

Good News Brief

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This Week

Sunday, April 15th, 2018

8:00 AM Rite I Holy Eucharist
9:00 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal
9:10 AM Adult Education
10:00 AM Rite II Holy Eucharist
10:00 AM Epic (Youth Group)
10:00 AM Sunday School
11:30 AM Coffee Hour

Tuesday, April 17th, 2018

12:10 PM Chapel Service

Wednesday, April 18th, 2018

10:30 AM Rector's Aid
9:30 PM Compline, Church

Sunday, April 22nd, 2018

8:00 AM Rite I Holy Eucharist
9:00 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal
9:10 AM Adult Education
10:00 AM Rite II Holy Eucharist
10:00 AM Epic (Youth Group)
10:00 AM Sunday School
11:30 AM Coffee Hour

Do you want to add an event to the church calendar? Contact the church office : Office@Christchurchseattle.org

This Sunday

Adult Education—Universal Restoration, Part I: The Paschal Liberation with Sean Hudspeth

"We are all enclosed in him, and he is enclosed in us." - Julian of Norwich

From Gregory of Nyssa to George MacDonald the theme of universal hope winds its way through the Christian imagination. But what is the origin of the doctrine of apokatastasis? It may come as a surprise to find that by the 4th century a large portion of the Christian hierarchy believed in some form of universal salvation. This two-part series will examine theologies of salvation and the last things with the goal of getting a concrete picture of why a Christian can (perhaps should?) believe that all will be saved.

Upcoming Events

Earth Day Bike Ride, April 22nd

Let's ride bikes on Earth Day! Following the service on Sunday, April 22, we'll make a round trip at an easy pace on quiet streets and the Burke-Gilman Trail, to Gasworks for a brown bag picnic lunch. Bring your own bike, or use a dockless bike! Contact Betsy Voelker with questions .

Rector's Aid Sale May 6

Come to our Spring sale Sunday, May 6. It will be the last sale until the Fall so stock up on summertime accessories: BBQ aprons, "kitty" potholders, dish towels, lightweight purses, and baby & wedding gifts. We will also have tomato plants. Contact us if you need an item any time

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Elizabeth Gregory Home—Current Needs

The following items are current needs:

- Grocery bags: Plastic, paper, cloth
- Washed to-go containers with secure lids, all sizes (i.e., deli food, yogurt, Tupperware)
- Nightwear of all kinds
- Back packs & luggage
- Only item needed new: Panties, sizes small and medium only

We're also looking for a wheeling clothes rack in good condition to put all the winter and spring coats donated to us

Cathedral Day, April 28

Come one, come all to Saint Mark's Cathedral in Seattle. Bring your parish banner, join the grand procession and special service of diocesan confirmations. See the newly renovated cathedral! Launch a paper airplane, jump in the bounce house, ogle the organ, laugh with clergy, and much more. Complimentary lunch from food trucks. Please register today (it's free!) at <https://2018-cathedral-day.eventbrite.com>



Altar Flowers

The Altar Guild would like to thank all those who gave to the Easter Flower fund. LaVassar's did their usual wonderful job and the Church was beautiful. Let's make sure we beautify the Church with flowers each Sunday. There are openings now for all of May and for the first two Sundays in June. Also for most of the rest of the year. The cost is \$50 per Sunday and sometimes people share a date. You need not pay until your Sunday and if you wish, you may take one or both bouquets after the 10AM service. If you would be willing to sponsor a Sunday, please contact Bea Jackson. Thank you!

Volunteer need to be a First Sunday of the Month Usher for the 10 am service: contact Susan Folk or Pat Miller for more details.

Courtyard clean up

Thank you to everyone who helped with the courtyard clean up! We were able to disassemble and donate the playground structure to a man with five kids. There was a lot of digging, raking and cutting down, and there is more to do, but we made a lot of inroads in cleaning up the space. The space is now at the beginning of a period of renewal – so it may look a little stark right now, but it is just a clean, bright space ready for a new beginning. We have posted some thoughts in the undercroft and in the coming weeks, we'll be planning and making proposals. If you have thoughts, requests, comments, please reach out to Melissa (melrel99@hotmail.com) or Joslin (joslin86@hotmail.com) or both.

Video Recorders Wanted and Needed

Could you help with video recording the sermon on Sundays? Don Willis has faithfully recorded videos for the past few years, with great fill-in assistance from Natalie Johnson. It would be great if you could step in and take one Sunday a month to relieve the weekly responsibility on Don. It is a light time commitment and a great way in which CEC reaches our neighbors and the world. Very little technical expertise required, we will train! Contact: Joslin Harris-Gane.

Street Chaplaincy

We are in need of men's boxer-briefs in size M and L, and also chocolates (peanut butter cups are a favorite).

Thank you to everyone who walks and who donates

Vestry Corner

Things are brewing (more than coffee) around here...

We are so excited to be welcoming the Rev. Carla Robinson as an associate priest. Many of you have already been experiencing her wonderful clergy presence in our parish. Her support allows Rev. Shelly to continue in the double role of Rector of Christ Church and Episcopal Campus Minister to UW. At this month's vestry meeting, Ellen (our Campus Ministry vestry member) shared a bit about Campus Ministry's intense immersion trip to the border. The students are grateful for our parish's support as they continue to learn about themselves and form our future world.

We are also welcoming Heidi Hansen as a shared Children and Youth Director with St. Stephen's. She will be at Christ Church April 22nd and 29th to meet us and begin to learn about our community, so be sure to come around and say hello!

Finally, we would like to thank the many people who are continuing to work on our building projects: courtyard renewal (including additional soil and drainage issues that have popped up), finally crafting a comprehensive building use policy, collecting bids for a land use study to get specific information on turning our building dreams into reality, and all of you in the congregation—for having the dreams in the first place!

Christ is Risen! Alleluia! Alleluia! Email us at vestry@christchurchseattle.org. A couple members of the vestry will be available at coffee hour this week, if you'd like to connect that way.

Letter from the Bishop about The Rev. Anna Maria Korathu

May She Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory

Dear Ones,

The Rev. Anna Maria Korathu died yesterday evening at her home after a fall. The Rev. David Marshall was with the family and is tending to them. We have no details about the Celebration of Life at this point, but when that is known I will let you know. For now, please pray for her daughters and family.

Here is a bit more about Anna Maria;

The Rev. Anna Maria Korathu

1946-2018

Born: 10/14/1946. Daughter of John & Clarise Krasuckl

Education: BA Western Washington Univ., 1991 (Human Services); MDiv CDSP, 1997

Also graduated from the Diocesan School of Theology - Foundations for Ministry, June 1986 & Academic Program, June 1988.

Married: George Korathu (now deceased) 12/1/1962. 2 daughters, Prithy and Neethy.

Ordained: Diaconate, 6/28/1997 by Bishop Warner;

Priesthood, 12/19/1998 by Bishop Hampton

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Ministry:

1997-1999 Ass't., Seattle, St. George

1999-2011 Rector/Vicar, Seattle, St. George

Prior to ordination Anna Maria worked as an independent caterer; as a daycare operator; as a medical receptionist; and as a nursing home social worker where she was an advocate for the rights and dignity of the elderly and as a counselor to families facing the death of a loved one.

Anna Maria was described by one academic supervisor as having "a passion for social justice and a commitment to serve those in need."

In the summer of 1995 as part of the requirements for the M. Div., Anna Maria participated in the Clinical Pastoral Education program offered at St. Clare Hospital in Lakewood through Seattle University. This program enhanced her pastoral skills and increased her understanding of how to work with people dealing with crisis.

The same supervisor quoted above, wrote that, "She is a gifted woman with a passion for justice and for healing, and considerable gifts to bring to that passion. The church is richer for her gift of herself to it."

During the ordination process one member of the Commission Ministry commented that, Anna (Maria) has the heart of a priest.

As a compassionate person and as a woman of color, Anna Maria joined the Anti-Racism Committee of the Diocese of Olympia in 1997 and worked to eradicate the sin of racism. She wanted all clergy of color in the diocese to work together towards this end.

Anna Maria began her ministry at St. George's, Seattle as a deacon and continued as priest.

When her husband, George, passed away in 2003, his ashes were laid to rest in St. George's Memorial Garden - and when St. George's closed in 2011, Anna Maria retired.

During Epiphany 2005, Anna Maria wrote in the St. George's newsletter, I believe as humans we need to have dreams and to follow our stars to believe in something bigger than we are, something that feeds our souls, (something that) takes us toward the heart of God.

She is now even closer to the heart of God now.

Blessings,

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