

MID-ATLANTIC DEANERY GAZETTE

Volume 1 | Number 3 | May 2017

Submissions

If you have a brief article of interest or news that you would like to share with the rest of the deanery please e-mail it to the dean at: rector@saintalbansjoppa.org

Anglican News

The Rt. Rev'd. Paul Hewitt, SSC, bishop of our sister jurisdiction, the Diocese of the Holy Cross, has recently authored a book called "The Day-Spring from on High." It is about his experience in the continuing Anglican movement for the past forty years and where the movement is going. The book is available on amazon.com for \$28.32 plus shipping.

Registration for the upcoming unity synod is now open. Go to www.anglicanprovince.org to register. Though the conference does not take place until October, Bishop Grundorf is urging us all to register early so we can get good hotel rooms. Both diocesan and provincial synod will be held this week.

News and Updates

Art Commission and News

Fr. J. Gordon Anderson is an artist as well as a parish priest. His undergraduate degree is in painting and drawing from Towson University where he studied with Leonard Koscianski and Stuart Stein. Over the years he has showed his work in various exhibits, completed many private commissions, and sold work to numerous private collectors. Recently he completed a commission for St. Francis Episcopal Church in Rio Rancho, New Mexico. It is an icon of the "Anastasis" (resurrection) measuring approximately 22" x 30" and executed in egg tempera and 24k gold on panel. There is a possibility of the church commissioning another icon from Fr. Anderson in the fall. Another of Fr. Anderson's pieces, an oil on canvas painting called "Corpus Christi" (2000, 26" x 32", private collection, Richmond, VA) was recently featured on promotional material for the 2017 Areopagus Lectures of Mars Hill Audio. Both works are pictured below. Note: the picture of the icon is of it in progress. If you would like to see some other examples of Fr. Anderson's work visit his website at www.jgordonanderson.com.



Deanery News

The Rev'd. Clarence "Chip"

Sills, Ph.D. is a renaissance man.

In addition to being a philosopher and academic, and a priest, he is also an expert at timber frame building. He and his family built his and Kelley's large and gorgeous timber frame house in West Virginia entirely by themselves from scratch... right down to harvesting the timbers and preparing them for use! Recently he designed and built the Monroe County Historical Society Carriage House Museum - a timber-frame structure in Union, West Virginia that houses a notable collection of horse-drawn equipment that was used in that county in earlier days. Presently he is designing and building a timber-frame home for a client in Summers, County, West Virginia. Lately, a talented young man applied to Fr. Sills out of the blue and asked to work as his apprentice, which both startled and pleased him, and put him on his mettle. He is helping with the project. In church activities, Fr. Sills pastors the **proto-mission of Saint Aidan's** in his hometown of Greenville, West Virginia. Though small, the mission donates to local charities and to St. Philip's Church in Blacksburg, Virginia.



From the Dean: Our Summer Deanery Meeting

My dear brothers in ministry,

We need to decide on a date for our annual summer deanery meeting. At this point I am thinking that either the first week of June or sometime in July are going to work best, because Fr. Miller will be on holiday the last three weeks of June. I'll be calling and e-mailing each of you to find out what day would work best for you. I am hoping that All Saints' Charlottesville will be able to host this meeting again and plan on talking to Fr. Spencer about that. I have received some good suggestions as to what we could discuss. If you have any ideas to share with me please let me know. I don't think we be having a fall meeting this year because we have synod in October, and then the clergy conference in January. In 2018 we will get back back to our normal spring/fall meeting schedule. May God bless each of you in your ministries!

Yours in Christ,

J. Gordon Anderson+

Book of Pointed Collects, Epistles, and Gospels

The Rev'd Dcn. Tyler Phass, who studied voice in college and is also an accomplished computer programmer, is currently developing a book of pointed Collects, Epistles, and Gospels for use in churches. Each set of propers will be beautifully typeset in traditional chant notation and fonts using special software owned by Dcn. Phass. An editor with expertise in liturgical music and chant will be identified to review the work for accuracy before it is released to the general public. While similar resources exist for the 1979 Book of Common Prayer and the Revised Common Lectionary there is no such resource generally available for the 1928 Book of Common Prayer propers. Thus, clergy are left to themselves to point a text, or to chant it using the barest minimum of variation. (e.g. merely intoning the Epistle as opposed to chanting it) Those who have a copy of the old book *"The Choral Service: A Manual for Clergy and Organist"* can see an example of what Dcn. Phass is doing on pp. 49-55.