



The EPIPHANY STAR

a word to the wise • The Episcopal Church of the Epiphany, Atlanta Georgia

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The Feast of the Presentation

It's a beautiful story. Some forty days into his gigantic and small life, Jesus's good Jewish parents take their baby to the Temple. When they arrive, they have two significant encounters. One is with the prophet Simeon, who in his very old age proclaims these beautiful words:

*Lord, you now have set your servant free *
to go in peace as you have promised;*

*For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, *
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:*

*A Light to enlighten the nations,
and the glory of your people Israel. **

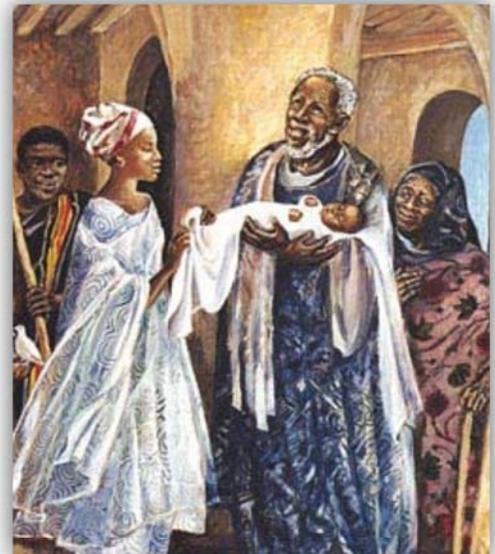
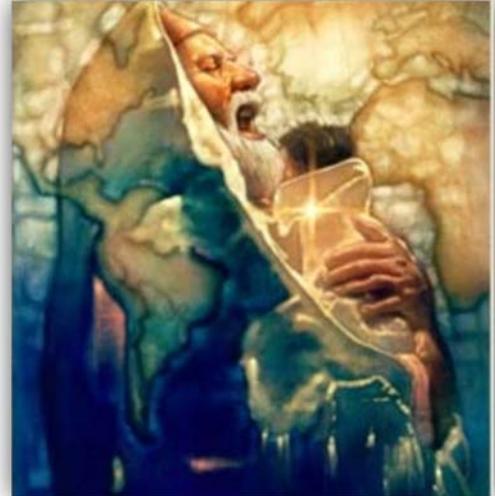
We call this the Song of Simeon - the *Nunc Dimittis* - and hear it most often in the Daily Office, specifically Evening Prayer. You can find it on page 120 in the Book of Common Prayer.

The second encounter is with the prophet Anna. Here is the story from Luke 2:

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

I have included a few of my favorite images of Anna and Simeon meeting the baby Jesus for the first time. Notice their faces. Each one telling a story of his or her own. Where do you connect? We have our own stories of encounters with Christ. What would yours be?

Come celebrate the Feast of the Presentation with us on Sunday, February 5, at 5 p.m. All are welcome. Yes. All.



Sharon⁺

The Rev. Dr. Sharon Hiers, Sr. Associate Rector

Parish News

Epiphany's Art Ministry

Epiphany's Art Ministry welcomes collage and painting work by architect/artist Lance Carlson for February 2017.



In the artist's own words:

"My work is a record of the connections and relationships that I have discovered within my own perceived world, through music, art, and literature. This process may start on a somewhat literal level but it soon evolves into new discoveries and interpretations unbounded by conventional time. My marks and imagery form the rhythm of this dialogue."

25% of all sales benefit Epiphany.

Please make checks payable to Lance Carlson.

Shrove Tuesday

Join us Tuesday, February 28, to burn palms, dance and listen to live music while you eat our now famous amalgamation of pancakes, bacon, and sausage (cooked for you/donations accepted), and Potluck Cajun (you bring it). Children will decorate the Alleluia banner. The Burning of the Palms Liturgy will follow. A King Cake Scavenger Hunt for the Baby Jesus. And the Celebration of our Capital Campaign conclusion. Festivities begin at 5:45 p.m. in Jones Hall. The Burning of the Palms Liturgy will be at 6:30 p.m. in the courtyard. Also, please RSVP (click the RSVP button on the homepage) so we know how many to plan for.

Ash Wednesday

The Ash Wednesday Liturgy with Imposition of Ashes & Holy Eucharist will be at 12 & 7 p.m. on March 1. The Stations of the Cross will be at 11:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. We are serving dinner on Wednesday from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m., so be sure to contact the parish office

parishadmin@epiphany.org to make a reservation!

CHILDCARE PROVIDED FOR THE EVENING SERVICE.

Endowment Board Grants: Magi Foundation

The 30-day period for requesting disbursements from the Epiphany Endowment Fund opened on the day of the annual parish meeting, January 22, 2017. The guidelines for distributions, pursuant to the Fund's Plan of Operation, are:

- Capital improvements, debt reduction, or the building program of The Church of the Epiphany;
- Scholarships or grants to members of The Church of the Epiphany for the purpose of attending college, seminary, nursing or medical school; for church-related camping or leadership conferences; or such other training which enables members of this congregation to grow in Christian faith and service to God's people;
- Outreach into the community including, but not limited to, grants to Episcopal colleges and seminaries, social service agencies, institutions and agencies to which this parish relates, and to special programs designed for those persons in our area who are in spiritual and/or economic need; projects of the Episcopal Church at home and overseas.

The Endowment Board received eleven applications in 2016 for grants totaling \$14,425. The Board, with the Vestry's approval, was able to award \$7,224. The following represents the total amounts awarded:

1. Scholarships awarded - \$2,640. One applicant received a grant to help with college education, one for clinical pastoral education, one to assist with vacation bible school in Haiti, and one for Godly Play Training.
2. Capital Improvements awarded - \$2,084. Music program received grants to purchase a set of tone chimes for the children's choir and junior choir supplies. A grant was also awarded for acolyte robes and cinctures.

3. Parish Outreach awarded - \$2,500. A grant was awarded to the Emmaus House Freedom School.

Request forms are available in the gallery or on the Endowment Board page of the Epiphany website. Deadline for Applications is Wednesday, February 22, 2017. Please return them to the cubby marked Grant Applications outside the parish office.

Members of the Magi Foundation

Oz Adams	Bill Graves
Bert Bender	Pat Graves
Phil Bolton	Pam Hall
Vicki Bolton	John Hamilton
Sam Cartledge*	Ruth Healy
Alice Cunningham*	Sharon Hiers
Lisa Daily	Carol Hogue
Cecilia Democko	Lynn Hogue
Tom Democko	Elizabeth Holloway
David Draper	Doug Johnson*
Mary Betty Ford*	Claiborne Jones

The Magi Foundation is an important aspect of The Endowment Fund program. The purpose of The Magi Foundation is to thank, recognize, and honor individuals who have made provisions for the Fund in their will or by other means of planned gift, such as a life insurance policy or charitable remainder trust.

Anne Kerner	Vanessa Robisch
Kay Lee	Doug Runnion
Robin Levine	Nancie Sill*
Brenda Lloyd	Karyn Smith
Bruce Maclachlan	Karen Swenson
Gretchen Maclachlan	Dale Swenson
Shea McNutt	Margo Timberlake
Lisa Newton	Betty Walton*
Jim Rabb	Bill Weaver*
Neva Redfern	Sarah Jane Wollison
Greg Robisch	*deceased

Children's Ministries

Children's News: Sign up to receive the e-newsletter for Epiphany Children's Ministries by e-mailing cbreed@epiphany.org.

New Babies: Parents, be sure to let us know when there is a new baby in your life! Send a picture to the church office with the name, birthdate, and parents' names of the newborn and we'll post it on our Guild of the Christ Child Board.

Wednesday Night Dinner

Dinner is served from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Cost is \$8 for adults, \$4 for children 10 and under. This year we are alternating between hot meals from Bridge Catering and Boxed Sandwich meals or Pasta and Salad from Jason's Deli. Sign up in the Crossing Hall by 11 a.m. Tuesday. If you'd like to be on the standing reservation list, please contact the parish office at 404.373.8338 or parishadmin@epiphany.org.

Weekday Worship & Bible Study

Tuesday Morning Eucharist is celebrated at 7 a.m. A group of men gather for breakfast and discussion afterwards and typically are on their way to work by 8 a.m.

A Noonday healing service is offered on Wednesdays followed by Eucharist and then Bible Study at 1 p.m.

The Wednesday Evening Bible Study with the Rector is offered at 6:30 p.m. for a study of the upcoming Sunday's readings.



In Memory & In Thanksgiving

The Altar Flowers & Sanctuary Light online sign up for 2017 is live. Go to <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/altar19> if you wish to make a dedicatory offering of altar flowers or sanctuary light, or contact the parish office.

The Altar Flowers or the Sanctuary Light can be given as a memorial, thanksgiving or on a special occasion. List your name in the signup field and list your intention in the comments field.

To be listed in the Sunday bulletin, sign up by noon on Thursdays.

Make your check payable to the Church of the Epiphany, noting "Flowers" or "Light" and the date given in the memo field, and mail it to the church, leave it in the treasurer's cubby or in the alms basin on Sundays. Suggested offering: \$70 for flowers and \$6 for the light.

Transitions

If you would like to transfer your membership to Epiphany, you may pick up a Transfer Request form in the gallery or send your date of birth and any dates of baptism or confirmation, along with the name and address of your previous church home, to the parish office at 404.373.8338 or parishadmin@epiphany.org.

Transfers In

Kenan Morrissey, from *Cathedral of St. Philip, Atlanta, GA*

Announcements

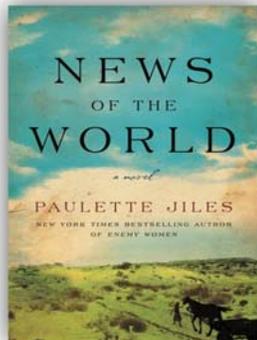
In the Bulletin & Weekly E-blast: Insert notices – 40 words or less – are due 9 a.m. Thursdays. Weekly E-News items are due 4 p.m. Tuesdays. If you have photos from Epiphany events you want to share, email the parish office at 404.373.8338 or parishadmin@epiphany.org.

Ongoing Battery & Cork Recycling

Please drop off your batteries and natural corks (no synthetics) in the container next to the microwave in the kitchen. If you have a really large quantity of batteries or corks contact: Sandy Land (alexandra_land@yahoo.com).

Ongoing Meetings

The Epiphany Book Group meets the 1st Monday of the month, at 7:30 p.m. in Jones Hall. Contact: Dennis Edmiston at dce1946@gmail.com or 678.613.7401.



February Selection: *News of the World* by Paulette Jiles

March Selection: *The Spiral Staircase* by Karen Armstrong

April Selection: *Everybody's Fool* by Richard Russo

May Selection: *The Class of '65* by Jim Auchmuty

June Selection: *Jacksonland* by Steve Inskeep

Meeting Night: Committees meet on 2nd Monday from 6—7:30 p.m. We gather in Jones Hall, pray together and then go our ways. Committee Chairs, please be sure to let your committees know each month if they are meeting.

Women's Book Group meets 1st Thursdays at 7 p.m. at Catherine Breed's house. We are discussing *Carry On* by Glennon Doyle Melton. Email Catherine at cbreed@epiphany.org for directions and to RSVP.

ECW Meeting: The Episcopal Church Women meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 9:30 a.m. to make sandwiches for Emmaus House. The program starts at 11 a.m., with potluck lunch to follow.

Young Adults Sunday Lunch: Please join the Epiphany Young(ish) Adult group for brunch on the last Sunday of each month. Gather in the courtyard following the second service, about 12:30 p.m., to carpool to our location.

The Daughters of the King (DOK) meets the 4th Thursday at 10:30 a.m. at the Banfield residence. For directions, email banfieldn@bellsouth.net. We invite all ladies of the congregation to join us.

Veteran's Support Group: Veteran's Heart of GA invites service members, veterans, and family members to speak with and listen to each other, create understanding, and collectively address the effects of war that touch all of us. They meet in Room A on the 2nd Sunday of the month from 1:30-3:30 p.m. *RSVP at www.veteransheartgeorgia.org.

Outreach News

Peachtree Pine Ministry

2/17—Peachtree Pine: Instead of our normal food preparation and service at the Peachtree Pine men's shelter each month, for the month of February we will be touring the facilities with the retiring long-standing executive director of the Atlanta Task Force for the Homeless, Anita Beatty. We'll meet at Manuel's Tavern at 12:15 p.m. for lunch, then carpool for a 1:30 p.m. tour. Questions? Call Brandon Laird at 404.373.7466.

Join us for Hunger Walk/Run 2017!

On March 5 Epiphany will once again be supporting efforts to fight against local hunger. The Hunger Walk/Run - an annual 5K walk and "fun run" begun in 1984 - is a project of the Atlanta Community Food Bank that unites our community to raise awareness and critical funds for local hunger relief. Proceeds from the event benefit the Atlanta Community Food Bank and other local nonprofit organizations.

The event is held at Turner Field's Green Lot and includes food trucks, games, educational activities, and live entertainment. The event opens at noon, so that teams may go from church and buy lunch/enjoy the entertainment there. The walk/run begins at 2 pm, and everything is over by 4 pm. For those at Epiphany who wish to ride down together, we will leave from Epiphany at 12:30 pm and meet at the ACFB and Meet Your Team Area. This event is great fun for all ages!

Epiphany will have one team (Epiphany Magi) jointly sponsored by our Youth and the Outreach Committee. We will walk/run to raise money for the Food Bank and Epiphany's feeding ministries (Peachtree Pine, Holy Comforter, Emmaus House, and Hagar's House). Our Epiphany Food Pantry receives a credit at the Food Bank for 80% of the funds raised (which last year was \$2610!). These funds are a major help in allowing us to serve the underserved!

There is a \$25 registration fee (donation) to walk at the event or \$35 to run. Members of the Youth and/or Outreach Committee will be collecting registrations between services, or you can register on-line: (engage.acfb.org) or receive a registration form in the gallery between services. If you cannot personally participate, you may sponsor a church member who is registered or donate to the team. Use the same registration link above or make out a check to "ACFB Hunger Walk.". Deadline is noon, March 3.

Through the Hunger Walk, we can again help make a difference in the lives of our neighbors in need. Please consider supporting us through prayer, participation, or sponsorship. Contact Martha Rummel 404.953.8230 or mrummel10@gmail.com for questions.

DEAM Food Drive

January and June are our "turns" for stocking the pantry, but the bins are out year-round to accept your donations. For February, the most needed items are: 1 lb packages of white or yellow rice, 1 qt packages of powdered milk, canned fruit other than applesauce, canned black eyed peas, canned lima beans, sm. boxes of corn muffin mix, lg (24-28oz) size pasta sauce, and pasta side packets or hamburger helper. And we are very low on toiletries especially toothpaste, deodorant, sanitary supplies and shampoo. Toilet paper and bar soap are also needed.

Thank you for the response to the January Drive. We collected 146 cans of fruit, 155 boxes of muffin mix, 143 packages of powdered milk and 268 rolls of toilet paper.



Diocesan & Community News

Introduction to Centering Prayer Workshop

Contemplative Outreach of Atlanta will offer a seven-session program on *Centering Prayer* at St. Ann's Catholic Church. The program begins with a full day workshop (from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.) on Saturday, February 4, 2017, and includes six weekly follow-up evening sessions on dates to be determined by the participants. The cost for the program is \$25 in advance or \$35 at the door and includes all seven sessions. (Scholarships are available.) The workshop will be held in La Salette Hall, which is located behind the Parish Office and across



the street (Bishop Lake Road) from the church. Registration begins at 9 a.m. Beverages and breakfast snacks/light lunch will be provided.

Centering Prayer is a simple method of prayer, rooted in ancient Christian tradition. The series will introduce participants to the four simple steps of *Centering Prayer* and provide opportunities to practice the discipline in daily life. For information or to pre-register contact: Jo Anne Green at 770.356.7803 or Peggy Poyo at 770.587.4428.

Absalom Jones Service



The Union of Black Episcopalians will celebrate the Feast of Absalom Jones at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Atlanta, on Sunday, February 19, at 4 p.m.

The Honorable Clinton Deveaux, Retired Judge, Municipal Court of Atlanta, will deliver the message. Mr. Deveaux is a longtime member of the Chapel at Emmaus House. Trey Clegg will direct the choir, with featured performances by the Trey Clegg Singers. We are inviting individuals from around the diocese to join our diocesan-wide choir.

This annual service celebrates the life and legacy of Absalom Jones, the first priest of African descent in the Episcopal church. For additional information, please contact Tiffany King at 770.380.4615, or email atlanta.ube@gmail.com.

Commission on Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking

You can demand social justice and help people who are victims of human slavery in the State of Georgia. Join with Georgia's anti-sex trafficking advocates on Tuesday, February 28th for Lobby Day.

Where: The Historic Freight Depot
65 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive S.E.
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

What can your parish do to advocate? Attend all or part of Lobby Day. Then call or write your legislators. Tell them that we need:

- minimum time in jail for offenders
- no early parole for offenders
- make human sex trafficking and 2nd instance of pandering a felony
- remove sunset on law that mandates the posting of the national human trafficking hotline in places victims are likely to be (bus stations, strip clubs, hotels, etc.)

To register visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/georgia/as-anti-sex-trafficking-lobby-day-2017-tickets-2884193004>

Lobby Day will be followed by a luncheon hosted by the Lobby Day partner organizations

An Invitation: Called to Lead

Called to Lead is a day of lay leadership development. Bishop Wright teaches the model of adaptive leadership to parish vestries, wardens and treasurers. All lay leaders, including members of finance and stewardship committees, are invited to this workshop. This year's Called to Lead will focus on Purpose and Vision. Participants will also be equipped with tools for effective stewardship of people and other resources. There will be two opportunities for Called to lead; the first will be on Saturday, February 11th at St. David's, Roswell from 9 am to 3 pm. Click here to register. The second opportunity will be on Saturday, February 25 at Christ Church, Macon from 9 am to 3 pm.

<https://connecting.episcopalatlanta.org/events/2017/2/25/an-invitation-called-to-lead>

MISSION STATEMENT: The Episcopal Church of the Epiphany is an inclusive community called to seek and follow Jesus Christ. We welcome all people in the Eucharistic fellowship of Christ's Body. We receive strength and encouragement at the common table to carry out Christ's work of reconciliation in our broken world. Nourished by worship and witness, learning and teaching, fellowship and service, we strive to live out the Gospel's radical values with gladness of heart.

For Our Prayers...

Prayer intentions for The Epiphany Star and for Sunday Services should be directed to the parish office at parishadmin@epiphany.org. For Pastoral Emergencies, text or call the clergy on call at 404.939.2137. Sunday Prayers are kept for a month, prayer intentions in the newsletter are kept for two months. Please let the Parish Office know if there are any errors on the listings below.

Heal your sick servants

- Richard Bassett
- Jaye Davidson
- Maggie Ewing
- Pam Hall
- Luise Kirkhuff
- Chris Miller
- Liz Romo-Rasha
- Jaye Rudolph
- Steve Sabom

Parishioners who desire our continuing prayers

- Neil Banfield
- Richard Bassett
- Marlene Coats
- Arlen Gray
- Sarah Jane Wollison

Rest eternal grant them

- Jim McCormick, brother-in-law of Nancy Chandler

For members who are expecting

- Rebecca Woodruff & Adam Gaeddert
- Ellen & Michael Bryan
- Ali & Brad Stoner; Emily & Michael Walden

Those in the armed forces

- Matthew Howells, nephew of Audrey & Neil Banfield
- MSG Stewart Mundy, son of Dan & Diane Mundy
- Brandon Pattison, nephew of Benno Pattison
- 1LT Elizabeth Tankovich, sister of Catherine Breed
- Nick Watts, brother of Chris Booth

Family and friends who request our prayers

- Zoe, granddaughter of Chippy & Mac Holladay
- Greg Robert, friend of Jewel Allen
- Sharon Pierce, daughter of Pat Spivey
- Susan Fuller, daughter of Alma Fuller
- James Wilcox, Mattie Zanders and Marion Danley, father and aunts of Larry Wilcox
- Ann Giblin, friend of Sara Cushing
- Lydia Kramer Lee, cousin of Gretchen Maclachlan
- Bette Phillips Hershey, mother of Kristin Phillips
- Fisher-Ari, friend of Cristin Davis
- Maria Mezzacappa, friend of Linda Ryder Wolf
- Lizzie Barbagallo, niece of Linda Ryder Wolf
- Zoe, granddaughter of Chippy & Mac Holladay
- Al and Bernadette, friends of Audrey & Neil Banfield
- Carolyn Allen, mother of Jewel Allen
- Joan Hambalek, friend of Barbara Belcore
- David, Susannah & Sidney Burley, relatives of Caroline Bridges Driebe
- Judy Gutowski, friend of Lisa Carlson and Johanna Hinman
- Mike Rose, father/grandfather of Elle, William, Elizabeth, Matthew & Calvin Rose
- Zaheer Mirza, friend of Jae Davidson
- Jane Broker Reetz, relative of Noelle Reetz



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Worship Schedule—Sunday

8:45 a.m. - Holy Eucharist
11:15 a.m. - Holy Eucharist

Worship Schedule—Weekdays

Tuesday at 7 a.m. – Holy Eucharist
Wednesday at 12:15 p.m. – Holy Eucharist
w/Healing
Thursday at 7 a.m. — Shared Silence

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Class of 2018

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Amy Shipp, *Parish Life & Junior Warden*

Paul Welty, *Youth Formation*

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Bonnie Kissler, *Finance*

Brenda Lloyd, *Endowment*

Class of 2020

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Nancy Chandler

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