

THE NEVIL MEMORIAL CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE

-EPISCOPAL-
ARDMORE, PA



The Feast of St. George, Martyr
Sunday, September 13, 2026
10:00 a.m.

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*Aided by the prayers of St. George our patron, and inspired by his example, we ready ourselves to worship God.
Please stand at the entrance of the ministers.*

Note: † Where this mark is seen, it is traditional to make the sign of the cross.

Prelude

Violin Concerto, Op. 11

Vivaldi transcribed Mynyk

Hymn 518

Christ is made the sure foundation

Westminster Abbey

Celebrant

† Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People

And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

The Collect for Purity *in unison*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gloria in excelsis *sung in unison*

Pew music, S-280

Glory to God in the highest,

and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,

almighty God and Father,

we worship you, we give you thanks,

we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,

Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take away the sin of the world:

have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father:

receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,

you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High,

Jesus Christ,

with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of † God the Father. Amen.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Celebrant

Let us pray.

Almighty God, who gave to your servant George boldness to confess the Name of our Savior Jesus Christ before the rulers of this world, and courage to die for this faith: Grant that we may always be ready to give a reason for the hope that is in us, and to suffer gladly for the sake of our Lord Jesus

Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

The Blessing of the Choir & Sunday School Teachers

Celebrant Set your mind and heart to seek the Lord your God. *1 Chronicles 22:19*

People **Seek the Lord your God and you will find him.** *Deuteronomy 4:29*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Gracious God, we thank you for the ministries of musicians and teachers. Bless these singers as they lead your worship with holiness and reverence. Bless these teachers as they build up the students in faith, transformed by the renewal of their minds. May all they do be to your honor and glory. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Blessing of Backpacks

Students should come forward with their backpacks at this time.

My fellow St. Georgians, take these backpacks and go into God's world of learning, giving thanks in the Spirit for the gift of knowledge. Like St. George the soldier, be courageous in your faith, constant in your prayers, and abundant in your love. Let us pray.

Grant, O Lord, that these backpacks here assembled may become instruments for our children as they grow in wisdom and stature, and symbols of the gift of joy and wonder in all your works; in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Children proceed to Sunday School in the parish hall.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Lord speaks to us in scripture and preaching. We respond proclaiming our belief, praying for the world and ourselves, and greeting one another in his Name.

First Lesson

Revelation 12:7-12

Reader A reading from the Revelation of St. John the Divine.

And war broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back, but they were defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. The great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming,

“Now have come salvation, and strength,
and the kingdom of our God,
and the authority of his Messiah,

for the accuser of our brethren has been thrown down,
who accuses them day and night before our God.
But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb
and by the word of their testimony,
for they did not cling to life even in the face of death.
Rejoice then, you heavens
and those who dwell in them!
But woe to the earth and the sea,
for the devil has come down to you
with great wrath,
because he knows that his time is short!”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 126 *sung by the choir*

In convertendo

Edward Cuthbert Bairstow

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, *
then were we like those who dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter, *
and our tongue with shouts of joy.
Then they said among the nations, *
“The Lord has done great things for them.”
The Lord has done great things for us, *
and we are glad indeed.
Restore our fortunes, O Lord, *
like the watercourses of the Negev.
Those who sowed with tears *
will reap with songs of joy.
Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, *
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Second Lesson

2 Timothy 2:3-13

Reader A reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to Timothy.

Share in suffering like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No one serving in the army gets entangled in everyday affairs; the soldier’s aim is to please the enlisting officer. And in the case of an athlete, no one is crowned without competing according to the rules. It is the farmer who does the work who ought to have the first share of the crops. Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in all things.

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure: if we have died with him, we

will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful— for he cannot deny himself.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 522

Glorious things of thee are spoken

Austria

The Gospel

Luke 9:23-26

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Then Jesus said to them all, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will save it. What does it profit them if they gain the whole world, but lose or forfeit themselves? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words, of them the Son of Man will be ashamed when he comes in his glory and the glory of the Father and of the holy angels.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

The Rector

The Nicene Creed *in unison*

Book of Common Prayer, p. 358

We believe in one God,
 the Father, the Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth,
 of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
 the only Son of God,
 eternally begotten of the Father,
 God from God, Light from Light,
 true God from true God,
 begotten, not made,
 of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
 he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
 he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
 he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
 in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the † life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Please kneel.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the communion of saints, and inspired by the example of St. George, let us pray for the needs and concerns of all people.

For Daniel, our bishop, for this holy gathering, and for the people of God in every place; and especially for those in our Anglican cycle of prayer: The Church in Wales; the churches in our diocesan cycle of prayer: St. James, Collegeville; Trinity Church, Oxford; Philadelphia Cathedral; Trinity, Swarthmore; St. Francis in the Field, Sugartown, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For our parish community of St. George's; for Joel, our priest; for the members of the Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament, the Daughters of the King, and the Guild of Saint Sebastian; for the children and youth of this parish, that God will guide us with his wisdom, protect us with his strength, and provide for us from his bounty, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For students and teachers, and all those returning to their studies, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For our city and those who live in it, and for our families, companions, and all those we love, especially Nathan, Morris Strickland, Angie Vernick, Derek Jones, Maureen Ruiz del Arbol, Andy Ryan, Charlene Echard, Randy Kulp, Isabella Smith, Glenn Boseman, Jude Adams, Bryn Thompson, Gail Barson, Penny Dougherty, Sheila Farnsworth, Rita Strassburg, Samuel Manthorpe, Nicholas, Susan Fischer DiCicco, Bruce Bachart, Helen Lightcap, Evan, Robert Fabio, Marty Marguilies, Cindy Valintinsen, Brian Paul, Kevin, Steve, John, Tina Roberts Lightcap, Eileen Gallagher Devine, Sue Hammoud, Sam Tucker, Al Venter, Bob Weder, Jackie Young, Sarah, Mark Pelchat, Wyatt and Janet MacGaffey, Roberta Clements, Carmella Lewis, and Richard and Cynthia Pound, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those celebrating their birthdays this week, especially Jim Burns and Jake Chester, that they may grow in grace as they grow in years, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those celebrating their anniversaries this week, that God may reveal himself to them more and more through each other in the sacrament of holy matrimony, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those who † rest in the peace of Christ, John Daniel Grimsley and Janet Fischer, and for those who faith is known to God alone, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lifting our voices with all creation, with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, St. George, our patron, and all the saints and angels of God, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ, as we pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant

Almighty and merciful God, who brought your martyr, blessed George, to overcome the torments of his passion: Grant that we, who celebrate today the day of his triumph, may remain invincible under your protection against the snares of the enemy. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Please stand following the † absolution.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Community Announcements and Welcome of Visitors

Offertory sentence

THE LITURGY OF THE HOLY COMMUNION

Our risen Lord comes to us in His sacrificial banquet and we receive Him with grateful hearts.

Offertory Anthem Be still, for the presence of the Lord *Rose & Hughes*

Be still for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here, Come bow before Him now, with reverence and fear. In Him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground, Be still for the presence of the Lord, The Holy One is here.

Be still for the glory of the Lord is shining all around, He burns with holy fire: with splendor He is crowned. How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of Light, Be still for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

Be still for the power of the Lord is moving in this place, He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister His grace, No work too hard for Him: in faith receive from Him, Be still for the power of the Lord is moving in this place. Amen.

Please stand at the presentation of the gifts.

The Doxology

Old 100th

Pew music

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP p. 361

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the obedience of your saints you have given us an example of righteousness, and in their eternal joy a glorious pledge of the hope of our calling. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus and Benedictus

Pew music, S-129

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

† Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Please kneel as you are able.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." †

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." †

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. † Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.** †

The Lord's Prayer *sung in unison*

Pew music, S-119

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Fraction Anthems

Christ our Passover
Lamb of God

Pew music, S-154

Pew music, S-158

Invitation to Communion †

*All baptized persons regardless of denomination are welcome to receive Holy Communion.
If you desire a blessing instead, please come forward and cross your arms over your chest.*

Communion Motet

Bogoroditsye Dyevo (*Hail Mary*)

S. Rachmaninov

Bogoróditse Dévo, ráduyšiā, Blagodátnaya Máriye, Ghospód s Tobóyu. Blagoslovēnna Tì v zhenáh,
i blagoslovēn Plod chřéva Tvoyegó, yáko Spása rođilá yeší dush náshiĥ.

Rejoice, O Virgin Mother of God, Mary full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, for thou hast borne the Savior of our souls.

Eastern Orthodox version from the Church Slavonic & Greek

Hymn 358

Christ the Victorious

Russia

The Postcommunion Prayer

Please kneel. Celebrant and People together say,

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE SENDING OUT OF THE LORD'S PEOPLE

*We go out into the world having met the risen Lord to carry on the work of the women at the tomb,
telling of His resurrection and the world's salvation.*

Blessing †

Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 473

Lift high the cross

Crucifer

Postlude

Sonata~Toccata

D. Scarlatti



Each weekday, at least one member of the Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament will pray with special intention for the Church and for the world, usually in the presence of the Holy Sacrament. The intercessions include those on our parish intercession list. In addition to those named in the Prayers of the People above, the Confraternity will also pray for: *Eileen Snyder, Stephanie, Mary Rose, Lauren Exley, Daphne Beltramo, Andreas Pas, David Bullock, Chris Coleman, Vic Velez, Megan Shields, Marie Weder, Philippa Painter Pay, Debra Weiss, Lita Orlay, Rasmus, Christine Boggi, Selma Slossburg, Renee Saraiva, Leslie Taylor, Mary Liberi, the Dennis and Lewis family, Theresa, the Blatstein family, Lee West, Betty O'Connor, Catherine Hunyadi, Walter Haenn, and Marcia Bloom.*

Visiting St. George's today? *Welcome!*

If this is your first time at St. George's, please know that we are so glad you have joined us. We hope your faith has been strengthened by your time here.

Join us for communion

All baptized Christians, of any denomination, are welcome to receive Holy Communion in the Episcopal Church. If you prefer not to receive, come forward and cross your arms over your chest, and Fr. Joel will offer you a blessing.

Join us for coffee hour

Immediately following the service there is a time of fellowship and refreshment in the parish hall. You can access it through the doors on the right side at the front of the church.

Join us in our parish activities

If you write your email address on one of the information slips located in the pew racks, and hand it to the priest, an ambassador, or drop it in the offering plate, we will add you to our weekly electronic newsletter, the "E-tale." It's the best way to stay up to date on what's happening at St. George's. The E-tale is also posted on our Facebook page.

Join us as a baptized Christian

Holy Baptism transforms a person's relationship to Christ and his Church, forever. If you would like to discuss baptism, for yourself or for a child, please speak to Fr. Joel or reach out to him at rector@stgeorgeschurch.org.

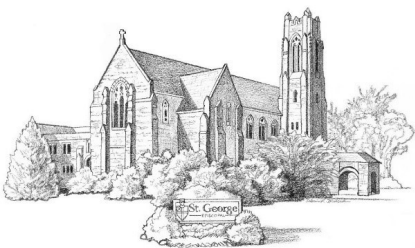
Join us as a St. Georgian

If you'd like to know more about St. George's or the Episcopal Church, or if you feel called to join this parish in its life of worship, fellowship, and service, please speak to Fr. Joel or reach out to him at rector@stgeorgeschurch.org. We would be a better church with you as a parishioner.

NEW – Women's Book Club

Initial organizational meeting: Saturday, September 26 at 10 a.m. in Jerusalem Hall. Come read books, make friends, share ideas, and build a community! If interested, sign up in Jerusalem Hall or reach out to Courtney Brady (8 a.m., courtneygbow@gmail.com) or Tina Scarborough (10 a.m., tina.krajewski@gmail.com)

*Women's
Book Club*



Learn about St. George's 90+ years of history!

Visit us for one in our next series of upcoming tours of the church. Tour dates and times this fall are:

Saturday, September 19 at 2 pm

Saturday, October 24 at 10 am

MINISTRY WITH CHILDREN AND YOUTH

NURSERY CARE

Nursery care is available each Sunday during the 10 a.m. service, September to June, for our youngest members and visitors. The nursery is located in The Children's Ark and staffed by certified childcare providers.

GODLY PLAY SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM

Our Godly Play Sunday School meets most Sundays at 10 a.m. from September to June. Godly Play is widely recognized as a premier Sunday School curriculum, where children learn about the love of God for them through the stories of the Holy Bible. Old Testament and New Testament stories alike come alive as students discuss, question, and wonder aloud at God's ongoing relationship with his creation.

GODLY PLAY SCHEDULE FOR FALL 2026

Sept. 13: The Circle of the Church Year
Sept. 20: Books of the Bible
Sept. 27: The Holy Family
Oct. 4: The Story of Creation
Oct. 11: The Ark & The Flood
Oct. 18: The Great Family
Oct. 25: The Exodus
Nov. 1: The Prophets

Nov. 8: The Ten Best Ways
Nov. 15: The Ark & The Tent
Nov. 22: The Ark & The Temple
Nov. 29: The Season of Advent (1, 2)
Dec. 6: The Season of Advent (3, 4)
Dec. 13: The Mystery of Christmas
Dec. 20: Christmas Pageant

ST. FRANCIS CHOIR

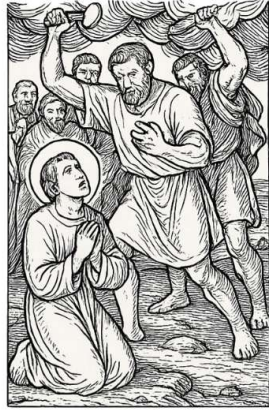
Sing with the spirit and with understanding! A youth choir at St. George's for ages 5-17, the St. Francis Youth Choir is an RSCM-affiliated choir using the Voice for Life curriculum and is open to students ages 5-17. The youth also learn instruments, form the Youth Orchestra, and play with the professional Academy of St. George's Chamber Orchestra.

THE GUILD OF SAINT SEBASTIAN



The Guild of Saint Sebastian, a membership guild for parishioners 18 years of age and younger, is intended for children and youth who are involved in athletics, the arts, or other extra-curricular activities. The purpose of the guild is to inspire these younger parishioners to achieve excellence to the glory of God, and for them to benefit from the prayerful support of the congregation. Please email me for more information or to apply. – Fr. Joel (rector@stgeorgeschurch.org)

I HAVE FOUGHT THE GOOD FIGHT,
I HAVE FINISHED THE RACE,
I HAVE KEPT THE FAITH.



Acts of the Apostles

Faith, History, Heroism

A Bible Study meeting on Sundays at 9 a.m.

The Book of Acts is a powerful historical account of the early Christian church, providing insight into the apostles and their mission to both Jewish and Gentile worlds. Its importance is underscored by its unique position between the Gospels and the epistles, explaining how the earliest proclamation about Jesus Christ spread throughout ancient Rome and, eventually, to the ends of the earth.

The Feast of St. Michael & All Angels

The Feast of St. Michael & All Angels

St. George's will celebrate the Feast Day of Saint Michael and All Angels on Tuesday, September 29 at 12 p.m. The Holy Eucharist will be celebrated in the Lady Chapel and a brown bag lunch will follow in the parish kitchen for all who are interested.

Saint Michael, archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.



About Saint George, Martyr

While many aspects of Saint George's life are obscured by the mists of history, there are some things we can say about our patron saint with confidence. There was indeed a Christian named George, a Roman soldier, who was martyred during the persecutions under the emperor Diocletian around the year 303. He lived somewhere in the eastern Roman Empire, probably Cappadocia (modern-day central Turkey). Under imperial pressure, he refused to renounce his Christian faith and was executed for it.

By the fifth century, devotion to George was clearly established throughout Eastern and Western Christianity. Churches were dedicated in his name, pilgrims visited sites associated with him, and he was taken as a champion of the faith, a robust defender of truth in the face of error, regardless of the cost.

As devotion to George grew, stories about him began to circulate with greater narrative confidence and less documentary restraint. Somewhere along the way, a dragon appeared.

The famous legend of George and the dragon does not appear in early sources. It matured in the medieval imagination, particularly in collections like the *Golden Legend* (1298). In this version, a town is terrorized by a dragon, sacrifices are made, a princess is involved, and George rides in, dispatches the beast, and suggests that conversion to Christianity would be an appropriate response.

It may be a fanciful story, but it expresses a truth. The dragon is a symbol of chaos and evil. George becomes, accordingly, an example and inspiration for facing such things with courage, a job that every person takes on in their own way.

But the story of the knight, the princess, and the dragon was not the only source of its meaning. A Christian imagination that is steeped in Scripture places George's dragon in a larger, Biblical, context.

In the twelfth chapter of Revelation, a great dragon appears, ancient and malevolent, identified with the devil and Satan. He is opposed not by a soldier, but by St. Michael the Archangel, who leads the heavenly host in battle. The dragon is thrown down, and the angels cry out triumphantly, "Now is come salvation and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ."

The two stories resonate. George's dragon is local and fantastical. Michael's is cosmic and demonic. One belongs to hagiography, the other to apocalypse. Yet both insist on the same point: evil, however entrenched and threatening, is not ultimate and will eventually be defeated.

The essential claim is not that George wins, or even that Michael wins. The point is that God does. The dragon is cast down, not negotiated with. History, whatever its complications, has a trajectory and an end point, and nothing can get in the way of that. Christ reigns forever.

Dragons, of whatever kind, may be vivid, frightening, and dangerous. We do battle with them more than we would like, in many forms. But we know that they are not, in the end, in charge. To God alone belongs "salvation and strength."

A version of this originally appeared as a "Word from the Rector" in the E-tale newsletter.

Community Announcements

Music Notes: Welcome back to all of the campers from our Crusader's Camp! We had an amazing week learning about and receiving the many spiritual blessing poured out through the Holy Eucharist. We look forward to an even more amazing year to come!

Written in 1986 by British composer David J. Evans, "Be Still, for the Presence of the Lord" is a beloved contemporary worship hymn. Today's setting is in the Anglican Anthem style by Barry Rose. He used lush harmonies and draws out warmth of the text with a beautiful organ accompaniment. This anthem was used to help teach about the real presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist at our Crusader's Music Camp in June.

Today's Communion Motet is the *Hymn to the Theotokos* or, as Rachmaninov set it in Church Slavonic, Bogoroditse Dyevo. Most people think of the piano and orchestral music when they hear the name Rachmaninov, but he wrote a great deal of à capella sacred choral music (I wish he wrote for the organ!). His choral masterpiece Bogoroditse Dyevo is the Eastern Orthodox version of the Ave Maria. It was at the third ecumenical council, the Council of Ephesus, that the entire unified church gave the mother of our Lord Jesus Christ the title Theotokos (Θεοτόκος) which means Mother of God.

Do you like to sing? Choir rehearsals have started all are welcome to attend Thursdays at 7:30pm. "Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands" (Ps.100:1).

Outreach: Collection bins for **The Ardmore Food Pantry** are in the Sulgrave entryway and outside the parish office. We are collecting full-size personal items, baking & packaged goods, and any brand of pet food. A list of needs can be found in the E-Tale and by the collection bins.

The St. James School/Welcome Table collection of cleaning products (Clorox wipes, Windex, liquid or powder cleaners) can be placed in the large red bucket outside the parish office. Thank you!

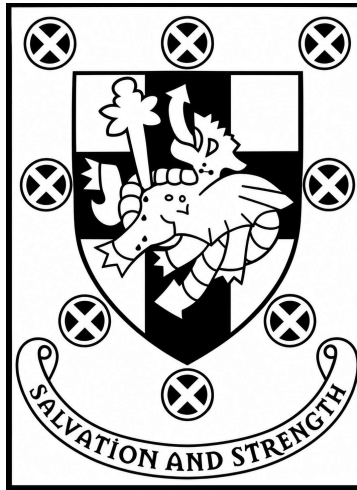
Lankenau Medical Center Food Pantry needs paper grocery bags (plastic and reuseable will also be accepted) please drop off outside of the parish office. Thank you!

Outreach Committee meeting: The Outreach Committee will hold its next meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 16 at 7:00 pm in Jerusalem Hall. St. George's Outreach Committee seeks to assist those who are marginalized in our community. If you are interested in learning more about Outreach, please join us. All are invited.

SAVE THE DATES:

September 16, 7 p.m.: Outreach Meeting
September 19, 2 p.m.: Church Tour
September 20, 11:30 a.m.: St. Francis Choir practice resumes
September 26, 12 p.m.: Inaugural Meeting of the Women's Book Club
October 3, 8-10 a.m.: Shortbread Gardeners
October 3, 9 a.m.: Men's Breakfast
October 10, 8 a.m.: Good Works
October 16, 7 p.m.: St. George's Team Trivia Night
November 2, 10 a.m.: Commissioning of the Daughters of the King
November 11, 12 p.m.: Sages Luncheon (RSVP by 11/5 to office)

Read the E-Tale each Wednesday for up-to-date event announcements!



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Thanks to those who are helping today:

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Lectors: Marlee Bullock, Paul Joslin

Intercessor: David Farnsworth

Chalice Bearers: Stephen Krouse, Roland Noreika

Ambassadors: Rob McGarvey, Susan LaBrake, Stephen Krouse

Altar Guild: Steve Drabkowski, Roland Noreika

Tellers: Chris Magnani, TBD

Floral Guild: Janice Dea

Coffee Hour: St. George's Day BBQ

Sunday School: Jessica Jones, Sam Soldan, Vicki Strickland

Nursery: Jordan Jones, Rebecca Roebuck

Nicholas Mynyk, *Organist/Choir Director*
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SUNDAY WORSHIP TIMES

Holy Eucharist, Rite I - 8:00 a.m. ~::~~ Holy Eucharist, Rite II - 10:00 a.m.