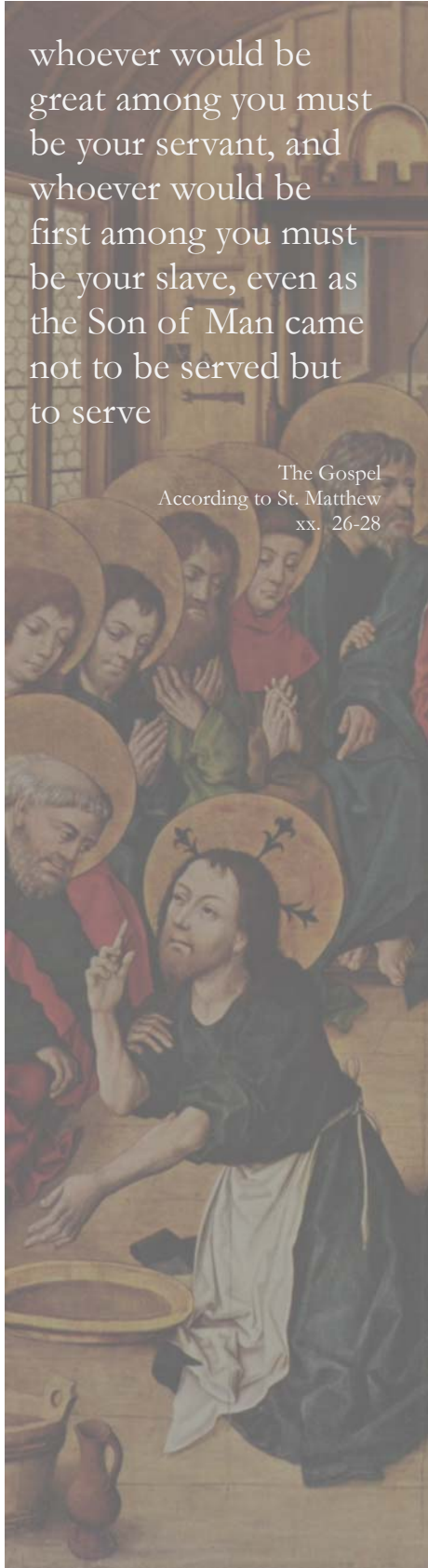


THE ORTHODOX ANGLICAN CHURCH

whoever would be
great among you must
be your servant, and
whoever would be
first among you must
be your slave, even as
the Son of Man came
not to be served but
to serve

The Gospel
According to St. Matthew
xx. 26-28



Greetings in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ!

In this edition of our newsletter I want to share with you some of the recent events in our jurisdiction, and also let you know important information about the year ahead. Thanks to your support of our ministry, in recent days we have been able to provide nearly \$3000.00 in gifts and support to partners overseas, and missionaries here at home. Thank you for your prayers and financial support.

In addition to the love you have shared through our corporate gifts, I am pleased that individual parishes are engaged in their own charitable forms of outreach. The Orthodox Anglican Church is healthy, I know this because of the way you enthusiastically share Christ's love with others. I see it in your parish meals, senior ministries, the sending of relief supplies to hurricane victims, and in lovingly making clothing for those in need. The needs far exceed our ability to meet them, but Christ only asks us to do that which is in our power, in complete reliance upon Him, and to His own great glory.

In recent weeks I have made several trips to the coast to Confirm, Ordain, and also to witness the baptism of Revd & Mary Ramey's infant daughter. I have included some pictures of these events in this newsletter, along with a few from our work here in Charlotte. Soon I will be making a trip to the southwest and will have important news to bring you about that trip. Please remember me in your prayers, and pray especially for safety in travel.

It is important that our clergy and lay leadership be looking ahead. Clergy, Postulants, and Lay Readers should make plans to attend the **Lenten Clericus** in Myrtle Beach. Our Parishes also need to begin planning to send delegations to the **54th National Convention** in June. Our parishes should set aside funds to pay the expenses of the delegates that they send. Some additional information about these two events is included on the second page of this newsletter. In addition to these gatherings, which will be upon us soon enough, it isn't too soon for Clergy, Postulants, and Lay Readers to make sure you have reserved the dates for the **Fall Clericus**, which will be held in Richmond on October 5-6th, AD 2018.

May God bless you,

‡ *Thomas E. Gordon*



St. Thomas Anglican Mission
Mobjack, Virginia
The remodeling of their first worship space
is underway.



THE 54TH NATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE ORTHODOX ANGLICAN CHURCH

Where: **Charlotte/Kannapolis**, North Carolina

When: **June 22-23, 2018**

Reserve these dates on your calendar today!

Parishes in good standing should begin planning to send appropriate delegates to this national gathering of Orthodox Anglicans.

Lenten Clericus AD 2018
February 23-24
Myrtle Beach
South Carolina

The clericus will begin at 10:00 AM on Friday morning, and is scheduled to conclude at 12:00 noon on Saturday. **Make your hotel reservations today!**

The Feast of St. Thomas the Apostle, Charlotte, NC
(Blue Ridge Mission has moved into a new facility, look for pictures in an upcoming issue of the newsletter.)



St Philip the Evangelist Anglican Church, Charlotte, North Carolina



Left: Mid-
night
Mass.

Right:
Holy Bap-
tism



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Epiphany at St Andrew's Anglican Church



Richmond, VA



Epiphany 1 : St Timothy's Anglican Church



Poquoson, VA



“God hath drawn all the world to himself by his Son Jesus; in the instance of the shepherds and the Persian Magi, Jews and Gentiles, learned and unlearned, rich and poor, noble and ignoble; that in him all nations, and all conditions, and all families, and all persons might be blessed, having called all by one star or other, by natural reason, or by the secrets of philosophy, by the revelations of the gospel, or by the ministry of angels, by the illuminations of the Spirit, or by sermons and the dictates of spiritual fathers; and hath consigned this lesson to us, that we must never appear before the Lord empty; offering gifts to him by the expenses or by the affections of charity, either the worshipping, or the oblations of religion, either the riches of the world, or the love of the soul; for if we cannot bring gold with the rich Persians, we may with the poor shepherds come and kiss the Son lest he be angry, and in all cases come and serve him with fear and reverence, and spiritual rejoicings.” -Jeremy Taylor

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