



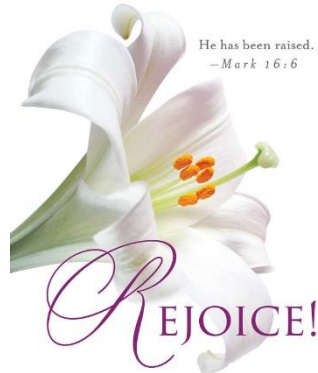
The Archangel's Voice

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"Good things are happening at St. Michael. Come and see!"



As we journey on together —

Resurrection has consistently won rave reviews among the faithful. As a long-running production, the hope alone is infinitely preferable to the third curtain-call at the end of a one-act play. Still, I have sensed something not quite finished about the last act. Something about an empty tomb in a garden of all places, and a moment in the darkness when the world theatre seems hesitant to stand in applause.

For one hold-your-breath moment, it is clearly not enough to lean forward in front row center seats. It is not enough we should praise an extraordinary performance. A half-breath in the silence of this playhouse suddenly filled with Light and we know our applause probably isn't going to be enough. Then again, it will never be enough to be just watchers. Truth is, there is a moment in the early morning darkness of the first day of the week when standing becomes Life, when rolling back any stone makes us participants and members of the cast, when Resurrection becomes much less a superior script we might develop in the future and much more an unfolding, improvisational, present-tense encounter!

If the Church is to stand in applause, one person must stand, then another, and another...**Christ is risen!** And Easter is our reminder he must not stand alone.

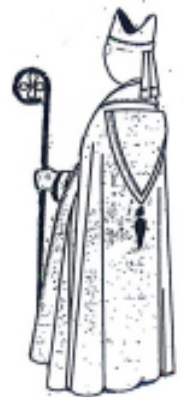
Best of days,

Cal

THE BISHOP IS COMING

On Sunday morning, April 24, the Right Reverend Samuel Johnson Howard, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Florida, will visit here at St. Michael and All Angels.

The purpose of his coming centers itself about something no less important than the heart of our identity. Indeed, a bishop sums up in his person and office those Christians throughout history from whom we receive, and among whom we continue to share, the tradition of the Apostles. In a very real sense, a bishop is the living symbol of the Church in the world, the Church expectant, the Church moved to find life in giving ourselves for others. In his presence, we celebrate our union with Christians in all times and places. Moreover, we depend upon him to mirror faithfully for us a personal vision of the here-and-now consequences of what it means to be living members of the Body of Christ in this particular part of God's ever unfolding creation.



Those of you who wish to be confirmed, received, or ask God's blessing upon reaffirming a life-changing commitment to our Lord Christ should let Fr. Cal know at your first opportunity.

New Ministries at St. Michael

Members of St. Michael have two more opportunities to reach out into our community and "**serve somebody!**", as Jesus calls us to do. Thanks for your generosity.

- **Good News Outreach** is in need of food donations and we want to help. Needed foods include grits, oatmeal, soups, flour, fruit cups and spices. A full list of foods needed is posted on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall. Please place your donations in the Food Gift Box in the Parish Hall.
- **Handbags of Hope** is geared toward women who have difficulty providing basic necessities for themselves. Please consider donating one of your gently used handbags filled with travel-size personal items, such as toothbrush and toothpaste, soap, deodorant, body lotion, shampoo and conditioner, wipes and hand sanitizer. Handbags will be distributed through Economy Drug Store and Neighborhood Health Services. A clear, plastic bin has been placed in the Parish Hall to collect your donations.

KEY DATES

March 24

Maundy Thursday Service at 7 p.m.

March 25

Good Friday Service at 7 p.m.

March 27

Easter Day Service at 10 a.m.

April 24

Bishop Howard's Visitation

April 25

Saint Mark the Evangelist

Upcoming Events

April 6
College Students’
Supper & Bible Study

April 9
Evening of Grace

April 16
ECW Pretty Hat Tea

April 22 - 24
ECW Spring Retreat

April 23
Arts & Crafts Festival

April 30
Breakfast Service at
Grace Mission

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Youth Choir sings the offertory selection at the Eucharist on March 6



March 6 Compline Service at St. Michael

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Around the Parish

College Student Outreach — On the first Wednesday of each month, ALL college students are invited to join in Bible Study and a meal. The next meeting will be April 6 at 6:45 pm in the Parish Hall. Please encourage any college students you know to take part in this life-affirming ministry. For more information, call Melanie Martin at (850)322-7516.

Health, Wellness and Fitness — Zumba Fitness is offered weekly on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Contact *Fitness with Leslie* at <http://www.zumba.com/en-US/profiles/14141> for more information.

Grace Mission Gala — The 7th annual Evening of Grace Gala will be held on **Saturday, April 9** at St. John’s Episcopal Church. This year’s event celebrates Grace Mission’s 20th anniversary and will begin with a Worship and Praise service from 4:00–5:30 p.m. at which Bishop Howard will preside; it is free and open to the public. A jazz concert featuring Avis Berry follows from 5:30-8:00 p.m. in Alfriend Hall. Tickets for the concert are \$100 per person. Contact Delois Brown at (850) 274-8490 to reserve your ticket.



ECW Pretty Hat Tea — The Episcopal Church Women's annual Pretty Hat Tea will be held on **Saturday, April 16** at 3 p.m. As always, it will be a great event with delicious food, the annual hat contests, more than a little sisterly competition among table hosts and a silent auction. Single tickets are \$15; a table may be purchased for \$100. Contact ECW President Melanie Martin at (850) 322-7516 to reserve your ticket/table.

Diocesan Episcopal Church Women (ECW) Spring Retreat — The Spring Retreat for the Women of the Church will be held **April 22 - 24** at The Episcopal Center. All women of the ECW, DOK, and Altar Guild are invited as well as all other women of the church. We hope to see you for this exciting weekend! Event information and registration forms are available in the office.

2nd Annual Arts & Crafts Festival — St Michael & All Angels will host its 2nd Annual Arts and Crafts Festival on **Saturday, April 23, 2016** from 10:30am-4:30pm. This year, we have added a special segment titled "Historical Remnants" that will enable parishioners to share historical items (photographs, books, etc.) of family members. The exhibit will be located in the Brooks Room along with Tallahassee African American Genealogy Group (TAAGG).



March 2, shared Lenten Fellowship with Church of the Advent, at St. Michael. The word for the evening was Gratitude.



Professor of Media, Journalism and Film at Howard University Judy Moore Latta, PhD, at the book-signing event on March 13 for her new book, "God Ain't Sleep: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow." Dr. Latta grew up in Tallassee and attended St. Michael with her parents, the late Dr. Oscar and Mrs. Laverne Moore.



March 9, shared Lenten Fellowship at Church of the Advent. Discussion centered around the impact of "toxic charity" on church outreach in communities.



Dr. Ann L. Wead Kimbrough, Dean of the School of Journalism & Graphic Communication at Florida A&M University speaking on The Status of Women in the Media at our Women’s Day Celebration on March 20.

