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Southeast Youth Take Pro-Life to the People

During convocation for the Southeast Province, Fr. Scott and Lizz Looker of Jacksonville, FL (along with Jamie and Arsella Tellier from Selma, AL) partnered up with Fr. Terry Gensemer and Sarah Howell of CEC for Life to organize a pro-life prayer vigil for the young people attending the convocation.

We felt so privileged to accompany these youth and their leaders to a very strategic, high volume location to be a visible witness for life. On Friday morning, for one hour, the youth stood at the intersection of Miracle Strip Pkwy and Beal Pkwy, holding hand-written signs with pro-life messages and praying that each car passing

by would see and be impacted by this pro-life witness. The group also wore red Life tape over their mouths as a sign of solidarity with the pre-born. Every day in our country unborn children are denied their voice and their life by the atrocity of abortion. By giving up their own voices for that hour, our youth brought direct attention to the stripped personhood of the preborn.

William Hueholt, a youth from the Church of St. Peter in Wilmington, NC, shares his take on the event: *"It was an absolutely unforgettable experience, both because God moved so tangibly and because it was great to express facts. I feel sometimes like us youth*

grow up in an environment of tolerance to the point that we become afraid to ever state definitively What We Believe. (And it was quite amazing, really, how many people were obviously supportive. In a beach town I was expecting a lot of angry looks, but mostly we only saw agreement!)

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Why the Daily Office?

By Fr. Scott Looker, AKA "The Hilltop Shepherd"

Recently, my father was trying to explain the Daily Office to a friend of his. The Daily Office is a routine set of Bible readings and prayers ordered out in a

particular way. It can be, to say the least, a bit confusing at first. After explaining his own routine to his friend, the friend responded with a simple inquiry: "Why?" That brings us to today's topic...

Let us begin with some brief background information. Shortly after the Exodus, the LORD consecrated Aaron and his sons to be the first High Priest and the priestly line thereafter.

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Bible Study & Future Events

Sunday Morning Bible Study and Morning Coffee – will return Sunday August 28th.

4th Day Ultreya – 2nd Tuesday of the month , 6:00 pm at the home of Greg and Diane Looker. They are located in the Woods community at 13036 Palmetto Glade Dr., 221-7550. At the gate please mention the Church of the Messiah.

Wednesday Night Soup Supper & Prayer – every

Wednesday , 6pm at the Law offices of Lansing Roy, 1710 Shadowood Lane Suite 210, office #391-0030.

Youth Group – The Youth meet every Wednesday Night at 6:30pm at the home of Fr. Scott & Lizz Looker. On August 5th they will be going to Blue Springs and on the 18th of August to Pump It Up for a last bit of fun before school starts again the 22nd

COM Founders' Day

Celebration—will be held on Saturday August 27th, from 11am –5pm the Woods Club house near Hodges & Atlantic. The church will provide the BBQ, drinks, paper products. Please bring side dishes or dessert to share.

Made to Crave 2nd Chance – will be starting Thursday, August 11th at 7pm at the home of Fr. David and Janice Paysinger.

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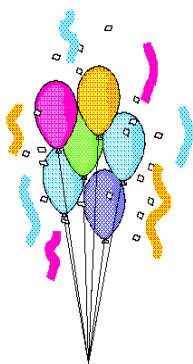
As we were standing there praying, I felt this intense sense that we were standing on holy, consecrated ground—to the point that I took my sandals off and stood barefoot, it was so humbling.

“Probably the coolest thing was this: When we started out, I was standing off to the side, but as the line shuffled around, I ended up being placed directly in the middle of the intersection (not where I had intended to be....)

From that place, God showed me that this intersection, with the road in front of us trailing off into the distance, was like we were standing in a birth canal out of which He was bringing something new and incredible born for His purposes...I felt like it was a really, really significant event for Ft. Walton Beach and, indeed, the nation.”

We agree. at CEC For Life our hope and prayer is that God will birth something

new in every young person who attended that vigil. We truly believe that this generation is capable of ending abortion, and we encourage each of the youth leaders from other diocese to create as many opportunities as you can for God to show His might and mercy through our young folk. If you don't know how, simply ask. CEC For Life is more than willing to help.



Birthdays

August

8/5	Kim Hunter
8/6	Lisa Christopherson
8/8	Marilyn Luck
8/10	Pam Dent
8/10	Hunter Pardee
8/13	Meghan Looker
8/14	Daniel Goss
8/24	Brooke Shimp

8/25	Catherine Looker
8/30	Paul Lapinski

September

9/9	Alanna Black
9/17	Lizz Looker
9/17	Samuel Wooded
9/20	Courtney Brabson
9/20	JoAnn Roy
9/25	Natalie Ellison

9/25	Cathie Shimp
9/29	Ryan Ellison Renk

October

10/2	Sherry Elmer
10/4	Mary Pardee
10/8	Nathaniel Looker
10/14	Fr. Lon Pardee
10/22	Amanda Paysinger

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Following that consecration, the LORD commanded that the priests should offer two lambs every day on the altar, one in the morning and one in the evening. That continued for centuries as the Hebrews passed from the Tabernacle in the Wilderness to Solomon's Temple. Some scholars believe that a set of readings from the Torah, Psalms, and the Prophets

developed during the Babylonian Exile. They theorize that, since they could not bring the daily sacrifice of lambs to the altar, they could, in the words of the Prophet Jeremiah, bring a "sacrifice of praise" to the LORD. (Jeremiah 33:11) By the time of Our Lord's Incarnation, there were various daily readings in each synagogue, for the morning and for the

evening. As the son of just and upright parents, Jesus would have regularly gone to the synagogues and heard the rabbis recite the readings from the Psalms, the Torah, and the Prophets each and every day. This, in part, explains why the most oft-quoted book in the New Testament is not the Prophet Isaiah (a distant second), but is actually the Book of Psalms.

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Prayer Needed

Please pray against Cancer, infection and for total healing for:

BP. Simpson, Kim Black, Fr. Morgan Speer, Ralph Bitancor, Olivia Jones.

Kim. Please continue to pray against the remaining slow growing tumor.

Fr. Morgan Speer. Please pray that the chemo target only the cancer and that the poison not harm the rest of

his body.

Ralph Bitancor. The tumor marker that is checked in the blood has dropped from 7000 to 2000. It is headed in the right direction. Hallelujah!!!!

Continue to pray for Olivia Jones' complete healing...

BP. Simpson has finished his treatments. Continue to pray against any return of the cancer.

Please pray for the next Tres Arroyos, Rector for the Men's weekend Kevin Paysinger, and Rectora for the Women's weekend Cathie Shimp.

**THIS BLOOD'S
FOR YOU**

Please include these people in your prayers

Foundation Day Celebration in Africa

UGANDA, AFRICA - On June 24th - 26th, an event was held in Uganda to celebrate the Foundation Day of the ICCEC. The event was led by Bp. Hannington Bahemuka of Uganda. Clergy and laity from Uganda, Congo, Tanzania and Sudan

gathered to celebrate what God has done with the ICCEC in Africa in the past 13 years.

In a particularly moving moment, a lame woman who had given her only chicken as an offering toward the construction of a church in

Uganda received a wheelchair to help her come to church. She said, "Indeed it is more blessed to give than to receive."

In speaking of the event and what God is doing through the ministry of the ICCEC in Africa, Bp. Hannington said

"My heart has never been this happy."



Why the Daily Office? continued

During the early Middle Ages, Christians who felt Christianity had been corrupted by the newly converted Roman Empire, isolated themselves and formed religious communities dedicated to prayer. This was the origin of monasticism. These men and women developed elaborate systems of readings for the Psalms, Old Testament, New Testament, and the Gospels so that the entire body of Holy Scriptures would be read, in some cases quite frequently, over the year. As a result, Holy Scripture so infused their lives, that when one looks at their writings, you can hardly tell what is Scripture and what is their own thought.

Later, the elaborate system of the monasteries was simplified into what we now call the Daily Office. It consists primarily of a routine for Morning Prayer and for Evening Prayer. Each office opens with a sentence from Scripture and an introductory Psalm or hymn to “set the mood.” There is a reading of one or more Psalms followed by one or two passages from Scripture. After each scriptural reading there is what is called a “Canticle,” or a song taken from Scripture. The Songs of Mary, Zechariah, and Simeon are some of the best examples (St. Luke 1:46-55, 68-79; 2:29-32), but others are taken from Exodus, Isaiah, Revelation, and various parts of the Apocrypha. After the readings and Canticles come the Apostles’ Creed, the Lord’s

Prayer, and other prayers that vary by day, week, or season. There is, of course, time given for free intercession.

So, now, why the Daily Office? There are four reasons.

1. The Daily Office incorporates *Lectio Divina* into daily prayer time. *Lectio Divina* means simply “Divine Readings.” The Daily Office is intensely reliant on a regular progression of readings through the Holy Scriptures. Throughout the course of the two-year cycle, the overwhelming majority of the Old Testament is read; the New Testament is read each year and the Holy Gospels are read even more frequently. Beyond that, those who pray the Daily Office do not go skittering about Scripture on a whim; they proceed quite regularly through the various testaments and the Gospel, following one passage after another. For a few weeks, one might read a chapter of the Prophet Isaiah and the Gospel according to Saint Luke. After a season, one proceeds into the Prophet Jeremiah and the Gospel according to Saint Matthew. Spirit-led prayer is a part of the Daily Office. There is little need for the “Bible in a Year” plans when one already prays the Daily Office.

2. The Daily Office makes heavy use of the very best “Liturgical Music.” The Book of Psalms is perhaps the most underutilized book of the Bible. As a collection of hymns, it often goes overlooked. This should be far from the case. The Psalms

were “Jesus’ Prayer Book.” It is from the Book of Psalms that Jesus quoted most frequently. Rather than relying on a nearby hymnal, one who prays the Daily Office reads the hymns on which Our Lord grew up. The historic Church gave so much esteem to the Book of Psalms that Saint Benedict of Nursia, who some call the founder of Western Monasticism, made it part of his Rule that his monks had to pray the entire Psalter, all 150 Psalms, each week! As part of the modern Daily Office, the majority of the Psalms are prayed on a seven-week cycle. In addition to the Psalms, after each reading, as previously stated, one reads another song from Holy Scripture. It might be one of the three already mentioned, but could be the Song of Moses (Exodus 15:1-6, 11-13, 17-18), The Songs of Isaiah (12:1-6; 55:6-11; 60:1-3, 11, 14, 18-19) or the Prayer of Manasseh. Again, rather than puttering about for a hymnal, one reads Holy Scripture put to music and, whether said or sung, those songs become a part of one’s being. I am not one given to quoting long passages of Scripture,

but some of the Canticles have become ingrained in my memory that I wonder if I could ever forget them. Is that not a lofty goal in and of itself?

3. The set of proscribed prayers help drive us into a routine of praying appropriately rather than what we feel at the time. It is too easy to let the first thing on our mind dominate

our personal prayer time. With the Lord’s Prayer, the responses, the weekly and nightly collects, as well as the prayers for the Church’s mission, we routinely touch on those issues which we ought never neglect in our prayer life: the poor and needy, those in government and justice, those who are sick, those who do not know the Lord, as well as grace and protection for our own walk with the Lord.

Additionally, those rote prayers, so often maligned by the more charismatic Christians, help us develop what I call Spirit Memory. You have likely heard of “muscle memory.” It comes when an athlete trains and trains and practices and practices to the point when they can perform certain skills practically blindfolded. The perfect visual for this is the movie *The Karate Kid*. In that movie Mr. Miyagi trains Daniel (or Mr. Han trains Dre, depending on your generation) by making him wax his cars, sand his patio deck, and paint his fence (or, again, taking on and off his jacket). After weeks of this training the young student throws an absolute fit before an impressive display of how what he has learned is truly applicable to Karate. The same can be applied to rote prayer. Take a good godly prayer; pray it until it becomes like second nature; when a crisis comes, watch that prayer spring to your mind before you have even had time to think,

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“what should I do now?”

Rote prayers develop spirit memory just as athletic drills develop muscle memory.

4. The Daily Office is convergence worship. Obviously, because of its intense reliance on Holy Scripture for its use of the Psalms, Readings, Canticles and response, the Daily Office is an evangelical exercise. Because of its requisite professions of faith,

use of Holy Spirit inspired Canticles and personal Spirit-led prayer time, the Daily Office is a charismatic exercise. The Daily Office is not a sacrament, but it is sacramental. The traditional definition of a sacrament is “an outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace.” In praying the Daily Office the one who prays is a physical sign of at least three different graces. First, that we have a God who has

bestowed upon us the gift of Holy Scripture; second, that we have a God who has given us the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete, to assist us in prayer; and, third, that we have a God who listens to our prayers. As such, the Daily Office is a sacramental exercise.

That is why the Daily Office.

New Chancellor for CEC North America Appointed

MALVERNE, NY - The Most Rev. Craig W. Bates, Patriarch of the International Communion of the Charismatic Episcopal Church, has appointed Mr. Kevin Paysinger as the Chancellor for the North America Church and as Legal Advisor to the Office of the Patriarch, effective July 19, 2011.

Mr. Paysinger, age 31, lives in Jacksonville, Florida and is a member of the Church of the Messiah since its inception in 1993. Currently, he is part of the Church’s music ministry. Mr. Paysinger is married to Amanda, who he met in the Church of the Messiah Youth Ministry at the age of 13. The two have been married over

seven years and are currently expecting their first child.

Mr. Paysinger is one of two partners in the Bankruptcy Law Firm of Lansing J. Roy, P.A. where he has been employed for the past ten years. The firm primarily represents corporate and individual debtors in bankruptcy cases. While working for the firm, Mr. Paysinger performed his undergraduate work at the University of North Florida, graduating in 2003, with degrees in Business Administration and Marketing. He received his law degree in 2008, graduating magna cum laude from the Florida Coastal School of Law in Jacksonville, Florida ranking 4th out of over 300 graduating students.

Mr. Paysinger is the son of the Rev. Fr. David Paysinger, who is the Rector of the Church of the Messiah. Mr. Paysinger brings not only a solid understanding of the law but is also very familiar with the life of the Church and the needs of its clergy and people.



OUR MISSION & PRIORITIES



The mission of our church is to bring the rich sacramental and liturgical heritage of the early church, the power of Pentecost, and the infallible truth of Scripture together in one expression of Christ's church for this generation, providing a home for all Christians who seek a vital, powerful energetic, and yet stable church in which to grow in love with one another and in our knowledge and love of God.

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JULY DAILY OFFICE

DATE	AM PSALM	PM PSALM	OLD TESTAMENT	NEW TESTAMENT	GOSPEL
1-Monday	80	77	2Samuel 7:1-17	Acts 18:1-11	Mark 8:11-21
2-Tuesday	78:1-39	78:40-72	2Samuel 7:18-29	Acts 18:12-28	Mark 8:22-33
3-Wednesday	119:97-120	81,82	2Samuel 9:1-13	Acts 19:1-10	Mark 8:34-9:1
4-Thursday	145	85,86	2Samuel 11:1-27	Acts 19:11-20	Mark 9:2-13
5-Friday	88	91,92	2Samuel 12:1-14	Acts 19:21-41	Mark 9:14-29
6-Saturday	87,90	136	2Samuel 12:15-31	Acts 20:1-16	Mark 9:30-41
7-Sunday	66,67	19,46	2Samuel 13:1-22	Romans 15:1-13	John 3:22-36
8-Monday	89:1-18	89:19-52	2Samuel 13:23-39	Acts 20:17-38	Mark 9:42-50
9-Tuesday	97,99	94	2Samuel 14:1-20	Acts 21:1-14	Mark 10:1-16
10-Wednesday	101,109:1-30	119:121-144	2Samuel 14:21-33	Acts 21:15-26	Mark 10:17-31
11-Thursday	105:1-22	105:23-45	2Samuel 15:1-18	Acts 21:27-36	Mark 10:32-45
12-Friday	102	107:1-32	2Samuel 15:19-37	Acts 21:37-22:16	Mark 10:46-52
13-Saturday	107:33-43,108	33	2Samuel 16:1-23	Acts 22:17-29	Mark 11:1-11
14-Sunday	118	145	2Samuel 17:1-23	Galatians 3:6-14	John 5:30-47
15-Monday	106:1-18	106:19-48	2Samuel 17:24-18:8	Acts 22:30-23:11	Mark 11:12-26
16-Tuesday	120-123	124-127	2Samuel 18:9-18	Acts 23:12-24	Mark 11:27-12:12
17-Wednesday	119:145-176	128-130	2Samuel 18:19-23	Acts 23:23-35	Mark 12:13-27
18-Thursday	131-133	134,135	2Samuel 19:1-23	Acts 24:1-23	Mark 12:28-34
19-Friday	140,142	141,143	2Samuel 19:24-43	Acts 24:24-25:12	Mark 12:35-44
20-Saturday	137:1-9,144	104	2Samuel 23:1-7,13-17	Acts 25:13-27	Mark 13:1-13
21-Sunday	146,147	111-113	2Samuel 24:1-2,10-25	Galatians 3:23-4:7	John 8:12-20
22-Monday	1,2,3	4,7	1Kings 1:5-31	Acts 26:1-23	Mark 13:14-27
23-Tuesday	5,6	10,11	1Kings 1:38-2:4	Acts 26:24-27:8	Mark 13:28-37
24-Wednesday	119:1-24	12-14	1Kings 3:1-15	Acts 27:9-26	Mark 14:1-11
25-Thursday	18:1-20	18:21-50	1Kings 3:16-28	Acts 27:27-44	Mark 14:12-26
26-Friday	16,17	22	1Kings 5:1-6:1-7	Acts 28:1-16	Mark 14:27-42
27-Saturday	20,21:1-13	110:1--7,116,117	1Kings 7:51-8:21	Acts 28:17-31	Mark 14:43-52
28-Sunday	148,149,150	114,115	1Kings 8:22-40	1Timothy 4:7b-16	John 8:47-59
29-Monday	25	9,15	2Chronicles 6:32-7:7	James 2:1-13	Mark 14:53-65
30-Tuesday	26,28	36,39	1Kings 8:65-9:9	James 2:14-26	Mark 14:66-72
31-Wednesday	38	119:25-48	1Kings 9:24-10:13	James 3:1-12	Mark 15:1-11