



For All the Saints

November 2013

Dear Friends,

After two weekends with special programs, there were plenty of people to thank. Chris Harris, the impresario who brought us the singers of LYRA, thanked all who helped make it possible for them to be here, especially by providing places to stay. A week later, Rich Johnson's theater company, Triskelion, put on four performances of "Chamber of Horrors," and he had a long list of people to thank. Parishioners helped with set-up and clean-up, refreshments, and the show itself. It was inspiring to hear about so many people helping – several on both weekends.

Our soon-to-be Bishop (on November 2nd) Chip Stokes, has said, "You cannot be a church of one." That is true on several levels. In a practical sense, it would be impossible. A church community is multi-faceted, composed of as many intricate shapes and designs as a stained glass window, and it takes the whole community working together in order to get things done. That is the practical side.

Then, as Christians, we are always meant to come together. We are meant to be working together, sharing our gifts, supporting one another, and embracing community. One part of the Baptismal Covenant that we promise to uphold reminds us of the need to "continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers." In other words, be an active participant in the worshipping community.

All Saints' Day is about bringing everyone together. It is a major church feast that celebrates boundaries being swept away, as past, present and future are all seen as one -- "the great cloud of witnesses" who have come before us, who live now, and who will come forever after. In God's sight, we are together, part of the "one communion and fellowship" we pray about on All Saints'.

"You cannot be a church of one."

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– All Saints' News –

A NOTE FROM MARYROSE CLARK OUR NEW ORGANIST AND CHOIR DIRECTOR

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the very warm welcome I have received upon the beginning of my Music Ministry here at All Saints' Episcopal Church. I am very happy to be here and I am looking forward to meeting all of you.

If you have been thinking about joining the All Saints' Choir, I invite you to give prayerful consideration to doing just that and coming to rehearsal on Thursday night. We rehearse from 8:00 – 9:30 pm. New members are always welcome.

I also want to extend an invitation to all the children of All Saints'. We had a great first rehearsal this past Sunday, and we will continue on with rehearsals at 11:15 am. Our first rehearsal included learning a new song which the children did wonderfully! We had about eight children at our first rehearsal, but there is always room for more – so come and join us!

If you have any questions regarding either of our choirs, or about anything else regarding the Music at All Saints' you are welcome to call me or email me.

Blessings to all!
MaryRose Clark

COME SHARE SUNDAY SUPPER

Our first All Saints' Sunday Supper will be held on November 17th at 4:00 pm. Come, share a meal with your fellow parishioners. Have good conversation and get to know each other better. All are welcome – and we're not asking you to bring anything! Evites to follow.

FIRST THURSDAY DISCUSSION: WHAT DOES THE GOSPEL SAY TO YOU?

This monthly program meets on the first Thursday of the month from 7:00 – 8:00 pm in the Guild Room. **For November, that means Thursday, November 7th.**

The discussion will focus on the Gospel for the following Sunday which is November 10. The Gospel assigned is Luke 20:27-38. The other readings are Job 19:23-27 and Second Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17. Come and share your ideas – then come to church Sunday, hear more about those readings, and see how your thoughts compare.

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3

All Saints' Day is November 1st, and when this major feast day does not fall on a Sunday, it is celebrated throughout the church on the Sunday following. Certainly for us, All Saints' is an important celebration. Join us at 8:00 or 10:00 am. At the 10 o'clock Service we get to sing one of the very best hymns, "For All the Saints," and this year, Holy Baptism. There will be prayers for all those memorialized in the All Saints' list.

The All Saints' Brunch follows the 10 o'clock Service. Please come!

THANKSGIVING DAY WORSHIP, NOVEMBER 28

Whenever Holy Eucharist is celebrated, it is an offering of thanks. On Thanksgiving Day, offer thanks through worship. Our service is at 9:00 am, allowing time for other activities, whether that means getting home to finish cooking, getting on the road for other dinner plans, and/or watching hours and hours of football. And Happy Thanksgiving to all!

CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES

Each year, we pack and send shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse, an organization affiliated with Billy Graham. They ship the boxes to children in war-torn parts of the world, bringing the light of Christ to those who would otherwise have little or no Christmas joy. We have pamphlets suggesting items to include – such things as school supplies, toiletries, small toys, hard candy. Choose the age and gender of the child (or children) you wish to help, and fill boxes accordingly. Decorating (wrapping) the boxes is great, but please don't seal them.

Please bring your boxes here to the church by Sunday, November 17. We will pile them up under the altar during worship – always a splendid sight. Many parishioners began collecting items for shoeboxes last year, but Hurricane Sandy intervened, and this was a project that suffered in the aftermath, so we look forward to a large collection this year.

Any questions, please speak with **Toki Dada**. She will take the boxes from here to the next stop on their journey.

--YOUTH NEWS--

Sunday School Classes

They're well under way. Because the renovations have been delayed, classes have been meeting in Lea Hall, which is, fortunately, large enough to accommodate everyone. Please join in!

And Speaking of Renovations

The lower level of the Parish House is still a work in progress. The flooring has literally been a bump in the road, and once that gets done, other phases of this project should move right along. All the better to anticipate how beautiful it will look!

First Sunday in November, on the 3rd – Christmas Cards for Hospitalized Members of the Armed Services

At the Vestry's mini-retreat in October, a lot of time was spent discussing children's activities, especially the desire for the children to do outreach projects. Our First Sunday Program for November is one – a good thing to do for All Saints' Sunday!

Under the direction of **Liz Trimpin**, the children will make Christmas cards for patients at the Lyons Veterans' Hospital. **Jenny Smith** is a Counselor at the Hospital, and she will be our liaison. We hope for a large turnout on the first Sunday, and there will be further opportunities to make cards during some of the Coffee Hours in November. In early December, Jenny Smith will take all the cards and take them with her to the Hospital.

The Youth Choir is Back!

MaryRose Clark, our new **Organist and Choir Director**, led a spirited and enthusiastic group of young people in their first rehearsal. They're doing Christmas music in preparation for the 5 pm Family Service on Christmas Eve. A good time was had by all – as was pizza! Please, kids, come and sing with MaryRose, Sundays at 11:15 am.

Calling for Acolytes

Young people in sixth grade and above are invited to become Acolytes. It's a whole different view of the worship service. Anyone who is interested should speak with **Clark Landale**.

-- Parishioner Profile --

THE RUSSIANS LOVE THEIR CHILDREN TOO: A SOJOURN TO THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION

By Tom Loop

Thumb-sized pine-cones in honey – mmm, what a crunch! But more on that in a bit. When I say Russia, what comes to mind? If you are of an older generation, like myself, you might think Soviet..Communism..lines..drab apartment buildings..gulags and oppression. What a surprise! My pre-tour of two of the largest cities, St. Petersburg and Moscow, revealed European cities, bustling with cosmopolitan flair: imported cars, Burger Kings (*БУРГЕР КЫНГ* – as it was transliterated into Cyrillic), classy hotels (without the bugged lamps, I think), Boeing aircraft, and *very* impressive subway systems. Ahh, but the Red Star still maintains its stoic perch atop the watchtowers of the Kremlin.

I found the people quite friendly. There seemed to be many foreigners present, but few Americans. My normal reliance in foreign lands on signs and other written cues didn't work well here. With the Cyrillic alphabet, maps and street names were all indecipherable, or required a long stop and stare to figure them out. Fortunately, a bit of prep before leaving and the gentle impetus of SURVIVAL NECESSITY sharpens the senses wonderfully, and for those individual encounters, enough citizens spoke some English in order to understand my basic queries. I would highlight the Hermitage, Kirov Ballet, and palaces of St. Peter, and the somewhat constrained tour of the Kremlin, Church of Our Savior (completely rebuilt after its total destruction by the Communists), St. Basil's Cathedral, and the famed Moscow Circus.

Then it was off to the Caucasuses. A restive region included in the Russian Federation but often at odds with it, is decidedly non-Russian with many different ethnicities and language dialects spoken (17 in one province, by one account). My destination was Mt. Elbrus, an 18,500 foot peak on the border of Russia and Georgia – the boundary of Europe and Asia. Our climbing group met at the regional airport, and soon sped to the little village of Cheget, at the base of Elbrus. On the way we passed pastures, simple block-style buildings, lumbering trucks in the narrow road and the occasional brooding army checkpoint. I thought the camera on our car's dashboard curious, and later found out that it was a common accessory – the easier to prove the other's fault in the inevitable accident on Russia's wild thoroughfares.

Cheget is a small – make that very small – village in a valley at the base of a jagged range including Mt. Elbrus. A small open-air craft market, restaurants and some alpine lodgings define the basic contours of the place, though a turbulent river of an odd coloring courses through the town. Our hotel was so new, the exterior's cinder block still had not been covered with any siding. But there was wi-fi! And plentiful food and drink. By day, we took acclimatization hikes nearby, changing our hiking route in one case to satisfy the vigilant soldiers, and went to local bars at night (the ones that were not Muslim run since they had some prohibitions on alcohol).

Our guide was a young woman of 27, who was extremely capable, having led climbs to the summit more than 100 times. She smoked incessantly – something that shocked me every time she lit another cigarette, given the diminished atmosphere. At day 3, we moved to the Barrel Huts, a collection of steel barrel-shaped bunk rooms for our final preparations for the summit.

The Barrel Huts are reached by ski lift and gondola from the base area. Our intent was to follow the old climbing axiom, “sleep low, climb high,” which gives the body time to adjust to rarefied air and the strenuousness of climbing. Our group had our own chef and hut that served as kitchen and dining area. We’d crowd into the combined area and down steaming bowls of borscht adorned with generous dollops of sour cream, bread with sliced sausages and cheese, and the omnipresent mayonnaise and ketchup – condiments highly prized by the Russians and liberally spread on most any foods.

Finally the night of the ascent arrived. But the weather worsened throughout the night – lightning, thunder, and snow obscured the peak – by 4am, a “No Go” our guide warned, as she felt it was far too dangerous to be exposed on the peak in such conditions. The next night, the weather was clear enough for an attempt. Armed with ice axes, crampons, and harnesses, we worked our silent, plodding way up the mountain at 5am. And it was cold – 15 degrees or so by dawn. By 10am we reached the summit, snapped our pictures and were headed down. We spent just 15 minutes at the summit as there is really not much to do there and the spot is incredibly small. Though it took another three hours to get back to the Huts, we managed to make the base lodge by late afternoon, and a celebratory dinner that night, replete with 5, or was it 8? rounds of Stolichnaya toasts...

As for that honey with pine cones? The *babushki* in the marketplace looked just the picture of local craftwork (even with cellphones ringing among the folds of their aprons) and were proud to present their local concoction. I might even try it in my tea.

By Tom Loop

FAITH STUDY, SUNDAY MORNINGS

A lively and growing group of parishioners has been gathering in the Guild Room from 8:45-9:30 am. The current topic of discussion is a book called, *What Paul Meant*, by Garry Wills, a prolific writer, some of whose books have been studied in the past. This current book is thought-provoking and provocative, resulting in some fascinating discussions. Faith Study meets every Sunday but the first one of the month – so November 10, give it a try.

--The All Saints' Family --

We welcome **MaryRose Clark** as Organist and Choir Director. She comes to us, having served in Lutheran, Roman Catholic and Episcopal churches, and she loves working with both adults and children. (Ask her about her granddaughter!)

When the singers of LYRA were here, they stayed overnight at the homes of parishioners. Thanks to **Anne Goetz, Chris & Cathy Harris, Carol Schirm and Liz Trimpin** for hosting.

THE PIE PIPER IS BACK!

Thanks to some of our best bakers, we are again offering a variety of pies for sale to help with Thanksgiving dessert – and as a fundraiser for the church.

Orders must be placed by November 17th. Pick up your pies Tuesday, November 26th between 10 am and 4 pm. Still available are apple, pecan, pumpkin and sweet potato. All pies are \$15. You may call the office to place your name on the list.

SAVE THE DATE SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14 GALA HOLIDAY DINNER

HAVE YOU SENT IN A PLEDGE?

Although being a good steward means being constantly aware of how we use our time, talent and treasure, so that stewardship is year-round, fall is the time for our annual Stewardship Drive. The mailing went out several weeks ago with pledge cards for calendar year 2014, and we hope the entire parish community will pledge. Giving to one's parish church is, first of all, a spiritual act, a sign of commitment to God. There is also a practical side, because the parish depends on pledge income. Please send in or bring in your pledge card. It will be received with gratitude!

TURN YOUR CLOCK BACK, SATURDAY NOVEMBER 2!

Altar Flowers and Sanctuary Lamp

We invite you to keep fresh Flowers on the altar with a memorial or thanksgiving. The cost is **\$40.00**. Keep the **Sanctuary Lamp** burning for a week to remember loved ones or offer thanksgiving. The lamp is **\$10.00**. **Make checks payable to the Altar Guild** and put in the **memo** line that the check is for flowers or the lamp. Sign up in the narthex, or call the office.

Available Dates

Altar Flowers: November 17

Sanctuary Lamp: November 17, 24

Missionary Outreach

The second Sunday of each month is Sharing Sunday when we ask for donations to help local families through Heart for Humanity.

November – Health & beauty supplies (deodorant, shampoo, soap, toothbrushes (adults and children), toothpaste, mouthwash, floss, cotton balls)

December – Stocking Stuffers

January – Non-perishable snacks: juice boxes, raisins, granola or other bars, crackers, etc.

Please keep our Food Basket filled every Sunday with non-perishable items. This is also a way to help local families through Heart for Humanity.

The Rev. Jane Rockman, *Rector*
MaryRose Clark, *Organist and Choir Director*

The Rev. John R. Neilson, *Rector Emeritus*
Irene Carlucci, *Secretary*
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Charlie Beakes	Todd Bouverot	Lauren DiSarno	Chris Harris
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