

# The Gregorian Chant

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St. Gregory the Great Episcopal Church, Athens, GA

October 2010

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Dear Beloved,

In the coming weeks, you will be hearing from your brothers and sisters in Christ what St. Gregory's means to them and why they give of their substance to the work of God. We are preparing for the Annual Giving Campaign which will culminate in a parish picnic on November 7, the Feast of All Saints.

I believe that stewardship is asking what is the one thing necessary. It is a challenge to make decisions in our lives from our spiritual values rather than according to economics and money. When we live in a highly materialistic society, it may not always be easy to act from a perspective of scarcity rather than abundance. We are bombarded on a daily basis with the pressure to consume and possess and to identify ourselves by what we have and by what we can count. God's economic vision in the Scriptures embraces our work and our money and is meant for our mutual joy and the building up of the whole community.

But enough of that! You've heard me talk about money, economics and the scriptures—a lot!

My heart is full at this moment with all the amazing things that happen in this place and why I feel privileged to be able to contribute to it. I've always looked at my tithe as a personal discretionary fund to empower the good news of God's love, for which I need make no apologies. I enjoy spending it! But here at St. Gregory's, not only does considerable money go to outreach the poor among us (we are working back up to 10% as we have done historically before the economic down\_turn). I see that all the work of the church fosters and supports that kind of giving among all our members. St. Gregory's parishioners have started and continue to support such ministries as the Ark, Athens Emergency Food Bank, Bethlehem Ministries, Camp Summer Spree, and the Stable Foundation, plus participate in numerous other projects for the common good in town and elsewhere. Every week the little red wagon must be emptied because of your generosity. Our children learn about giving to others in need in their Sunday School lessons and regularly do projects that benefit children in need. I have seen your generosity toward one

another and it is inspiring. I see so clearly here that our work together builds up the whole community and spills over continually into the neighborhood of Athens and beyond. It is a joy for me to be part of it.

So I confess, what I give is no virtue, it is pure pleasure. I wish the same for each of you!

Blessings and peace,

Beth

### **Celebrate Life**

with Sarah Gordon who just won first prize and \$500 for a poem in a contest sponsored by the Broad River Review in North Carolina.

with Milner Ball, who will be honored October 26 at the annual luncheon of the Athens Justice Project as the recipient of the 2010 Justice Award. The organization, of which he is a founding member, works to effectively rehabilitate former inmates by providing support to them and their families.

### **Worship News**

Sunday October 3 (the day before the Feast of St. Francis) we will have the **Blessing of the Animals** and give thanks for all creation at the 10:30 service. The animals are invited to accompany their human companions for any and all of the service. A special liturgy will be used at all services and there will be an opportunity for the congregation to share how they have learned of God's love from Creation and other creatures besides us!

Since All Saints Day falls on a Monday this year, we will have our annual Halloweenie Roast and All Hallow's Eve Service the following Saturday, November 6. Details to be announced.

### **Grounds**

The Grounds Committee and the Green Guild will meet at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 3, celebrating St. Francis. Everyone please come and enjoy the outdoors and dig in the dirt and pull up a few weeds. Refreshments will be provided.

### **Bishop's visit**

Bishop Whittemore will visit St. Gregory's on Sunday, October 31. If there are any persons who have participated in inquirer's classes here or somewhere else, but have not yet been received or confirmed and would like to do this here in the parish during the Bishop's visit, rather than at the cathedral, please let the rector know as soon as possible. You can call her at 706-549-7553 or email her at [rector@stgregoryathens.org](mailto:rector@stgregoryathens.org).

## **Thanks**

Thanks to Mark Reinberger, Ross Perry, and all the vestry for the new air conditioner that was installed last week in the Christian Education Building.

Thanks to all who contributed to the youth group's pilgrimage fund by donations for the car wash. The young people raised over \$650 that Sunday.

## **Chapel**

Thanks to all who've donated time, talent, and treasure to create our new Chapel:

Diane Barret donated a quilted mandala, Bob and Ann Bretscher donated a crucifix, Jenifer Borg created the altar drape, and, along with Catherine Drewry, and Beth Long applied fresh paint to the walls. Madeline Darnell and Carol Jones supervised making paper flowers.

The stained glass was created by the following people:

Margaret Agner, Marilyn Atyeo, Jenifer Borg, Sue Bush, Nancy Carter, Aneesa Conine\_Nakano, Catherine Drewry, Conoly Hester, Nancy Hobart, Henri Johnson, Rae Kretzer, Beth Long, Regina Milner, Alice Mohor, Cindy Montgomery, Austin New, Angel Phillips, Hayes Phillips, Quinn Phillips, Holly Ransom, Judith Ransom, Susan Risler, Vicky Tavernier, Isabella Van Giesen, Viviane Van Giesen. Pete Nicholls hung the art work.

Coming soon: A new altar donated by Debbie Perry, and altar frontals created by Jenifer Borg. Bishop Keith Whitmore will bless our Chapel on October 31.

## **Children's Sunday School**

Thanks to the new air conditioner / heat pump, children's Sunday School is moving back up stairs.

Our next set of rotation work- shops will center on the Saints. Plans are being made for many fun activities to help our children learn about saints in the church, All Hallows' Eve, and All Saints' Day.

## **Nursery Notice**

The nursery is open for use only when it is staffed. If you need the nursery for a special function, please make arrangements ahead of time by contacting nursery manager Amy Lasseter at 706\_372\_2253 or e\_mail [amyllasseter@gmail.com](mailto:amyllasseter@gmail.com). Thank you for honoring this request.

## **Adult Christian Education**

The Adult Education Forum will launch a new discussion on October 17th. They will begin reading and discussing The Resurrection of Jesus: John Dominic Crossan and N.T. Wright. This book centers on a debate between two of the most famous biblical scholars over whether the resurrection of Jesus Christ actually happened. N.T. Wright is an Anglican Bishop who argues that the resurrection was a true, historical event. John Dominic Crossan, who helped form the Jesus Seminar, believes the opposite. In addition to the debate, there is a short history of biblical scholarship over the last two hundred years and a number of essays on the subject. The books will be available at the parish office in early October. They cost \$13.50.

## **Youth Group**

The Youth Group has a full schedule for the month of October:

On October 3rd and October 10th we will have Youth Group from 6-8 at the church.

On October 16 we will do a service project at Noah's Ark, in Locust Grove, GA. They are an animal rescue center and children's care home. We will leave the church at 9 a.m., eat lunch on the road, work on the grounds from 12-3, and return to church by 5 PM. You can check out their website: <http://www.noahs-ark.org/> You must contact Maggie Reinberger, 706-353-8401, [margaret496@charter.net](mailto:margaret496@charter.net), by October 3 if you want to go. We could also use help driving. On October 24 we are going on a trip to Six Flags. Tickets are \$35 and if we have enough interest for the group rate (15 person minimum) the difference will be refunded (minus the parking fee). Tentative plans are to leave from the Church during the Sunday school hour and return that night between 8 and 8:30. You must contact Thomas Dunbar at 478-396-7151 or [sabadog@gmail.com](mailto:sabadog@gmail.com), if you are interested in going. Payment is due by October 10. We could also use help driving.

## **Inreach**

St. Gregory's Inreach committee coordinates care networks to try to ensure that no member of our church "falls through the cracks." If you are a newcomer to St. Gregory, not a member of a care network, and would like to be, please contact the rector ([rector@stgregoryathens.org](mailto:rector@stgregoryathens.org)) or Marilyn Healey, our care networks coordinator ([healey@uga.edu](mailto:healey@uga.edu)), or Rebecca Baggett, Vestry liaison ([rbaggett@uga.edu](mailto:rbaggett@uga.edu))

## **Outreach Committee**

The outreach committee will meet on October 17th at 4:45 p.m. at the church.

Christmas shoe box for our scholarship student in Haiti: This year St. Gregory sponsored a secondary school student at St. Barthelemy, Terrier Rouge. His name is Alcime' Kendly and he is in the 7th grade. We would like to send Alcime' a shoebox for Christmas. The items suggested for such a box by Bethlehem Ministries are listed. If we collect more than we can fit in the box, extra boxes will be made for other children at the school.

Please drop off anything you would like to send at the church office (the deadline is October 15<sup>th</sup>).

Suggestions: a few nice toys (not many small toys) hats and sports caps balls Legos binoculars musical instruments nice church socks small bars of soap and washcloth art supplies games for girls also dolls, ponytail holders and barrettes Please do NOT send: used items guns liquids of any sort perishable food chocolate (it WILL melt) medicines breakable items items that grow in water (kids may try to eat them)

### **Food Bank**

The Athens Area Emergency Food Bank has an ongoing need for paper bags. Please save yours and bring them in, or, if you use your own bags, please ask for a couple at the grocery store.

### **Stewardship Picnic**

On November 7 after the 10:30 a.m. worship service, there will be a picnic in the St. Gregory meadow, sponsored by the Stewardship Committee. There will be games and activities and food for all. Dress casually for church and bring nothing but your favorite memory from St Gregory to share.

### **Book Sale**

St. Gregory's annual book sale opens the weekend of October 8 and runs through the weekend of October 24. We welcome books, CDs, and DVDs but would prefer not to receive computer manuals, textbooks, encyclopedias, or Readers Digest Condensed Books, because no one buys them.

Donations can be left behind the grey screen in the Parish Hall.

### **Hands That Can Do**

An exhibition of the works by African American Quilters of Northeast Georgia at the Lyndon House, from October 5, 2010 to January 19, 2011.

You are cordially invited to the opening reception on Tuesday, October 5, at 10:30 a.m., where you'll have an opportunity to meet some of the artists and the show's organizer, Diane Barret.

### **Calendar**

#### **Friday, October 1, 2010**

Remigius, Bishop of Rheims, c. 530

9:30 a.m. AMC

6:00 p.m. Al-Anon (library)

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

**Saturday, October 2, 2010**

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

**Sunday, October 3, 2010**

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 22

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

9:15 a.m. Christian Education for all ages

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Blessing of the Animals

6:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist

**Monday, October 4, 2010**

Francis of Assisi, Friar, 1226

2:45 p.m. Kids' Workshop (parish hall)

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

7:00 p.m. EfM (library)

7:00 p.m. AA (parish hall)

**Tuesday, October 5, 2010**

9:30 a.m. AMC

5:30 p.m. Yoga (parish hall)

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

**Wednesday, October 6, 2010**

William Tyndale, Priest, 1536

Miles Coverdale, Priest, 1568

5:30 p.m. Discussion Group (upstairs)

6:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist and Healing Service

7:00 p.m. AA (parish hall)

**Thursday, October 7, 2010**

Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, Lutheran Pastor in North America, 1787

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

6:00 p.m. Tai Chi (parish hall)

7:00 p.m. OA (upstairs)

7:00 p.m. Dream Group (library)

**Friday, October 8, 2010**

William Dwight Porter Bliss, Priest 1926

Richard Theodore Ely, Economist, 1943

9:30 a.m. AMC

6:00 p.m. Al-Anon (library)

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

Book sale set-up

**Saturday, October 9, 2010**

Wilfred Thomason Grenfell, Medical missionary, 1940

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

Book sale set-up

**Sunday, October 10, 2010**

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 23

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

9:15 a.m. Christian Education for all ages

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

6:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Book sale

**Monday, October 11, 2010**

Philip, Deacon and Evangelist

2:45 p.m. Kids' Workshop (parish hall)

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

6:30 p.m. MD Group (small mtg. room)

7:00 p.m. AA (parish hall.)

7:00 p.m. EfM (library)

**Tuesday, October 12, 2010**

9:30 a.m. AMC

5:30 p.m. Yoga (parish hall.)

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

6:30 p.m. Vestry Meeting

**Wednesday, October 13, 2010**

5:30 p.m. Discussion Group (upstairs)

6:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist and Healing Service

7:00 p.m. AA (parish hall)

**Thursday, October 14, 2010**

Samuel Isaac Joseph Schereschewsky, Bishop of Shanghai, 1906

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts (upstairs)

7:00 p.m. OA (upstairs)

7:00 p.m. Dream Group (library)

**Friday, October 15, 2010**

Teresa of Avila, Nun, 1582

9:30 a.m. AMC

6:00 p.m. Al-Anon (library)

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

Booksale

**Saturday, October 16, 2010**

Hugh Latimer and Nicholas Radley, Bushops and Martyrs, 1555

9:00 a.m. Private function ( sanctuary)

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

Book sale

**Sunday, October 17, 2010**

The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 24

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

9:15 a.m. Christian Education for all ages

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

4:45 p.m. Outreach Committee

6:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Book sale

**Monday, October 18, 2010**

Saint Luke the Evangelist

2:45 p.m. Kids' Workshop (parish hall)

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

7:00 p.m. AA (parish hall)

7:00 p.m. EfM (library)

**Tuesday, October 19, 2010**

Henry Martyn, Priest, and Missionary to India and Persia, 1812

William Carey, Missionary to India, 1834

9:30 a.m. AMC

5:30 p.m. Yoga (parish hall.)

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

**Wednesday, October 20, 2010**

5:30 p.m. Discussion Group (upstairs)

6:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist and Healing Service

7:00 p.m. AA (parish hall)

**Thursday, October 21, 2010**

noon Good Women Brown Bag Lunch ? (parish hall)

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

7:00 p.m. OA (upstairs)

7:00 p.m. Dream Group (library)

**Friday, October 22, 2010**

9:30 a.m. AMC

6:00 p.m. Al-Anon (library)

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

**Saturday, October 23, 2010**

Saint James of Jerusalem, Brother of Our Lord Jesus Christ, and Martyr, c.62

9:00 a.m. Private function (parish hall and sanctuary)

10:00 a.m. Private function (Christian Ed. Bldg.)

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

Book sale

**Sunday, October 24, 2010**

The Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 25

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

9:15 a.m. Christian Education for all ages

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

6:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Last day of Book sale

**Monday, October 25, 2010**

2:45 p.m. Kids' Workshop (parish hall)

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

6:30 p.m. MD Group (small mtg. room)

7:00 p.m. AA (parish hall.)

7:00 p.m. EfM (library)

**Tuesday, October 26, 2010**

Alfred the Great, King of the West Saxons, 899

9:30 a.m. AMC

5:30 p.m. Yoga (parish hall.)

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

**Wednesday, October 27, 2010**

5:30 p.m. Discussion Group (upstairs)

6:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist and Healing Service

7:00 p.m. AA (parish hall)

**Thursday, October 28, 2010**

Saint Simon and Saint Jude, Apostles

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

6:00 p.m. Tai chi (parish hall)

6:L30 p.m. Girl Scouts (upstairs)

7:00 p.m. OA (upstairs)

**Friday, October 29, 2010**

James Hannington and his Companions, Bishop of Eastern Equatorial Africa, Martyrs,  
1885

9:30 a.m. AMC

6:00 p.m. Al-Anon (library)

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

**Saturday, October 30, 2010**

John Wyclif, Priest and Prophetic Witness, 1384

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

**Sunday, October 31, 2010**

The Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 26

Bishop Whittemore's Visit

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

9:15 a.m. Christian Education for all ages

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

6:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist

**Servers, Sunday, October 3, 2010**

**The 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 22**

8:00 a.m. service:

OT Reading – Ken Taylor

NT Reading – Don Miller

Intercessor – Don Miller

EM – Ken Taylor

10:30 a.m. service:

EM – Karen Hankins

EM – David Stooksbury

OT Reading – Carol Jones

NT Reading – Katie Ulrich

Intercessor – David Lowe

1<sup>st</sup> Server – TBA

Torch – TBA

Torch – TBA

2<sup>nd</sup> Server – TBA

Usher – David Lowe

Usher – Marilyn Atyeo

Usher – Roger Swagler

Usher – McGowan Drewry

Counter – Mark Hein

Counter – Bill Alworth

Altar Guild – Susan Risler, Anne McLeod

Flower Guild – Karen Radde

Coffee Host – Shelby Welch

6:00 p.m. service:

EM – Jim Jones

**Servers, Sunday, October 10, 2010**

**The 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 23**

8:00 a.m. service:

OT Reading – Dolores Holt

NT Reading – Evan Powell

Intercessor – Evan Powell

EM – Dolores Holt

10:30 a.m. service:

EM – June Ball

EM – Jeremy Hankins

OT Reading – Janet Patterson

NT Reading – Steve Phillips

Intercessor – Alice Mohor

1<sup>st</sup> Server – TBA

Torch – TBA

Torch – TBA

2<sup>nd</sup> Server – TBA

Usher – Sam Preston

Usher – Kathy Hale

Usher – Bill Hale

Usher – Jenifer Borg

Counter – Roger Swagler

Counter – Mark Reinberger

Altar Guild – Susan Risler, Anne McLeod

Flower Guild – Janet Patterson

Coffee Host – TBA

6:00 p.m. service:

EM – Ken Taylor

**Servers, Sunday, October 17, 2010**

**The 21<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 24**

8:00 a.m. service:

OT Reading – Karen Kassinger

NT Reading – Sue Alford

Intercessor – Sue Alford

EM – Karen Kassinger

10:30 a.m. service:

EM – Katie Hein

EM – Brad Hankins

OT Reading – Peter Rice

NT Reading – Laura Ruffin

Intercessor – Ken Taylor

1<sup>st</sup> Server – TBA

Torch – TBA

Torch – TBA

2<sup>nd</sup> Server – TBA

Usher – Joshua King

Usher – Robert Wyatt

Usher – Ann Stoneburner

Usher – Sue Hall

Counter – Carol Hill

Counter – Lois Alworth

Altar Guild – Susan Risler, Anne McLeod

Flower Guild – Sybil Langford

Coffee Host – Barbara Dean

6:00 p.m. service:

EM – Jim Jones

**Servers, Sunday, October 24, 2010**

**The 22<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 25**

8:00 a.m. service:

OT Reading – Jim Jones

NT Reading – Sarah Gordon

Intercessor – Sarah Gordon

EM – Jim Jones

10:30 a.m. service:

EM – Barbara Kuhn

EM – David Stooksbury

OT Reading – Katie Ulrich

NT Reading – Lois Alworth

Intercessor – Bill Alworth

1<sup>st</sup> Server – TBA

Torch – TBA

Torch – TBA

2<sup>nd</sup> Server – TBA

Usher – Mark Hein

Usher – Jerrin Jose

Usher – John Wooten

Usher – Jon Vail

Counter – Ken Taylor

Counter – Katie Ulrich

Altar Guild – Susan Risler, Anne McLeod

Flower Guild – Janet Jarrett

Coffee Host – TBA

6:00 p.m. service:

EM – Ken Taylor

**Servers, Sunday, October 31, 2010**

**The 23<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 26**

8:00 a.m. service:

OT Reading – Ken Taylor

NT Reading – Sue Alford

Intercessor – Sue Alford

EM – Ken Taylor

10:30 a.m. service:

EM – Karen Kassinger

EM – Jeremy Hankins

OT Reading – Katie Anderson

NT Reading – Rebecca Baggett

Intercessor – June Ball

1<sup>st</sup> Server – TBA

Torch – TBA

Torch – TBA

2<sup>nd</sup> Server – TBA

Usher – Joe Weinmeister

Usher – Mike Peck

Usher – Thomas or Miles Peck

Usher – Kathleen Ryan

Counter – Mark Hein

Counter – Bill Alworth

Altar Guild – Susan Risler, Anne McLeod

Flower Guild – Sandy Hudson

Coffee Host – Jacquelin Twiss

6:00 p.m. service:

EM – Jim Jones