

# The Gregorian Chant

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St. Gregory the Great Episcopal Church, Athens, GA

June 2011

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Dearly Beloved,

When we were ordained to the priesthood, naturally some of us preferred to be deployed where our families and friends lived, or where our spouses already had work. It was wonderful when these desires could be accommodated but we were always reminded that we were ordained for the *whole* church, the large mission of Christ.

I have been thinking that this also applies to the royal priesthood of the baptized of which each of you is a part. We gratefully prepare you and receive you by baptism and confirmation into this community of faith at St. Gregory the Great, but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God. Sometimes that means we relinquish you to other places to be witnesses to the good news of God's love there. We have become so attached in a very short time to Sally Lyons\_Abbott and Kit Curtis, Sarah Taylor, Alan, Christy and Luke Leach and alas we will have to bid farewell all too soon. Sally, Kit and Sarah will be moving to Washington State, Alan Leach will be joining the Armed Forces in South Carolina. Christy and Luke will be with us at least through the summer but then they hope to join Alan in San Antonio in the fall. I am so grateful that they have shared their gifts of music, service, love, heart and friendship with us and it is a reminder that it is never too late or too soon to be the presence and the love of Christ in this world.

The catechism in the Book of Common Prayer says, "The ministry of lay persons is to represent Christ and his Church; to bear witness to him wherever they may be; and according to the gifts given them, to carry on Christ's work of reconciliation in the world; and to take their part in the life, worship, and governance of the Church." (p.855)

As we go off to summer holidays, celebrate the people, the beauty and wonder wherever you are, no matter how short the time. Let them be a blessing to you and you to them that all our hearts may be lifted!

Blessings and peace,

Beth

## **St. Gregory's by the Numbers**

*May 1*

attendance 135, collection \$ 7,077 *May 8*

attendance 157, collection \$ 8,934 *May 15*

Attendance 180, collection \$5,073 *May 22*

attendance 132, collection \$1,857 *May 29*

attendance 124, collection \$ TBA

Attendance data is for all three services each Sunday.

The collection amount includes all contributions and donations received on Sunday and in the preceding week.

## **Adult Christian Education**

The adult class will finish discussion of the book, "The Faith Club", on June 12 with a discussion of chapters 17, 18, and 19. On June 19 we will begin a new series based upon a DVD series produced by First Light titled: "Jesus and the Kingdom of God." This series of 12 presentations is organized and narrated by John Dominic Crossan and Marcus Borg. The series consists of a set of lectures on such topics as "God's Great Cleanup," "Substitutionary Atonement?", "Parables as Lures," and "Resurrection as Resistance." The material is designed for group discussions and each session is self contained so feel free to drop in whenever you are able; you will only miss the specific material covered on given Sundays if you will be away part of the summer on vacations.

On Wednesday June 8, there will be a meeting of the Spiritual Formation Committee in the Parish Hall at 4:00 p.m. to consider adult education programs beginning in September, 2011, after the First Light series described above is over.

Everyone in the congregation with an idea or a proposal – a book to read, a lecture series to present, a speaker to invite, etc. – is invited to this open meeting. If you can't attend, please send Bill Alworth ([wilo59@charter.net](mailto:wilo59@charter.net)) or Sarah Gordon ([lucettepreach@yahoo.com](mailto:lucettepreach@yahoo.com)) your ideas and proposals and they will be considered.

## **Children's Sunday School**

Sunday School will continue throughout the summer, in our "one-room-schoolhouse" mode. We will use Episcopal Relief and Development's "Abundant Life Garden Project" program, which deals with all the various parts of creation, such as water, plants, and animals, etc.

There will be **no Sunday School** the Fourth of July weekend, Sunday, July 3 ), for youth, adults and children.

## **Vacation Bible School**

Mark your calendars!

July 11\_15 will be a fun, spirit\_filled week of Vacation Bible School for adults, youth, and kids at St. Gregory's. We'll gather each evening at around 5:30 for a simple supper, watch a skit, then split into groups for fun and creative activities, and finish up with singing and Compline. We need planners, actors, decorators, cooks, clean\_up crew, song leaders, program leaders, and participants! Our theme will be "Wizards and Wonders" and it is based on Harry Potter. If you like the Harry Potter books, this program will be especially appealing to you – both young and older.

Please contact Catherine Drewry and for more details and to volunteer, at 706\_743\_3592 or [drewrys@hm\\_e.net](mailto:drewrys@hm_e.net).

We especially need a decorating team to get ready with ideas for Vacation Bible School. If you want to create an exciting and fun environment for the "Wizards and Wonders" please contact Scarlet Buckley at 706-2483288 or [scarletbuckley@bellsouth.net](mailto:scarletbuckley@bellsouth.net).

**Divine Design** The vestry has been looking at

the status of our "outside", i.e. the trees, bushes, plants and other things which are found outside. In particular, the front of the church is getting some scrutiny. Try this experiment: go across the street on foot, turn around and look at St. G's and ask yourself "would I be interested in attending this church if I did not know what went on inside?"

Most would say "hmmmm..." Looking around outside has led a

number of us to come up with ideas for

how we could improve our look. But there are still a lot of ideas which have not been put forward, and a lot of people who have not had a chance to present their opinion. So we have set up a "Divine Design" bulletin board in the Sunday School building (right there where we drink coffee.) Anyone who wants to make a statement (written, a photograph, a drawing, etc.) is encouraged to put it up. No ideas are out of bounds. Please sign it. After time for the ideas to ripen, we will try to get some sort of consensus. Then the vestry will see how it all might come to pass. A grand design might take amounts of money we do not now have, some will take time because it takes time to grow a tree, and some can be done now. (Our grand gardener, Franchesca Lane, raised her lovely soprano voice to say that she intends to plant a bunch of stuff in the fall, and we had better have a design by then.!!) Peter Rice

## **Welcome to the Library**

Did you know that Saint Gregory has a library? Did you know that its purpose is to support the spiritual growth and development of everyone who attends Saint Gregory the Great? It isn't a public library, so it doesn't have a little bit of everything. Instead, it has non-fiction books in many subjects – from commentaries on the Hebrew Bible to comparative studies of the world's religions – all chosen to support the spiritual growth of any parishioner of any age. And it has fiction and poetry, too.

In the past few months, I have been reorganizing the library, trying to ensure that you can find what you need or want. Whether you want a history of Christianity, help in praying, clarity about liturgy, or more depth in theology, the library has many books (and DVDs, CDs, and tapes) that may meet your need.

**Social Justice – one new collection of materials.** Did you know that many titles in the library have been gathered together under the heading of Social Justice? Here you can find intriguing, challenging and inspiring works about economic justice, ending violence and racism, confronting homophobia, and facing the ugly truths about war, among other issues important to bringing about God's kingdom. If social justice issues move you, come in and look at what Saint Gregory's library has to offer. You might even want to take something home!

And, if you want a title you can't find or works by a favorite author, please talk to me on Sunday mornings or call me at home. I would love to help you find what you want.

Sue Alford

## **Terracycle Recycling**

The list of items that TerraCycle accepts for recycling keeps growing.

The latest items added to the list are digital cameras, Method soap and cleaner refill packs, Solo party cups along with any disposable plastic drinking cups, perfume and shampoo bottles, deodorant sticks, mascara and lipstick tubes, chapstick tubes, make-up compacts, and any thing else used for human hair or skin care.

So far we have mailed off 76 boxes of trash and we have \$423 coming to us!

Captain "PLaneT" CPT Andrew Lane 706-296-6631

A new complete list is available (printed on 30% recycled and Sustainable Forestry Initiative certified paper, which is of course recyclable) in the Christian education building and in the parish hall lobby.

## **Parish Administrator sought for St. Gregory the Great**

We have been in denial about this for sure, not wanting to admit that Hortense Bates will be leaving us after more than 12 years for much deserved rest and retirement!

Although we will not hire a parishioner for this position, you may know someone with excellent qualifications and urge them to apply. This is the notice we will be running in the paper and in the Diocesan newsletter:

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR –

30 hrs/week

PA is needed to manage church office with efficiency, hospitality, graciousness, discretion/confidentiality. Knowledge of current computer technology required, familiarity with social networking and website management a plus. Current PA retires August 1. Some overlap is desirable.

**Duties:** answering phones & greeting visitors; managing & producing church publications including weekly worship bulletin & monthly newsletter; correspondence, occasional parish-wide mailings; filing; ordering office supplies; upkeep of parish membership records; managing calendar of building use.

Send letter of interest and resume to

The Rev. Beth L. Long

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Email: [rector@stgregoryathens.org](mailto:rector@stgregoryathens.org)

All materials received by July 15, 2011 will be given full consideration.

## Mark Your Calendar

Save the date for the evening of **Saturday, October 8th, 2011.**

St. Gregory's 36th Annual Auction

This year's annual auction has a magical theme- **Wizards and Wonders**. (Ok, we stole it from VBS because it's just such a great idea.)

Auction Chairs: Mark Tavernier and Mike Peck

It's time to begin thinking about your auction donations. What a fun way to give back to our beloved St. Gregory's Church. The auction proceeds will help us get closer to making our budget and our 10% outreach goal. One type of donation is an **activity, service, experience, or form of entertainment**. These donations are special and beloved because they sometimes transform folks who barely know each other into life-long buddies. At the least these types of donations help us learn the talents of our congregation and knit us more tightly as a community.

Examples of these mystical donations are: 5 hours of babysitting, painting a room, a weekend at a vacation home, themed dinner for 6 cooked by a parishioner in your home, gift certificate for yard raking/cleanup by the youth group, Christmas carols at your party played on the piano and led by a church pianist, canoe trip and picnic, one hour plane ride for two, choose the hymns for a Sunday, car wash, grass cutting, one week at a beach house, cookie of the month homemade by a parishioner, power-wash your house, floral arrangement of native flowers, house-cleaning, home-organizing, resume writing, firewood splitting and stacking, will-preparation, family photo for your Christmas letter, calligraphy for Christmas cards or invitations, party prep and silver polishing, landscaping labor, dog-walking/pet sitting, massage, hair cut and style, baking: cupcakes, cake or pie, host a-tie-dye party for kids, knitting lesson, all the fixings for a tail-gating spread.

Another type of donation is **material goods**, such as art, collectibles, jewelry, antiques, theme-gift baskets, tickets to restaurants or concerts, gift-certificates to bed and breakfast places.

So fire up your brains, muggles. We'll wave our wands and create a wondrous evening together.

When you have your donation idea please email it to [mtavernier@aol.com](mailto:mtavernier@aol.com) . We will create a bulletin board in the education building that exhibits the donations so folks can plan their strategies for bidding wars.

## Samaritan Get-Away Give-Away!

Samaritan Counseling Center will raffle off 2 weekend or overnight stays at an awesome get away location, dinner, and flowers. Tickets are \$10. Gregorians Blaine Everson (706-850-5158) and Peggy Herrman (706-207-1490, 706-546-9113) are members of the Board of Trustees and will be glad to sell you a raffle ticket. The drawing will be held at AthFest, on June 25, at 6:00 pm. You do not have to be present to win.

Please support Samaritan's Getaway Give-away! Because everyone deserves a mental health day . . . or two..

## **Pet and house sitter available**

Going on vacation and need a responsible pet or house sitter?

I am Sydney Brehm, a UGA veterinary student and St. Gregory's parishioner who wants to make your summer vacation worry-free.

I have experience with cats, dogs, cattle, some small exotics, and limited experience with horses, birds, and reptiles. I also have housekeeping experience. (References available for pet care and housekeeping.) Reasonable rates depend on services requested.

Pet services: walking and exercising; love and attention; administering medication; keeping your pet's environment clean; overnight visits; bathing and basic grooming (nail trimming, brushing, application of flea/tick preventative, tooth brushing).

Housekeeping services: light housekeeping while you are away; mail pickup; plant watering, and errand running (local).

I look forward to caring for your pets and your home! Please contact me at 706.537.0638 or [ssbrehm@uga.edu](mailto:ssbrehm@uga.edu)

## **Reminder from The Vestry**

At the February meeting of St. Gregory's Vestry passed the following resolution:

In order to receive payment, requests for reimbursement must be turned in within 90 days of the date on each receipt and not later than January 15<sup>th</sup> for receipts from the end of the previous year.

Please keep this in mind when you buy things for St. Gregory's. This will help greatly with the budgeting for the various committees and activities.

Thanks for your cooperation!

## CALENDAR

### **Wednesday, June 1, 2011**

Justin, Martyr at Rome, c. 167

6:00 p.m. Discussion Group (upstairs)

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

7:00 p.m. AA (Christian Ed. Building)

### **Thursday, June 2, 2011**

Ascension Day

6:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist

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

7:00 p.m. OA (upstairs)

### **Friday, June 3, 2011**

The Martyrs of Uganda, 1886

9:30 a.m. AMC

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

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

### **Saturday, June 4, 2011**

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

### **Sunday, June 5, 2011**

The Seventh Sunday of Easter – The Sunday after Ascension Day

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

### **Monday, June 6, 2011**

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

### **Tuesday, June 7, 2011**

9:30 a.m. AMC

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

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

### **Wednesday, June 8, 2011**

6:00 p.m. Discussion Group (upstairs)

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

7:00 p.m. AA (Christian Ed. Building)

### **Thursday, June 9, 2011**

Columba, Abbot of Iona, 597

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

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

7:00 p.m. OA (upstairs)

**Friday, June 10, 2011**

Ephrem of Edessa, Syria, Deacon, 373

9:30 a.m. AMC

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

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

**Saturday, June 11, 2011**

Saint Barnabas, Apostle

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

**Sunday, June 12, 2011**

The Day of Pentecost – Whitsunday

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

**Monday, June 13, 2011**

The First Book of Common Prayer, 1549

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

6:30 p.m. MD Group (parish hall).

**Tuesday, June 14, 2011**

Basil the Great, Bishop of Caesarea, 379

9:30 a.m. AMC

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

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

6:30 p.m. Vestry Meeting (Christian Ed. Building)

**Wednesday, June 15, 2011**

Evelyn Underhill, 1941

6:00 p.m. Discussion Group (upstairs)

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

7:00 p.m. AA (Christian Ed. Bldg.)

**Thursday, June 16, 2011**

Joseph Butler, Bishop of Durham, 1752

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

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

7:00 p.m. OA (upstairs)

**Friday, June 17, 2011**

9:30 a.m. AMC

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

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

**Saturday, June 18, 2011**

Bernard Mizeki, Catechist and Martyr in Rhodesia, 1896

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

**Sunday, June 19, 2011**

The First Sunday after Pentecost: Trinity Sunday

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

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

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

4:30 p.m. Outreach Committee

6:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist

**Monday, June 20, 2011**

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

**Tuesday, June 21, 2011**

9:30 a.m. AMC

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

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

**Wednesday, June 22, 2011**

Alban, First Martyr of Britain, c. 304

6:00 p.m. Discussion Group (upstairs)

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

7:00 p.m. AA (Christian Ed. Bldg.)

**Thursday, June 23, 2011**

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

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

7:00 p.m. OA (upstairs)

**Friday, June 24, 2011**

The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

9:30 a.m. AMC

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

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

**Saturday, June 25, 2011**

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

**Sunday, June 26, 2011**

The Second Sunday of Pentecost

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

**Monday, June 27, 2011**

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

6:30 p.m. MD Group (parish hall)

**Tuesday, June 28, 2011**

Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyons, c. 202

9:30 a.m. AMC

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

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

**Wednesday, June 29, 2011**

Saint Peter and Saint Paul, Apostles

6:00 p.m. Discussion Group (upstairs)

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

7:00 p.m. AA (Christian Ed. Bldg.)

**Thursday, June 30, 2011**

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

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

7:00 p.m. OA (upstairs)

**SERVERS****Sunday, June 5, 2011****The Seventh Sunday of Easter****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 –Katie Hein

EM – Cecil Hudson

OT Reading – Laura Dixon

NT Reading – Karen Hankins

Intercessor – Katie Hein

1<sup>st</sup> Server – Thomas Peck

2<sup>nd</sup> Server – Henri Johnson

Torch – Miles Peck

Torch – Sam Johnson

Usher – Carol Jones

Usher – Judith Ransom

Usher – Robert Scott

Usher – Henry Scott

Counter – Mark Hein

Counter – Bill Alworth

Altar Guild – Karen Kassinger, Susan Risler

Flower Guild – TBA

Coffee Hosts – Barbara Dean

**6:00 p.m. service:**

EM – Jim Jones

**Sunday, June 12, 2011**  
**The Day of Pentecost: Whitsunday**

8:00 a.m. service:

OT Reading – Jim Jones  
NT Reading – Evan Powell  
Intercessor – Evan Powell  
EM – Jim Jones

10:30 a.m. service:

EM – Karen Hankins  
EM – Jeremy hankins  
OT Reading – Carl Hoveland  
NT Reading – Cecil Hudson  
Intercessor – Carol Jones  
1<sup>st</sup> Server – Zack Hamlin  
2<sup>nd</sup> Server – Jerrin Jose  
Torch – Dakota Hamlin  
Torch – Angel Oliver  
Usher – Sam Preston  
Usher – Kathy Hale  
Usher – Anthony Barkdoll  
Usher – Jenifer Borg  
Usher – Courtney Adang  
Counter – Roger Swagler  
Counter – Mark Reinberger  
Altar Guild – Karen Kassinger, Susan Risler  
Flower Guild – TBA  
Coffee Hosts – Alice Kinman

6:00 p.m. service:

EM – Stephen Morris

**Sunday, June 19, 2011**  
**Trinity Sunday**

8:00 a.m. service:

OT Reading – Dolores Holt  
NT Reading – Sarah Gordon  
Intercessor – Sarah Gordon  
EM – Dolores Holt

10:30 a.m. service:

EM – Karen Kassinger  
EM – David Stooksbury  
OT Reading – Barbara Kuhn  
NT Reading – David Lowe  
Intercessor – Alice Mohor  
1<sup>st</sup> Server – Thomas Peck  
2<sup>nd</sup> Server – Annabelle Coyne  
Torch – Miles Peck  
Torch – Madelyn Coyne  
Usher – Ed Risler  
Usher – Jerrin Jose  
Usher – John Wooten  
Usher – Jon Vail  
Counter – Carol Hill  
Counter – Lois Alworth  
Altar Guild – Karen Kassinger, Susan Risler  
Flower Guild – TBA  
Coffee Hosts – TBA

6:00 p.m. service:

EM – Ken Taylor

**Sunday, June 26, 2011**

**The Second Sunday after Pentecost**

8:00 a.m. service:

OT Reading – Dolores Holt  
NT Reading – Sue Alford  
Intercessor – Sue Alford  
EM – Dolores Holt

10:30 a.m. service:

EM – Jeremy Hankins

EM – Rebecca Baggett

OT Reading – Peter Rice

NT Reading – Laura Ruffin

Intercessor – Janet Patterson

1<sup>st</sup> Server – Zack Hamlin

2<sup>nd</sup> Server – Amy Kuhn

Torch – Maddy Kuhn

Torch – Dakota Hamlin

Usher – Joe Weinmeister

Usher – Mike Peck

Usher – Thomas or Miles Peck

Usher – Mark Tavernier

Counter – Ken Taylor

Counter – Katie Ulrich

Altar Guild – Karen Kassinger, Susan Risler

Flower Guild – TBA

Coffee Host – Allison Lewis

6:00 p.m. service:

EM – Stephen Morris