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GRACE CHURCH

in New York City



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Parents of school-aged children (2-16) are invited to participate in a monthly evening of

Sunday, May 12, 2013

The Seventh Sunday of Easter



Dear Friends,

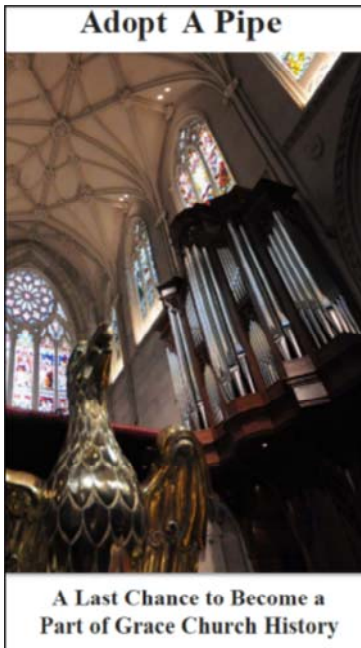
This coming Sunday goes by a number of names. It is the Seventh Sunday of Easter, which is commonly called Ascension Sunday. It is also Mother's Day, and the Diocese of New

York is asking us to add yet one more theme to the day: Episcopal Charities Sunday. To that end you will find an envelope in your bulletin in hopes that you might make a donation above and beyond what you normally put in the offering plate.

You might ask: what is Episcopal Charities, and why should I make an offering? Episcopal Charities is the outreach arm of the diocese, helping to fund 93 parish based programs, including our own GO Project. Many of these parish based programs are soup kitchens and food pantries. In recent years, dramatic funding cuts, especially in government grants, have reduced the capacity of these programs to feed hungry people. At the same time, the number of hungry people is on the rise, and some agencies have seen a 10-20% increase in the number of people coming to their doors for assistance. Episcopal Charities keeps these programs going, and at the same time, strengthens

conversation with their peers.

Mark your calendars for **Monday, May 20th at 7pm**. Details to follow. Email Melissa for more information.



Just in time for the glorious planned Exhibition on September 21st - the event that will serve as **the capstone of our new organ's installation - the names of Adopt a Pipe donors will be inscribed** on special plaques affixed to the organ case.

Only a few weeks remain to honor or memorialize a loved one through our [Adopt A Pipe program](#).

[Click here today!](#)

the life, witness, and ministry of neighborhood Episcopal churches.

Please make use of the envelope on Sunday, perhaps even making a gift in honor of your mother. 100% of what you give goes directly to helping someone make it through the day and reach for a better life. To learn more about Episcopal Charities, visit their website at <http://episcopalcharities-newyork.org/>.

See you in church.

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

This Sunday, May 12, 2013

9 a.m. Holy Eucharist and Sermon
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 Choir of Men and Boys
with The Girls' Choir

6 p.m. Holy Eucharist, in the Chantry
Sermon: The Rev. Mary Cat Young
Music: Hymns with instrumentalists

HAPPY MOTHERS DAY 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.

BRAVO! 7 NEW SENIOR CHORISTERS ELEVATED at the 11 am service today. Congratulations to our newest Senior Choristers who have been leading with strength and joy in the Junior Chorister services, rehearsals and concert this year! BOYS: Luke Waring. GIRLS: Taylor Cave, Katherine Overmyer, Emma Slibeck, Katharine Sorensen, Clementine Toms, Samantha Zaccaro.

to choose from popular giving levels like Donor (\$500), Friend (\$250), and Contributor (\$100).

Pipes are available at every level, but in order for your name to be engraved on the plaque, you must respond by Sunday, June 16! Visit www.gracechurchnyc.org (click GIVE - ADOPT A PIPE) today!

New to Grace? We'd love to meet you!

Come to meet others, relax at day's end and catch the spirit of Grace Church! **All newcomers to Grace Church in the past year are invited** to a wine and cheese reception on Thursday, May 23 from 6-8 pm in the Reception Room.

To help us with planning, we ask you to [RSVP](#), including the number in your party, by Monday, May 20.

MISSION TRIP TO WEST VIRGINIA...

is being planned for the week of October 6. If you would like to participate, please sign up now so we can begin to schedule projects and line up materials. Contact [the Rev. Stephen Holton](#).

Episcopal Diocese of New

MAY 12 - EPISCOPAL CHARITIES SUNDAY - This day, to be observed across the diocese, provides a wonderful opportunity for parishioners to join together to help those most in need. 100% of each offering goes directly to support parish-based feeding programs in the diocese. To donate online, click [here](#).

MAY 12 - THE SUNDAY FORUM 10 AM - IN TOLSTOY'S LIVING REALM New School professors Nicholas Birns and Sara Winter discuss *In Tolstoy's Living Realm*, Winter's new film on Leo Tolstoy, his love of the natural world and his deep Christian faith. Takes place in Tuttle Hall; coffee is served. NEXT WEEK, MAY 19 - TOLSTOY'S ALYOSHA THE POT Continuing our exploration of Tolstoy's Christianity, Nicholas Birns presents Tolstoy's masterful short story, *Alyosha the Pot* - a very short story of a very short yet meaningful life. Held in Tuttle Hall; coffee is served.

CONFIRMATION CLASS FOR YOUTH AND ADULTS is suspended today, and on May 26 (Memorial Day weekend). The final two classes will be held on May 19 and June 2.

COMING SOON

MAY 14 - OPEN DOOR MINISTRY SPRING RECEPTION - All current and prospective members are invited to attend the Spring Reception on Tuesday, May 14 from 7-9 pm in the Reception Room. Members of the group give their time (just 2 hours per month!) to answer questions and provide a friendly welcome to weekend visitors to Grace Church. No experience is necessary! Contact [Singleton Cox](#) with any questions.

MAY 18 - QUIET DAY WITH MARY MAGDALENE Sponsored by the ECW and hosted by Artist and Spiritual Director, Heather Sisk, with Poet MacKerrow Talcott. The day will involve **meditating on sculpture and poetry dedicated to the life and witness of Mary Magdalene**. We'll draw away from the sensational aspects of her story and into deeper relationship with the Spirit. Periods of quiet will allow for prayer and or journaling. Please bring a journal and a lunch, and join us on Saturday May 18th from 10 am-3 pm in the Reception Room.

MAY 20 - FAMILY FAITH FORUM - See box at left.

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Bishop Suffragan**

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information and
forms.**

MAY 23 - NEWCOMER RECEPTION - See left.

MAY 30 - ECW PARISH WIDE MEETING - All women of Grace Church are invited to this meeting at 6:30 pm in the Reception Room. Bring a "lite bite" for the table if you are able. No pressure! Please try to attend this last meeting before the summer. On the agenda: "Women's work days" for June and July! Christmas Fair 2013 and much more!

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