



THE ANCHOR



"This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast." Heb. 6:19

Epiphany



The angelic messenger of God brought the word of a miraculous birth to a young Jewish girl. Another angel appeared in a dream to Joseph, her betrothed. Then a host of angels proclaimed the wondrous birth to some tattered, cold shepherds and guided them to the birthplace. Meanwhile, somewhere east of Bethlehem, several scholarly astrologers had read in the stars the portents of a kingly birth. They searched out the heavenly phenomenon and found the Infant King. In a dream, the astrologers were guided away from the Judean king's threat to the Infant's welfare. An angel warned the family to flee from the danger of Herod. The family did not return until an angel assured them that it was safe to do so. Angels, and stars, and dreams.....

Christmas Day is past, and we are packing decorations and cards which depict angels, stars, the Babe, and our dreams. As the Twelve Days of Christmas culminate in the Epiphany, we once again move from the fantasies and reluctantly drag ourselves back into the work-a-day so-called real world. As part of this process, we cast off the soft symbols of sentiment and gird ourselves with harder facts equal to the battle of life. Out go the angels, stars and dreams. Out where? Stars appear in newspaper and magazine horoscopes. Angels, save for a little liturgical lip service, wing their way into the studios of psychics, spiritualists, etc. Dreams? Psychiatrists deal with dreams of those who can afford the fees. For others, there are varieties of manuals for do-it-yourself interpretation.

Angels, stars and dreams are wondrous works of God. Some of them existed before human intelligence emerged. These obedient harbingers of the Divine Will join to alert a few sensitive souls to God's unique intervention into human history. They heralded the birth of our Lord and King, Jesus, Emmanuel. This same Jesus is also Lord and King of angels, stars and dreams. He was before they were created. He died and rose to redeem them all. He will be when they are long since gone.

On January 1st, we celebrate Holy Name Day in the Church. We who own the Name of Jesus share with angels, stars, and dreams, His redeeming love. Let us not throw them out with outworn decorations, but rather let us make manifest our thanksgiving for these creatures of God and join with them in glorifying the Love which made and saves us all. We ask the Lord of the Church to enable us to know the Church's historic and present witness as the continuing "epiphany" of His love in the world.

May God's rich blessings be with each of you everyday of the New Year. As His Light now shines from the manger into your hearts, may you grow in its strengthening rays. So, too, may you become that instrument of "epiphany" and find peace, joy and abundant love for yourselves and those you hold dear.

Fr. Kimo+

Annual Meeting 2009

The 2009 Annual Meeting of St. Andrew's Parish will be held Sunday, January 25.

At 9 AM, the usually distinct 8am and 10am congregations will unite for a single celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

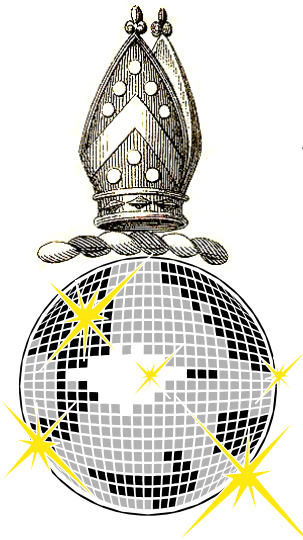
Immediately following, the Annual Meeting will commence in the Sanctuary.

The meeting will include the election of Convention Delegates and Vestry members, and a presentation of the 2009 budget.



After the meeting we will adjourn to the RE Room (Room #4, across the courtyard) for Food and Fellowship. Please plan to bring a Brunch Munchie to share.

The Bishop's Ball "Enjoy Funk, Food, & Fellowship"



The 2009 Bishop's Ball for senior high youth will be held on Saturday, **January 31**, at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Glendale, from 6pm to 11pm. All Episcopalians in grades 9-12, their friends, parents, youth ministers, and clergy, are welcome to attend.

Admission is free, but attendees are asked to bring a non-perishable food item for local food banks.

Refreshments (appetizers and finger foods), dancing, a tiki-tiki beach pit, DDR, Rock Band games, football & air hockey, are all among the activities.

Attire? "Dress to impress, but come as you are."

Posters and info sheets are available in the church office. Or, for more questions contact The Rev. Earl Gibson at frearl@stmarksglendale.org or at 323-770-6940.

We are asked to RSVP by **January 15**, so if you wish to attend, please call the St. Andrew's office at 310-328-3781.

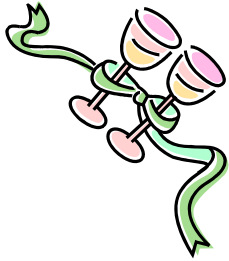
January Birthdays

Jan 10 - Betty Ano
Jan 14 - Judy Beldam
Jan 16 - Marilyn Finney
Jan 18 - Earlene Parsons
Jan 20 - Stacy Taylor
Jan 21 - Liz Sisson



LOAVES AND FISHES GIFT CERTIFICATES

Through the generosity of many parishioners, we were able to raise the \$1,200 needed to purchase a special gift we gave to each adult attendee at our Loaves and Fishes Christmas luncheon on December 20th. The gift was a Certificate worth \$10 in groceries, household items or toiletries at any Ralph's store. To those of you who helped to make this possibility a reality, a grateful thanks from Father Kimo and the recipients.



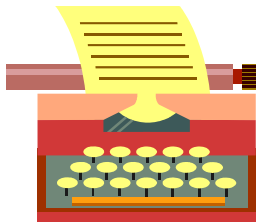
January Anniversaries

January 30—James & Betty Ano

2009 FLOWER CHART

The new Flower Chart is now available on the wall near the Church's entrance doors. Adding your name to one of the Sunday's listed is a great way to provide flowers for our altar while remembering someone special, a special date, or just to thank God for your blessings.

The cost for weekly flowers is \$35.00. You could even share the cost by signing up with someone else.






Note from the Editor:

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January 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 <i>Holy Name</i> 11 AM HE <i>New Years</i>	2	3
4 8 AM HE 9 AM Men's Group 9 AM Choir 10 AM Epiphany Lessons & Carols with HE	5 <i>12th Night</i>	6 <i>Epiphany</i> 	7	8 11 AM HE	9	10
11 8 AM HE 9 AM Men's Group 9 AM Choir 10 AM HE	12	13	14	15 11 AM HE <i><u>Anchor Deadline:</u></i>	16	17 11:00 am Loaves & Fishes 10:00am Morning Prayer
18 8 AM HE 9 AM Men's Group 9 AM Choir 10 AM HE Vestry Meeting 11:30 am	19	20 <i>Inauguration Day</i> 	21	22 11 AM HE	23	24 DOK Meeting 11:00 am— location TBA
25 9 AM HE Combined Service 10 AM Annual Meeting	26	27	28	29 11 AM HE	30	31 6 pm Bishop's Ball

Lay Ministries 2009

MINISTRY	January 4	January 11	January 18	January 25
ACOLYTES-10:00 AM	C – Malcolm F Jr T – Marilyn F T – Brisse P	C – Gethin W T – Shannon J T – Sean J	C – Liz S T – Sarah S T – Joanne G	C – Gethin W T – Liam G T – Paul G
SUNDAY SCHOOL	Lead: Assist:	Lead: Carol P-J Assist: Nora G	Lead: Nora G Assist: Malcolm F	Lead: Malcolm F Assist:
INTERCESSOR -8:00 AM	Alice S	Beverly B	Judy B	Gaylene G
INTERCESSOR-10:00 AM	Sarita P	Jacque S	Pauline H	Earlene P
LAY READERS / LECTORS 8:00 AM	Judy B	Judy B	Alice S	Gethin W
LAY READERS / LECTORS 10:00 AM	Marge C Pat H	Dawn S Deborah T	Jax S Liz S	Amy S
GREETERS & OBLATIONERS	Pauline H Nora G	Bette S Joan W	Carol P-J	Earlene P
ALTAR GUILD	Florence K Lillian L Ethel K Sawako O	Florence K Lillian L Ethel K Sawako O	Marge C Karen K Gethin W	Marge C Karen K Gethin W
ALTAR FLOWERS		Borgardus	Jelf	
COFFEE HOUR HOSTS				
COUNTERS	Marge C	Kathy J	Toni O Lizz S	Jacque S Pat H
USHERS	Malcolm F John J	Richard H James A	Malcolm F John J	Richard H

"O God, make the door of this house wide enough to receive all who need human love and fellowship, narrow enough to shut out all envy, pride and strife. Make its threshold smooth enough to be no stumbling block to children, nor straying feet, but rubbed and strong enough to turn back the tempter's power. God, make the door of this house the gateway to thine eternal kingdom. Amen"



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WEEKLY SERVICES

Sunday:
8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I
10:00 am Family Eucharist, Rite II
Church School
Nursery Provided

Thursday:
11:00 am Eucharist with Healing

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