



# The Archangel's Voice

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## St. Michael Shows Its Sweet, Sweet Spirit

Back in the day, during the 1950s and 60s to be exact, St. Michael was recognized throughout Tallahassee as an activist church. It was the time of the Civil Rights Movement, and The Reverend David Brooks, who served as Vicar of St. Michael, was so well-known as a leader in the Tallahassee community that the church was referred to as Father Brooks' Church. That spirit of activism, while not as evident in the decades since, has been nourished in recent years, and overnight on September 1-2, an act of God named Hurricane Hermine brought it to full bloom.

Much of Tallahassee was severely impacted by Hurricane Hermine, but St. Michael was spared any damage or loss, and within 36 hours of the storm's passing, St. Michael was offering hot meals and a cool space to anyone in need. Parishioners checked on each other via text messages and Saturday afternoon, September 3, the word went out that hot dogs, hamburgers and corn-on-the-cob were being served in the parish hall. After our church service on Sunday, the love continued as those in attendance were invited to stay for fellowship and a meal and to deliver dinners to others. Our senior warden posted a message on Facebook: *There will be spaghetti dinners available at St. Michael and All Angels for those without power until 3:00 or till dinners run out.*



Some showed their gratitude by posting comments on Facebook:

*What wonderful people.*

*Though small in number I love St. Michael's for how they do what they do!  
What a blessing!!!*

*Thank you for helping others!*

*This is a glorious example of following the "New Covenant" given by Jesus Christ: Love one another as I loved you.*

*Ms. Leslie is the BEST COOK!*

Others thanked parishioners on the spot or shared their gratitude by attending service on a subsequent Sunday.

Our call to minister to the hungry continued as St. Michael joined with St. John's to help at the homeless shelter's First Wednesday Supper on September 7. A total of 324 ate supper that day.

At St. Michael, we are living our mission: *To experience the Gospel of Jesus Christ by feeding the mind, body and spirit of our community in fellowship and service.*



*"Good things are happening at St. Michael.*

***Come and see!"***

### KEY DATES

**October is...**  
*Ministry Appreciation Month*

**October 9**  
*Apalachee Ultreya at St. James Episcopal*

**October 10**  
*Columbus Day*

**October 18**  
*Saint Luke the Evangelist*

**October 22**  
*Bishop's Institute-Lay Leadership Development*

**October 24**  
*Saint James of Jerusalem: Brother of Our Lord Jesus Christ, and Martyr*

**October 28**  
*Saint Simon and Saint Jude, Apostles*

## Upcoming Events

**Wednesdays,  
6:30 p.m.**  
Choir Rehearsal

**Wednesdays,  
7:00 pm**  
Bible Inspiration

**October 16**  
ECW Day/Awareness

**October 22**  
Diocesan ECW Meeting

**October 29**  
Breakfast Service at  
Grace Mission

ECW Fall General  
Meeting

**Wanted:  
Fellowship Sponsors  
for November**



Having a birthday soon?  
Celebrating an  
anniversary or special  
occasion? Consider  
hosting the fellowship  
after Sunday service, in  
thanksgiving for your  
many blessings.

**Please sign up on the  
calendar in the parish  
hall.**

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## Around the Parish

**Congratulations! — To** Father Cal and Karen who, on September 9, observed 43 years of marriage. The happy couple celebrated with their church family by hosting the fellowship following the service on September 11.



Happy 43<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary!



**Grace Mission Outreach — On Saturday, September 17,** St. Michael sponsored "One Church, One Saturday" to assist Grace Mission with food distribution at the Joe Louis Housing Complex.



**Rector Search —** During the weekend of September 18-19, we welcomed



The Rev. James Yarsiah and family for a visit to St. Michael. On Saturday, Father Yarsiah spent time meeting and greeting the search committee, vestry and other parishioners. On Sunday, Father Yarsiah brought the message, celebrated the Eucharist, and met with parishioners after the service.

**ECW News —** The women of St. Michael will celebrate **ECW Day on October 16** in the parish hall following Sunday service. The women will use this time to bring awareness to two significant issues: Breast Cancer Prevention and Domestic Violence Prevention, both of which are recognized nationally each year during the month of October.



At the diocesan level, the **125th Annual Meeting of the Episcopal Church Women of the Diocese of Florida** will be held on Saturday, October 22, 2016, at the Episcopal Conference Center (formally known as Camp Weed). The annual meeting is open to all women of the church and their guests.

On Saturday, **October 29**, St. Michael's ECW will hold its **fall general meeting** at 11:00 am in the parish hall. All women of St. Michael are encouraged to attend and participate in the various ministries coordinated by the ECW.

**Taking Action —** Did you know that September is **Hunger Action Month**? Second Harvest of the Big Bend got help from our Senior Warden Byron Green to spread the word about hunger in Tallahassee.



Good things continue to happen in Tallahassee through St. Michael's church family as parishioners joined the **Walk to End Alzheimers** at Cascades Park on September 17.

Stay tuned for more opportunities to **"let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."** [Matthew 5:16, ESV]