

The Net

St. Andrew's Anglican Church

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It was a generational affair on Saturday as the Oxenham family planted the first vegetables in the new St. Andrew's Community Garden. Folks have staked their claim to three of the 4'x8' raised beds and two 2'x4' standing beds, leaving three ground level beds and one standing bed available, with plenty of room to build more. [Click here](#) to claim your plot in the garden, or to volunteer to help with some of the work yet to be done.

The Daily Lectionary

Week Of the Sunday after the Ascension • May 16-22

Sunday, May 16 — A.M.: Psalm 37:1-17; Deuteronomy 17; Luke 9:18-50
P.M.: Psalm 37:18-41; Ecclesiastes 2; 1 John 3:11—4:6

Monday, May 17 — A.M.: Psalm 40; Deuteronomy 18; Luke 9:51-62
P.M.: Psalms 39, 41; Ecclesiastes 3; 1 John 4:7-21

Tuesday, May 18 — A.M.: Psalms 42, 43; Deuteronomy 19; Luke 10:1-24
P.M.: Psalm 44; Ecclesiastes 4; 1 John 5

Wednesday, May 19 — A.M.: Psalm 45; Deuteronomy 20; Luke 10:25-42 P.M.:
Psalm 46; Ecclesiastes 5; 2 John

Thursday, May 20 — A.M.: Psalms 47, 48; Deuteronomy 21; Luke 11:1-28 P.M.:
Psalm 49; Ecclesiastes 6; 3 John

Friday, May 21 — A.M.: Psalm 50; Deuteronomy 22; Luke 11:29-54 P.M.: Psalm
51; Ecclesiastes 7; Acts 1:1-14

Saturday, May 22 — A.M.: Psalms 52, 53, 54; Deuteronomy 23; Luke 12:1-34
P.M.: Psalm 55; Ecclesiastes 8; Acts 1:15-26

Next Sunday, May 23 — A.M.: Psalms 56, 57; Deuteronomy 24; Luke 12:35-53
P.M.: Psalms 58, 60; Ecclesiastes 9; Acts 2:1-21

Next Week's Eucharistic Lectionary

The Day of Pentecost • May 23

First Reading: Acts 2:1-21 (5 p.m. & 9 a.m.); 1 John 5:6-15 (11:15)

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:4-13 (5 p.m. & 9 a.m.)

Gospel: John 14:8-17 (All)

Prayers for the Church

Anglican Church in North America: Bishop Keith Andrews, his wife Gail, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Western Anglicans. Almighty Father, we pray that they may be faithful witnesses for Jesus Christ and empowered by your Holy Spirit to serve you in the world.

Anglican Diocese of the Great Lakes: The Very Rev. Brian Wolthuis, Rev. Emilie Wierda, and the people of All Saints, Holland, Michigan.

Parish Cycle of Prayer: John and Chin Osmond; Karen Osmond; Burt Otani; the Brotherhood of St. Andrew; and our Greeting Card Ministry.

Encouragement for your prayer time

Throughout Jesus' life, including his ascension, he showed us how he truly is the Son of God. "The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven." (Hebrews 1:3) — *From the St. Andrew's Prayer Ministry Team*

Have a prayer request or praise report? Fill out the online form at standrewspolaris.org under the "Scripture & Prayer" drop-down menu (you don't need to log in to submit a prayer request); or call us at 740-548-5112, ext. 1, and we'll pass your request along to the Prayer Chain.



Graduating?

We want to recognize you!

St. Andrew's would like to help mark this very special milestone in the lives of members of our parish who are graduating from high school, college or other degree program. If you, a child, or a grandchild is graduating this year, please contact Judy Baird at jbaird@standrewspolaris.org or 740-548-5112, ext. 3 to be included in "The Net's" graduation notes.

Please let us know the name of the graduate, their relationship to you, the school they are graduating from, and their plans following graduation. If they are a college graduate, please also include their degree.

Pictures are welcomed and encouraged. The preferred method of submitting photos is as jpeg images (highest resolution possible, please!) via email, but we can also use clear original photographs (copies will not reproduce well), which may be left for Judy at the Information Desk in the Narthex. Please label them on the back with the name of the graduate and your name.

Pentecost is next Sunday! Wear red!

St. Andrew's will celebrate the Day of Pentecost, often referred to as the "birthday" of the Church, next Sunday, May 23. We're asking everyone to wear something red — the liturgical color for the Holy Spirit — to church that day to celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit that was given to the apostles on the first Pentecost.



Ascension Christ's vindication from death

By Fr. Ron Baird

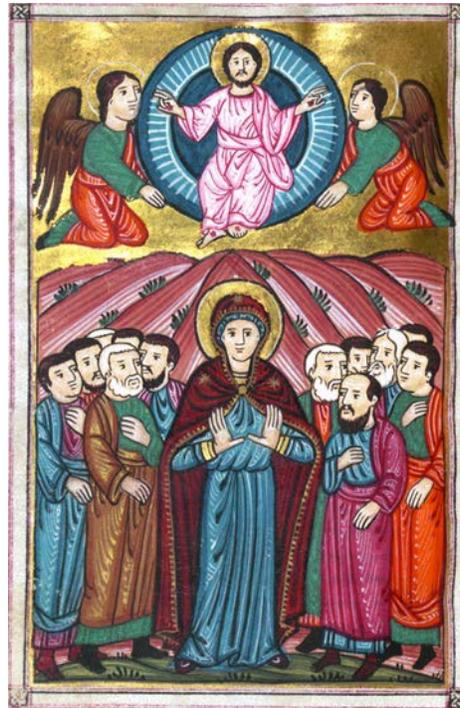
Ascension Day, which falls 40 days after Easter—this year it was Thursday, May 13—commemorates Christ's ascent into Heaven to be seated at the right hand of the Father. Ascension Day is more than just a remembering of the soles of Jesus' feet as he drifted up into the clouds! It is the fundamental Christian acknowledgment of the vindication of Jesus by God the Father.

He is vindicated from the sentence of treason and death that was laid upon him by Pontius Pilate in his trial.

He is vindicated from the charge of blasphemy that the Jewish High Priests, laid upon him.

He is vindicated and restored to his rightful position as King of the Universe, Ruler of all of Creation.

We might wonder why Jesus waited 40 days before ascending into Heaven. What did he do for those 40 days? It is important to note that in Scripture "40 days" is a catch phrase. It is not necessarily meant to be taken literally. Rather, it means "a long time."



The fact that Jesus ascended into Heaven 40 days after his resurrection is meant to signify that he remained with his disciples for a long time before he returned to the Father.

This 40 days was an important time for the Church. During this period

Jesus taught the disciples concerning the Scriptures that they might more fully understand their meaning and the implication of them upon the experience of his incarnation, earthly ministry, and his death and resurrection.

The disciples learned so that others might understand and come to know the saving grace that is Jesus Christ.

We might wonder, "Why did Jesus ascend into Heaven as all? Why didn't he just remain here?" He ascended because the resurrection is more than the resuscitation of his corpse. He was given a new spiritual body in the resurrection.

He appeared to the disciples that they might know the love and forgiveness of the resurrection. He remained for 40 days that they might comprehend its impact upon their lives and the lives of the whole world.

He ascended into Heaven in order to prepare a place for us that we, too, might come to share in his Heavenly Kingdom.

He does not leave us alone, however. He sends the Holy Spirit into our lives and hearts through Baptism, that we might never be separated from him, but always connected to him through the Holy Spirit.

"Lo I am with you even to the end of the ages."

Registration now open for Harvest Festival vendors



The 2021 Harvest Festival is set for Saturday, Oct. 2, and registration for vendors is open! The registration fee for a 10'x10' space will be the same as in past years—\$25 before August 1, and \$35 after. The fee will be waived if the vendor donates a gift basket valued at \$25 or more for our basket raffle.

Participants will have the advantage of publicity in local newspapers, on our website and social media, and everywhere our Harvest Festival is advertised.

For more information, or to receive a vendor registration form, please contact Minna Varkey at mvarkey@standrewspolaris.org. You may also register online by [clicking here](#).

With fairs and festival poised to make a comeback this summer we'll also be making information cards available to our members who may be attending such events to pass out to their favorite vendors. Watch for those at the Information Desk within the next several weeks.

The artwork accompanying this article is an illumination from an Armenian Hymnal completed in Constantinople on August 15, 1678, by the priest Yakob Pēligratc'i. The style is largely in imitation of western European models, though more traditional Armenian and Byzantine influences stand out, such as the vibrant color palette and the iconic depictions of saints and bishops. From the Walters Art Museum Illuminated Manuscripts, re-printed under the Creative Commons CC0 1.0 Universal Public Domain Dedication.