

The Disciple

Welcome to the life and ministry of St. John's!

Father Jim Parker



St John's is not asleep this summer! We are moving forward with many activities. We had a Holy Chow gathering at the Chases' home, which was enjoyed by all, and another one is planned for later this summer. The men's group continues to gain momentum each month with new people attending. Our new worship space should be completed by late summer, and Arch Bishop Beach will consecrate it. A blessing of the

animals is being planned in October, and The God and Country gathering at the farmer's market is planned before the presidential election. God continues to bless us, and I thank each person for their participation and input.

God and Country



God and Country Meeting

Monday, July 11, 2016

6:00PM

Tony and Lou's House

Christian Men's Fellowship

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Tuesday, July 12, 2016

6:00 PM

Joiner's Cabin

Grilled Chicken

Just bring a friend and enjoy!

Holy Chow

Join your Church Family on Sunday July 17 at 12PM for inaugural cover dish picnic. Fried chicken and drinks will be provided by St. John's. Bring friends, family and folks who may be interested in the Orthodox tradition of living and learning to live a life in Christ. The excitement is building and St Johns is called to reach out to our community. Get involved and call Lou Chase to help!

BUILDING UPDATE



St. John's new church home is rapidly approaching completion! Thanks be to God for His guidance, His peace and through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit and all those who have kept us in their prayers. Our contractor Clyde Day, our architect Chip Knuth, members of the Building Committee and all of the sub-contractors have worked fluidly together with an incredible spirit of cooperation and enthusiasm. At this date, the Sunday School/Administrative Building woodwork has been stained and completed, the final coat of paint has been applied to the walls and the doors for the respective classrooms and offices are in the process of being stained and will be installed during the week of June 27th. The hardwood flooring will follow. Lighting fixtures are ready to be installed and the classrooms and offices will be ready to be furnished.

The Sanctuary and Parish Hall are ready for their first coat of paint. Appropriate stains have been selected for the beams and woodwork. The architectural concrete floors have been scrubbed clean and covered in order that they might be protected while the ceiling boards and beams are stained. The lanterns and lighting for the Sanctuary and Parish Hall are ready to be installed. Another very exciting part of this project is the nursery area in the rear of the Sanctuary. This is an innovation not seen in many churches and it is the hope and prayer of our Church family that it will be of benefit to young families.

We are fast approaching putting our landscape plan as designed by Mary Palmer Dargon into place.

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We give you thanks, O God, for the gifts of your people, and for the work of many hands, which have beautified this place and furnished it for the celebration of your holy mysteries. Accept and bless all we have done, and grant that in these earthly things we may behold the order and beauty of things heavenly; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

HOW DO WE AS ORTHODOX CHRISTIANS RESPOND TO THE ONGOING OUTBREAK OF VIOLENCE IN THIS COUNTRY AND THE WORLD

In a recent article in the newsletter *Encompass* from the American Anglican Council, The Rev. Gavin Ashton in an article entitled *The Cross Is Not A Sword, But A Key, And It Opens The Heart* reflected on the question is there an answer for the outbreak of violence we have seen most recently and over the past years. Rev. Ashton came to the following conclusion:

Perhaps if only a way can be found of changing people from the inside and that's why Christians call it Holy Week. Holiness is about creating change in the human heart. It changes revenge into forgiveness,

violence into compassion and hate into hope. Where politics and power have failed, it promises a different way. The Cross becomes not a sword, but a key; and it opens the heart.

Pray continuously for our country, this community, its leaders, and citizens as well as those of this country and other countries of our world community that hearts may be open and that the saving love of Jesus Christ can be spread throughout the world.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOLS STUDY OF BASICS IN CHRISTIANITY COURSE

The book *The Romance of Orthodoxy* was produced from audio recordings of Fr. Homer Rogers' Teachings at St. Francis' Episcopal Church in Dallas, Texas. Fr. Rogers served that parish for twenty-four years and these lectures are one of his lasting legacies as a faithful priest who took quite seriously his responsibility for the cure of the souls entrusted to his care. This instruction was individual at first, but then grew to encompass his ten-month adult confirmation course. Fr. Richard Cantrell, SSC took these lectures and made his own general revisions of the text, and used them during his years as Rector of St. John's Episcopal Church in Moultrie. Since that time Fr. Will McQueen of St. Mark's Anglican Church, Moultrie, added to them just a bit more to clean up references that were particular to Frs. Rogers and Cantrell. He has offered this course twice over the past three years to his congregation.

Our Rector, Fr. Jim, has taught this course over the years at his former congregation in Tallahassee, Florida. Our adult Sunday School class is approximately a quarter of the way through the course, however audio/video of the lectures are available through St. Marks

Anglican Church's website and You-Tube at Fr. Will McQueen's You Tube site. Fr. Jim is always available to review the materials with you in person and it is never too late to begin participating.

St. John's preaches, teaches and lives the Catholic faith in Anglican tradition. St. John's is a parish whose spiritual life centers on the Divine Sacrifice of Jesus seeing Christ in the Eucharist and through this orthodoxy we are all invited to join in a deeper relationship with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Orthodoxy: that "right worship, right glory" which is God's Revelation of Himself in Jesus, both in His earthly life and in His body the Church; that Revelation given in and through the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church, the mainstream of which discernible, visible, living, guarded and handed over from generations to generations; that saving sanctifying Orthodox Faith revealed in the indefectible Church.

Come join with your fellow parishioners and bring a friend to this insightful, spiritual and enjoyable journey.

July ROTA

Date	Service	LEM	Lector	Ushers	Acolyte
7/03	Holy Communion	George Bagley	Jeff Joiner	Tony Chase	Kailey Hale
7/06	EP & Healing		Susan Curtis		
7/10	Holy Communion	Garland Mears	Debbie Standridge	Pete Warlick	Sydney Joiner
7/13	EP & Healing		Nancy Warlick		
7/17	Holy Communion	Andrea Thomas	Pete Warlick	Allen Curtis	Kailey Hale
7/20	EP & Healing		Jeff Joiner		
7/24	Holy Communion	Pete Warlick	Nancy Warlick	Jeff Joiner	Sydney Joiner
7/27	EP & Healing		Andrea Thomas		
7/31	Holy Communion	Lou Chase	Susan Curtis	Tony Chase	Morgan Jones