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WE NOW POSSESS THE LAND!

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In the fourth chapter of Deuteronomy, Moses proclaimed to Israel, "Now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the judgments which I teach you to observe, that you may live, and go in and possess the land which the LORD God of your fathers is giving you." We now possess the land which the LORD God of our fathers has given us! As of 10:45 this morning, Fr. David, acting in consensus with his Rector's Council, purchases 4.95 acres of property on St. John's Bluff Blvd.

While praying about whether to buy an already established building or undeveloped land, the word of the LORD came to one of the members

of the Rector's Council who said, "The LORD wants to do a new things with us. He is tired of us always having someone else's leftovers. This is a new thing." In fact, the land is *so* new that it has never been assigned a street address! The land is on St. Johns Bluff Boulevard in between Oak Crest Drive and Craig Drive and opposite Craig Municipal Airport.

Having possessed the land, we know turn our attention to occupying the land. We are beginning the process of clearing the land so that we may gather on the property and worship their together. Our Parish Council will also begin to serve as a Buildings Committee to begin the

development of our property. Of course, this also means that we address our building fund in earnest.

We thank all of those who have prayed, fasted, and interceded for Church of the Messiah in this process. Please continue to pray for the growth and development of the Church of the Messiah. We are not quite out of the Cave of Adullam (I Samuel 22:1-2) just yet, but we now know where David is leading his mighty men.

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The Yoke of Rest by Father Stanley Samuel

*Readings: Zechariah 9:9-12;
Psalm 145; Romans 7:21 – 8:6;
Matthew 11:25-30*

The word yoke naturally brings up an image of a burden, of bondage, and of being tied down with another, as oxen were

yoked together to plow a field.

Our Lord Jesus Christ calls us to come to him and take his yoke upon us; to be tied down with him; to be bound to him. However, in our Lord, we are yoked in

the bond of love. As we come under the yoke of our Lord Christ, he teaches us how to plow in his field. He is not a burdensome teacher who lays on us more than we can bear.

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Special points of interest:

- "Hell-Storms"
- The Yoke of Rest
- Bible Study and Future Events
- 2011 Missions Offering

What's Happenin !

Bible Study & Future Events

Sunday Morning Bible Study – 9:15am in the Student Council Building, room 145, *An Enabled People of Grace*. A study of men and women of God enabled to serve and love Him. This is a 5 week study of people God empowered to serve Him and what the bible says about how today we can be enabled to accomplish even greater things.

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. Please RSVP

Wednesday Night Soup Supper & Prayer – every Wednesday, 6pm at the Law offices of Lansing Roy, 1710 Shadowood Lane Suite 210, office #391-0030.

Youth Fellowship – Meets

every Wednesday night at 6:30pm. Check out: www.mycomjax.com

Tres Arroyos Team Training October 7 & 8 in DeLand, Fl.

Tres Arroyos Men's Weekend - October 27-30, 2011 and **Tres Arroyos Women's Weekend** - November 3-6, 2011, Cost \$0, Location: Chapel of Divine Mercy, DeLand, Florida see www.tresarroyoscec.com for an application.

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Our Lord has willingly taken our bondage of sin upon him and paid the price to set us free. That's why being yoked with him we can find rest for our souls.

Prophet Zechariah prophesies this about the coming Messiah (9:9): "Behold, your King is coming to you; He is just and having salvation," Those who acknowledged their bondage and run to this King are set

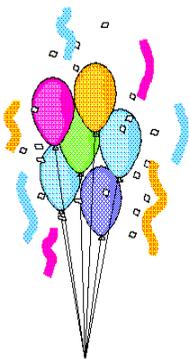
free (v. 11).

Apostle Paul speaks of this freedom and rest in these words (Rom.8:1): "There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, for the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death."

We all have the same problem as Apostle Paul – our inner being (spirit)

delights in the law of God, but our flesh brings us into captivity to the law of sin; O wretched beings that we are! With the mind we serve the law of God, but with the flesh the law of sin. Likewise, though, as Apostle Paul, we can be thankful to God through our Lord Jesus Christ for the freedom from this burden of sin.

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Birthdays

October

10/2 Sherry Elmer
10/4 Mary Pardee
10/8 Nathaniel Looker
10/13 Simon Barr
10/14 Fr. Lon Pardee
10/22 Amanda Paysinger

November

11/2 Ava Baker
11/8 Roger Barr
11/11 Kathleen Thomson
11/22 Jennifer Paysinger
11/23 Dean Black
11/23 Nathan Christel
11/29 Sue Klimpski

December

12/3 Bebe Reese
12/10 Carrie McGrew
12/19 James Barr
12/22 Darla Shiell
12/23 Fr. Robert Thomson
12/27 Fr. Scott Looker
12/28 Deborah Templeman
12/30 Austin Pardee
12/31 Beth Pardee

The Yoke of Rest *continued from page 2*

It is through our Lord Jesus Christ, when we are willingly yoked with him, and as we learn of him how to overcome our sinful nature, that we find freedom. Apostle Paul reminds us that the carnal mind is enmity against God. We cannot through our flesh and carnal nature serve God. We will only become legalistic and burdensome to ourselves and to others around us.

When we try to defeat our flesh by so called spiritual disciplines (though they have their value), we are in danger of bondage. For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

We must simply come to our Lord Jesus Christ in faith, and take his yoke upon us. We must trust him to teach us to overcome our sinful behavior on a daily basis.

Our Lord is meek and lowly of mind; He won't act all religious on us and try to make us feel or look bad. He's not trying to score a higher religious grade. He is already perfect.

Let us who are laden with heavy burdens come in faith to Christ, give him our labor, confess our weakness to Him, and let Him give us rest for our souls.

Let us also, thus, preach the

same Gospel to those around us, not laying burdens on people they cannot carry; rather, carrying their burdens, and walking with them, teaching them from our experiences of overcoming our sinful nature through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Prayer Needed

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

Kim Black. Please continue to pray against any return.

Ralph Bitancor. Praise God for the complete healing.

Continue to pray for Olivia Jones' complete healing.

BP. Simpson has finished his treatments. Continue to pray

against any return of the cancer and for complete restoration from treatments..

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

Please continue to pray for Fr. Morgan's family – Cindy and the children.

Please continue to pray for complete healing for Dr. Robert Thomson as he recovers at home.

THIS BLOOD'S FOR YOU

Please include these people in your prayers

CEC for the Life - March for Life

CEC for Life has reserved a block of rooms with a special group rate of between \$149.00 and \$159.00 per night. You may make your reservation today by calling the Holiday Inn Capitol at (202)479-4000 and requesting the CEC for Life group rate. The dates for the March for Life activities this year are Sunday, January 22nd and

Monday, January 23rd.

Activities being planned: A special youth rally hosted by Fr. Rob Northwood and the Church of Reconciliation located in Bel Air, MD on Saturday, January 21st. On Sunday, January 22nd there will be a special Eucharist celebrated by Patriarch Craig Bates at 6pm. Following the Eucharist, CEC for Life will

host its annual youth rally. On Monday, January 23rd, we will once again join in the National Memorial for the Unborn at 8:30 AM and there will be youth Pro-life event also on Monday morning. Then, at 12:30pm, we will gather in front of the Supreme Court Building to celebrate the Liturgy for the Preborn at the Time of Death. The actual march will take

place after this service. All times and places are subject to CHANGE at this time. More details about events will be sent to you in the upcoming weeks.

Blessings,
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Word on “hell-storms”

On April the 9th, I was coming to the end of a long journey of ministry and travel that had been going on for about 3 months. That particular week, on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, I had been to Flat Rock, NC doing a clergy retreat and then left Flat Rock on the afternoon of Friday and drove to Asheville to do a service with our parish there and then got up Saturday morning and drove to Charlotte to have a 1pm service, that didn't start until 2pm and didn't end till after 4pm. I then got into my car to drive back home, knowing I would get there very late towards midnight and would then get up on Sunday to do the service at Christ the King. For months, I had been looking forward to that drive home, even though I enjoyed the travel and ministry, because I knew I had been tiring and would be getting home late, but it also represented the end of an intensive 3 months of being gone, doing ministry, and once I got home, I would be there for 3 or 4 weeks, would not have to travel and would be able to get some rest and be with my family. So there had been that growing sense of desperation to get in my car at the end of that service on April 9th to get home and it was going to be a long drive after a long week of ministry.

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When I got into my car, I had been on the road for maybe 10 minutes on interstate 85 when it began to rain, then rain heavily and finally it turned to hail. Within a few minutes, I was in the heaviest hailstorm I had ever experienced; hail the size of tennis balls. I kept expecting and waiting, in light of the amount of noise they made as they hit my car, for my windshield to break. I knew that if my windshield broke, I would not make it home. I would have to pull over somewhere, try to get it fixed, probably have to wait till the next day Monday or Tuesday and it would be a while longer before I got home. So there grew in me an even stronger sense of desperation, and a crying out to God, kind of a holy balance, almost a gift of faith. I was just declaring things, there was a violent intercession, and it was almost fun; it was a strange experience. I knew the thing I needed to do was to keep moving. I had learned a long time ago that when you are in a bad storm, no matter how bad it is, that if you will just keep moving, even if it's very slowly, that you will get out of it quicker. I was in the middle lane and after a few minutes, what happened is everyone panicked and traffic came to a total stop. I was like screaming, not out of anger or frustration like sometimes when you are caught in traffic, but it was like a prophetic thing, an intercessory thing aimed at the people to keep moving, to keep going. I wanted to reach my destination, I wanted to get home. Eventually, we started moving and my windshield didn't break; I did get home late that night. The next day, when I got up, I saw the thousands of dents in my hood, trunk and on top of the car. So my thought was: “I hope the insurance will cover all this”. Well that was on Saturday morning the 10th and the Lord really started to speak some strong prophetic thing to me.

During this time when the Lord has planted his promises in the hearts of so many of his people, when he has created a holy desperation in so many of his people for his presence, his glory, his power and his anointing, to be involved at the highest level in his purposes, to have our lives under an open heaven, to be desperate to arrive at these spiritual destinations, we were going to encounter some “hell”-storms and that as we move towards these destinations, the enemy was going to try to stop us and scare us into thinking that we were not going to make it.

But the truth is that even though you can expect some “hell” storms and some of them may be the worst you have ever experienced, if you will just keep moving, just keep believing, no matter how slow and how difficult it is, just keep moving, just keep walking with the Lord, don't give up on your desperation to arrive at those spiritual destinies you are hoping for and believing God for, the things that God has impregnated your spirit with, just keep moving. If you will do that, you will get to that place. You will arrive at those spiritual destinies, those prophetic destinies of the promises of God that represent the desperation of your heart. You will arrive there. You will reach those places; when you get there, you may find that you are all dented up. But the good news is that God has an insurance plan too. It's an assurance plan, and his insurance plan is that when you get to those places, you may be all dented up but when He gets through with you, you will look like new. There won't be any dents and you will actually look better, be better than when you started and encountered the hell storms.

This is, I think, a really important and powerful word for us, so we are not surprised at the hell storms that come, that we understand that they are meant to slow us down, or stop us, or distract us, or make us believe that we won't reach those places that we are believing God for, and the Lord wants you to know that you will get there, just keep moving and even though when you get there, you may be dented up, the Lord will heal all that and when He is through, you will look better than when you started.

From Aslan Roars “The Prophetic Words, Visions and Dreams of Pastor Chuck Jones”

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2011 Missions Offering

The Patriarch's Council of the ICCEC decided at its meeting in Recife, Brazil to change the date of our offering for international development and missions from Christmas to **All Saints Sunday(30 Oct)**. This is just around the corner. It also decided that the offerings taken in Brazil, Africa, Pakistan, and Asia would remain in those territories while the monies raised in North America would be used to assist the Church in Africa.

I firmly believe that if you give a man a fish he will eat for a day, but if you teach a man to fish he will eat for a lifetime. But what if the man has no fishing pole or the rivers and streams have no fish?

The goal of the International Development Agency, soon to be known as the Patriarch's Missions Office, is firmly committed to helping the Church in Africa stand on its own. We want the saints in Africa to stand up and bring the Gospel to their people.

Archbishop Chuck Jones, who is my Patriarchal Legate to Africa, has done a fantastic job with very limited resources. In fact, in many cases Archbishop Jones has personally funded his own activities. He has sacrificed time, talent, and treasure to the work of encouraging the African Bishops and their people. We are working to develop the Church through -

- Missions of mercy
- Support of ongoing ministries
- Development of National Church structures

We have implemented several programs over the past two years that have furthered our goals and objectives.

- **CARS AND CATHEDRALS:** Most of our Bishops do not have either a church building or transportation. They serve

large geographical areas with large populations. We have been able to provide several Bishops with cars so that they can perform their episcopal ministry more effectively.

- **PROJECT DEVELOPMENT:** We are developing means of providing resources so that Dioceses can become self-supporting through local agricultural programs and micro business.
- **SUPPORT PROJECTS:** Our Bishops in Africa, with little to no resources, have opened schools, orphanages, HIV/AIDS projects, vulnerable children centers, and center for theological education. We provide support to these ministries while the Bishops work to expand existing projects and provide new ones.
- **MISSIONS OF MERCY:** We provide help for those areas and peoples who are in dire need that they cannot contend with alone. These include medical needs, relief from violence and warfare, and legal threats. We have provided vestments and sacramental vessels to new churches. And, we have provided monthly support to Bishops in tough situations like the Sudan and Congo.

Our ministry is a "fishing pole" ministry. Our Bishops in Africa have taken over leadership of the Church in Africa. We are merely working with them as they bring the Gospel to the people. We are helping the Bishops develop ministries, orphanages, schools, vulnerable children's program, and churches by assisting them with education, transportation, start up businesses, stop erosion programs, and famine relief.

One hundred percent of the offering

goes to the work in Africa. No one receives a salary and the administrative overhead is covered by the Patriarch's Office.

For more information on programs, administration, or ways to help you can visit our website www.cecdevelopment.org. Or you can make a donation directly through the website or mail your check to CEC Development, 122 Broadway, Malverne, New York 11565. Please make check payable to CEC.

We have all agreed to take part in this special offering. We in North America have been given much. And, we have always had a history of generosity. I believe this year our people will be generous once again.

Be assured of my prayers as we labor together to advance the Kingdom of God.

Under His mercy,

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Primate, CEC-NA*



OUR MISSION & PRIORITIES



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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.

OCTOBER DAILY OFFICE

Date	AM Psalm	PM Psalm	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel
1-Saturday	107:33-43, 108:1-13	33	2Kings 19:21-36	1Cor. 10:1-13	Matthew 8:18-27
2-Sunday	118	145	2Kings 20:1-21	Acts 12:1-17	Luke 7:11-17
3-Monday	106:1-18	106:19-48	2Kings 21:1-18	1Cor. 10:14-11:1	Matthew 8:28-34
4-Tuesday	120-123	124-127	2Kings 22:1-13	1Cor. 11:2,17-22	Matthew 9:1-8
5-Wednesday	119:145-176	128,129,130	2Kings 22:14-23:3	1Cor. 11:23-34	Matthew 9:9-17
6-Thursday	131,132,133	134,135	2Kings 23:4-25	1Cor. 12:1-11	Matthew 9:18-26
7-Friday	140,142	141,143:1-12	2Kings 23:36-24:17	1Cor. 12:12-26	Matthew 9:27-34
8-Saturday	137:1-9,144	104	Jeremiah 35:1-19	1Cor. 12:27-13:3	Matthew 9:35-10:4
9-Sunday	146,147	111,112,113	Jeremiah 36:1-10	Acts 14:8-18	Luke 7:36-50
10-Monday	1,2,3	4,7	Jeremiah 36:11-26	1Cor. 13:4-13	Matthew 10:5-15
11-Tuesday	5,6	10,11	Jeremiah 36:27-37:2	1Cor. 14:1-12	Matthew 10:16-23
12-Wednesday	119:1-24	12,13,14	Jeremiah 37:3-21	1Cor. 14:13-25	Matthew 10:24-33
13-Thursday	18:1-20	18:21-50	Jeremiah 38:1-13	1Cor. 14:26-33,37-40	Matthew 10:34-42
14-Friday	16,17	22	Jeremiah 38:14-28	1Cor. 15:1-11	Matthew 11:1-6
15-Saturday	20,21:1-14	110:1-7,116,117	2Kings 25:8-12,22-26	1Cor. 15:12-29	Matthew 11:7-15
16-Sunday	148,149,150	114,115	Jeremiah 29:1,4-14	Acts 16:6-15	Luke 10:1-12,17-20
17-Monday	25	9,15	Jeremiah 44:1-14	1Cor. 15:30-41	Matthew 11:16-24
18-Tuesday	26,28	36,39	Lam 1:1-5,10-12	1Cor. 15:41-50	Matthew 11:25-30
19-Wednesday	38	119:25-48	Lam 2:8-15	1Cor. 15:51-58	Matthew 12:1-14
20-Thursday	37:1-18	37:19-42	Ezra 1:1-11	1Cor. 16:1-9	Matthew 12:15-21
21-Friday	31	35	Ezra 3:1-13	1Cor. 16:10-24	Matthew 12:22-32
22-Saturday	30,32	42,43	Ezra 4:7,11-24	Philemon 1:1-25	Matthew 12:33-42
23-Sunday	63:1-8,98	103	Haggai 1:1-2:9	Acts 18:24-19:7	Luke 10:25-37
24-Monday	41,52	44	Zechariah 1:7-17	Revelation 1:4-20	Matthew 12:43-50
25-Tuesday	45	47,48	Ezra 5:1-17	Revelation 4:1-11	Matthew 13:1-9
26-Wednesday	119:49-72	49	Ezra 6:1-22	Revelation 5:1-10	Matthew 13:10-17
27-Thursday	50	33	Nehemiah 1:1-11	Revelation 5:11-6:11	Matthew 13:18-23
28-Friday	40,54	51	Nehemiah 2:1-20	Revelation 6:12-7:4	Matthew 13:24-30
29-Saturday	55	138,139:1-17	Nehemiah 4:1-23	Revelation 7:9-17	Matthew 13:31-35
30-Sunday	24,29	8,84	Nehemiah 5:1-19	Acts 20:7-12	Luke 12:22-31