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GRACE CHURCH

in New York City



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**April 20th is
Grace Church
Saturday
@ the GO Project**



Sunday, April 14th 2013

The Third Sunday of Easter



Dear Friends,

If you ever find yourself not tracking with the Sunday sermon, you can always open up the Book of Common Prayer in the pew rack. If you turn towards the back you will find some documents in small print that may help you pass the time! On page 864, I challenge you to read the Chalcedonian definition of the divine and human natures in Christ without becoming dizzy. On page 876 you can read The Chicago-Lambeth Quadrilateral, a statement that serves as the basis for the Episcopal Church's ecumenical dialogue with other religious bodies. It was written largely by William Reed Huntington, the 6th Rector of Grace Church. On page 845 the print is thankfully larger for An Outline of the Faith, set forth in question-answer form. If you forge ahead to the top of page 855 you will see: **Q:** What is the mission of the Church? **A:** *The mission of the Church is to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ.*

At a recent meeting of the Vestry our focus was nothing less than the mission of the church. Why is Grace Church here, and what are we supposed to be doing with our substantial presence on this

FIVE MORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Help local elementary school students achieve and succeed.

A perfect opportunity to pitch in is coming soon: Grace Church Saturday at the GO Project on April 20th from 9 am - 12:45 pm (at Grace Church School)! A few more Grace Church volunteers are needed, so please contact [Olivia Nunez](#) or call 347-377-2317 to sign up. Visit www.goprojectnyc.org to learn more about GO.

Close your day with a beautiful TUESDAY EVENSONG

At 6 pm the combined **Junior Boy and Girl Choristers** offer Choral Evensong in the Chantry. This thirty minute Choral Office features **a soprano setting of the Magnificat and Nunc dimittis as well as sung prayers, a Psalm and a favorite treble anthem by the choristers** each week.

Please bring a friend and come to the beautiful setting of the Chantry at the close of the work day, when GCS is in session, each Tuesday through May 21st.

busy location at 10th and Broadway. We spent a good bit of time with the Prayer Book's answer, keying in on the words *all people, each other, and Christ*.

One thing we were clear about is that our committee structure needs revitalization. Most often it is through the various committees of the church that we pursue our central mission. Some of our committees are active and functioning, others have become less so through the period of building restoration from which we are now emerging. In all we identified 15 program and administrative committees, and our goal is to have every Vestry member serving on an active committee. We also want to cast our nets upon the deep waters of our membership, and catch you up into the work of God's kingdom. Let me tease you with just a few of the program committees to see who may be interested: Adult Education, Children and Youth, Outreach, Newcomers, Parish Life, Technology and Communication. If you think you may have some talents to share to help build up the people of God, let me know and we will find you a place to serve.

See you in church

[The Rev. J. Donald Waring](#)
Rector

This Sunday, April 14, 2013

9 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Sermon: The Rev. J. Donald Waring
Music: The Parish Choir

11 a.m. Morning Prayer and Sermon

Sermon: The Rev. J. Donald Waring
Music: The Girls' Choir with Adults

6 p.m. Holy Eucharist, in the Chantry

Sermon: The Rev. Rebecca Myers
Music: Hymns with instrumentalists

THE SUNDAY FORUM 10 AM RESUMES with the Most Rev. Dr. Peter Carnley speaking on the Resurrection.

Dr. Carnley was the Archbishop of Perth and later the Primate of the Anglican Church of Australia. He was the first bishop to ordain women to the priesthood in Australia, and has been a leading edge theologian on a number of fronts. He is the author of *The Structure of Resurrection Belief* and other works. Don't miss this opportunity to engage with a distinguished scholar and guest. We meet in Tuttle Hall. Coffee is served.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES FOR YOUTH AND ADULTS BEGIN

TODAY - Classes will meet Sundays from 12:45 - 1:45 pm and be led by the clergy in preparation for the bishop's visit on Sunday June 16th. Those who have already registered for the Youth and Adult classes will meet today in the Reception Room for a light lunch together, and then break for their separate sessions. If you are still interested in signing up for youth classes (7th-10th grade) contact Melissa Spindler at mspindler@gracechurchnyc.org. To sign up for adult classes, contact the Rev. Stephen Holton at sholton@gracechurchnyc.org.

ACOLYTE MEETING for those who serve at the 11 am service. Have a quick snack at coffee hour, and then join the Rector at the high altar by 12:30 pm. Note: Those of you who will be starting Confirmation class are excused from the acolyte practice!

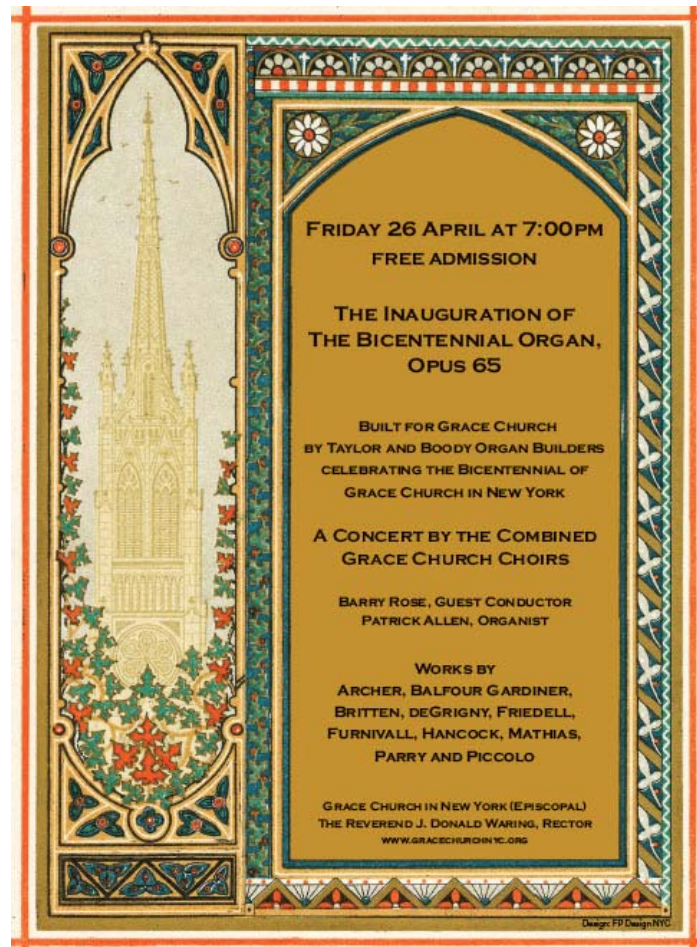
20s30s BRUNCH - We'll stay close to home this month and go to JACK Bistro, at the corner of University Place and 11th Avenue. Leave from Grace at about 12:55, or meet at the restaurant for a 1 pm reservation listed under Grace. *RSVP to Melissa is REQUIRED by 5pm on Friday, April 12: mspindler@gracechurchnyc.org.*

CHEF JUDE SHEEHAN: A COOKING DEMONSTRATION

Sponsored by the ECW and open to all parishioners, including men! Chef Jude (of Grace Church School) has kindly donated his time to demonstrate the making of 3 different kinds of bruschetta. There will be a tasting and handout of recipes. Admission "fee" is a non-perishable item for the Grace Church Food Drive. (A whole bag of food is even better!) The fun begins at 1 pm in Tuttle Hall.

SERMON DIALOGUE - Have you ever had questions about the sermon? The preacher at tonight's 6 pm service is seminarian, the Rev. Rebecca Myers. As part of her theological training, Rebecca is seeking feedback on her preaching. Stay after the service for fellowship and a talk with Rebecca about her sermon.

ANNOUNCING...OPUS 65!



This will be the first of many dedicatory events surrounding the new organ. Bring your family and friends and plan to enjoy this very special evening of sacred song accompanied by the new organ! **LET MUSIC BE THE FOOD OF LOVE, PLAY (SING) ON!** This is our musical banner going forward. **We invite everyone who attends to bring a dry good to help feed the hungry of our city.**

COMING SOON

APR 17 - WEDNESDAY NIGHT BOOK STUDY BEGINS On Wednesday evenings at 7 pm (directly after the 6 pm Eucharist), the Rev. Sarah Anne Wood will lead a series of discussions on Monica A. Coleman's [Not Alone: Reflections on Faith and Depression](#). This text is an exceptional devotional sure to open up reflection on our daily journeys, moments in our lives always in conversation with "Our Father who is in heaven," with the Scriptures' expression, as well as in our living together in holy fellowship. All are welcome! Books will be available

for purchase. (Five sessions: April 17, 24, May 1, 15, and 22)

APR 20 - GRACE CHURCH SATURDAY AT THE GO PROJECT

(See details in the sidebar above, and consider joining in!)

APR 21 - ACOLYTE MEETING for those who serve at the 9 am service. Please meet the Rector by the baptismal font immediately following the 9 am service.

APR 21 - THE SUNDAY FORUM 10 AM the Rev. Rebecca Myers recounts in words and images her journey to the site of one of the early resurrection appearances of Jesus - Road to Emmaus. Rebecca will facilitate a discussion, and we'll explore how Jesus becomes known to us in the "breaking of the bread."

APR 26 - THE INAUGURATION OF THE BICENTENNIAL ORGAN, Opus 65 (details above)

APR 27 - 20s30s TRIVIA NIGHT - 6th Annual City Wide All Episcopal 20s/30s Trivia Night Fundraiser! Saturday, 6:30-9:30, at St. James' Church, 865 Madison Ave at 71st St. \$25 includes dinner, games & prizes. BYOB. All contributions will go to the NY Library Association Sandy Relief Fund. RSVP to [Melissa](#) ASAP!

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