracechurchnyc>) and Twitter (@GraceChurchNYC) thanks to our terrific volunteer tech team: David Verchere, Amanda Cochran and Andrea Nielsen!

**TAKE A GUIDED WALKING TOUR** of Grace Church on the first and third Sundays of the month at 1pm. The tours last about 15 minutes and highlight Grace's history and architecture. Self-guided cell phone tours are also available anytime the Church is open to visitors.

**TO ADD A NAME TO THE PRAYER LIST** please contact Jennifer Metz at [jmetz@gracechurchnyc.org](mailto:jmetz@gracechurchnyc.org) or 212-254-2000 x100 by Wednesday at 5 pm. Names will be read during the services for four weeks unless otherwise specified.