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in New York City



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Those who wish to make a contribution to help the people of Saint Sava Cathedral, the **Serbian Orthodox cathedral which was destroyed by fire on May 1**, are invited to do so by clicking [here](#). You may also

May 15, 2016

The Day of Pentecost: Whitsunday



Dear Friends,

Have you ever been in "the doldrums?" Last weekend I noticed the early, telltale signs that I was coming down with a head cold. Sure enough, by Monday morning my voice had dropped an octave, my sinuses were clogged, and I went

through the next few days with what seemed to be half of my usual level of energy. I had no spring in my step, no wind at my back. Fortunately, the cold seems to have been a mild one (and it may have been simply seasonal allergies), so I am back to my cheerful self, even without the benefit of decongestants!

The doldrums is originally a nautical term that refers to a belt of motionless air that surrounds the equator. In olden days when ships were powered by wind alone, sailors dreaded venturing into the doldrums because they could languish there for weeks. Over time the doldrums came to refer to any low-energy, listless period in our personal lives when it seems that our "get up and go" has got up and gone. It can also be an apt metaphor in the Christian life.

This coming Sunday is the Day of Pentecost, one of the three highest feast days of the Christian year (the other two being Easter and Christmas). Pentecost celebrates the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the first few weeks after Easter, the disciples of Jesus were in the doldrums. Yes, they had experienced the resurrection, but it was all very confusing and hard to grasp. They didn't know what to do. If you

give by *check* clearly marked for Saint Sava, payable to "Episcopal Diocese of New York," and mailed to Diocesan Controller, Episcopal Diocese of New York, 1047 Amsterdam Ave, New York, NY, 10025.

SAVE THE DATE!
JUNE 12



(Details under "Coming Soon" below.)

read John 21, it seems that Peter was simply prepared to go back to his old way of life prior to meeting Jesus. "I am going fishing," he said before an evening on the sea in which he caught nothing. Forty days after Easter, the appearances of the risen Jesus altogether. Was that the end of it? Was there anything more?

Ten days later the disciples would have an answer. While gathered together they all experienced an infusion of life and power. It was the Spirit of God. It was the Spirit they knew in Jesus. The experience was such that words could not capture it, so they reached for metaphors, one of which was wind. Suddenly a strong, steady wind filled their sails and powered them out of the doldrums. The church became a ship on the move, sailing towards a sacred destination, with as many on board as we can gather.

This Sunday we will praise the Spirit of God, who is like wind in our sails, fire in our hearth, and breath in our lungs. My prayer is that presence of God is something that you taste, and see, and feel.

See you in church.

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

Tickets Available for Tonight and Tomorrow!

Please pray for...



Those who suffer

William Sussman
Pearl Bennett

THE CHORAL SOCIETY of Grace Church in New York BROADWAY AT TENTH STREET
JOHN MACLAY, MUSIC DIRECTOR

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FRIDAY, MAY 13, 2016 AT 8:00 PM
SATURDAY, MAY 14, 2016 AT 3:00 PM

TICKETS: \$30 | WWW.THECHORALSOCIETY.ORG

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This Sunday

The Day of Pentecost: Whitsunday

9 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Joshua Glenn
 Davida Judelson
 Janet Charles
 Alexa Koike
 Roger Smith and his
 mother
 Jerry Stripling
 Bill Nave
 Greg Gillies
 Josephine Ferraiuolo
 Howard Small
 Trish Lawrence
 Paul Tillotson

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

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist & Baptism

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


6 p.m. Holy Eucharist, in the Chantry

Sermon: The Rev. Stephen C. Holton
 Music: Hymns with Instrumentalists

and those who have died.

NO SUNDAY FORUM TODAY – today's 10 am Sunday Forum (WALKING THE WAY with the Rev. John Wirenius) is postponed until JUNE 5th. Join us for coffee and treats in Tuttle Hall immediately after the 9 am service.

May 21



Next build day!
 Details under
 "Coming Soon."
 (Or click image to sign up)

YOUTH GROUP @4:30 PM – The Rev. Chase Danford invites youth in grades 7–12 to gather for snacks and conversation this Sunday, May 15 from 4:30 – 5:45 pm. We'll meet in the 3rd Floor Conference Room. [Email Fr. Chase](#) with any questions.

Coming Soon

MAY 21 – COME AND BUILD WITH US! Grace Church is overjoyed to be partnering with Habitat for Humanity to rehabilitate a condemned house in Laurelton, Queens for a family in need. Our **next build date is May 21**. To register and sign up, click [HERE](#). Questions? Contact the Rev. Stephen Holton [HERE](#).

MAY 21–22 – NY LANDMARKS CONSERVANCY'S SACRED SITES OPEN HOUSE WEEKEND – Each spring congregations throughout the State participate so

neighbors can experience first-hand the wonderful architecture and history embodied in New York's Sacred Sites – while also learning about the religious and social programming provided within. Grace Church will again participate with guided tours provided by our Open Door volunteers on Sat and Sunday, May 21–22. For more information, please visit: www.nylandmarks.org.

MAY 22 – TODAY WE WELCOME THE RT. REV. MARY D. GLASSPOOL, the newly arrived Assistant Bishop in the Diocese of New York. Bishop Glasspool will preside over Confirmations, preach the sermon, and celebrate the Eucharist at the 11 am service. A festive reception will follow in Tuttle Hall.

MAY 29 – FAREWELL TO THE REV. GRETCHEN RATTEREE, our Pastoral Resident for the past year. Join us at coffee hour after the 11 am service to wish her well.

JUNE 5 – FAREWELL TO THE REV. STEPHEN HOLTON
Join us for a festive coffee hour after the 11 am service to say farewell to the Rev. Stephen Holton, Associate Rector since 2012.

JUNE 5 – WALKING THE WAY: CHARLES GORE, LIBERAL ANGLO-CATHOLICISM, AND SOCIAL JUSTICE – THE SUNDAY FORUM @10AM. *Led by the Rev. John Wirenius, lawyer, constitutional scholar, Deacon, novelist.* One of the founders of the Second Oxford Movement, Bishop Charles Gore was a passionate defender of free scientific inquiry, individual conscience, and social justice. These views often brought him into conflict with the ecclesiastical authorities of his age but stemmed from his belief that doctrine was secondary to a commitment to a Christian life--what he called walking "the Way," as the Early Church called the Jesus Movement. We explore how Gore's belief in a very traditional Christian life and

liturgy led to a lifetime of commitment to social justice.

JUNE 7 – COME JOIN THE OPEN DOOR

VOLUNTEERS for their spring reception! Open Door volunteers are **friendly folks who give 2 hours per month on a weekend afternoon to provide a welcome** and answer basic questions for weekend visitors to Grace Church. They also participate in special events such as "Sacred Sites Open House" listed above! Interested? Come and meet current volunteers and learn more! Or sign up to sit with an experienced volunteer during the month of May and give it a try. Tues, June 7th in the Reception Room 7–9 pm. Dinner will be served. *Please contact Singleton Cox [here](#) for more info or to RSVP for the reception.*

JUNE 12 – THE ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC AND CHOIR RECOGNITION SUNDAY – Grace Church parishioners and friends are welcome and encouraged to come to Huntington Close following the 11 am service! Join us in celebration of the choir ministries of Grace Church and to help bring our program year to a joyous and festive close. Suggested donation at the door is \$10 per person. There are many ways to support this event, from food and drink donations to volunteering, so please [contact the Rev. Chase Danford](#). The day's festive spirit will continue with the 6 pm service, after which we'll enjoy fellowship and refreshments outside the Chantry on Huntington Close.

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