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The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist



John the Baptist, the prophet, and forerunner of Jesus, was the son of elderly parents and related to Jesus on his mother's side. His birth is celebrated six months before Christmas Day, since according to Luke, Elizabeth became pregnant six months before the Angel Gabriel appeared to Mary.

John lived ascetically in the desert. He was clothed in camel's hair with a leather belt, and ate locusts and wild honey. He preached repentance and called upon people to prepare for the coming of the Kingdom and of the Messiah, baptizing his followers to signify their repentance and new life. Jesus was baptized by John in the Jordan.

John had many followers, some of whom became Jesus' disciples. Because of John's denunciation of the sins of Herod, John incurred the wrath of Herodias, Herod's wife, and was put in prison. Salome, Herodias's daughter, was prompted by her mother to seek her father, Herod's, promise of John's head. This led to the execution of John the Baptist.

Almighty God, by whose providence your servant John the Baptist was wonderfully born, and sent to prepare the way of your Son our Savior by preaching repentance: Make us so to follow his teaching and holy life, that we may truly repent according to his preaching; and, follow his example, constantly speak the truth, boldly rebuke vice, and patiently suffer for the truth's sake; through Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God for ever and ever. Amen

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SAVE THE DATES

Jun 27, VICTORIA RILEY'S ORDINATION, 7:00 PM, St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Carson City.

Jun 27, CHURCH GARAGE SALE, 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM, St. Stephen's, Reno.

Jun 28, PHIL FLOWERS, VEGAS TOP MALE R&B ARTIST, 7:00 PM, Grace in the Desert, Las Vegas

Jun 25, DEDICATION CEREMONY OF THE NEWLY COMPLETED FRENSDORFF LODGE. You are invited to attend a dedication ceremony from 1:30 - 5:00 PM at Galilee Episcopal Camp and Conference Center to commemorate Bishop Wes Frensdorff's service to the Diocese of Nevada and to dedicate the newly completed Frensdorff Lodge. RSVP 775-749-5546

Jul 14, A TOUR OF STAINED GLASS WINDOWS, HOSTED BY KATHLEEN HALLAMORE, 10:30 AM- 12:30 PM, Trinity Episcopal Church, Church on the River, Reno. For information about this event and others that will be sponsored by the church during July's Artown events, call Meg Tarble (775) 827-2516

Jul 26, CHURCH PICNIC AT WHITAKER PARK following the 9:30 AM service, St. Stephen's, Reno.

Aug 16, ST. MARTIN'S CHURCH 20TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION, Pahrump, 10:30 AM. Bishop Dan will lead the congregation in this joyous celebration. Reception with lunch will follow the service. Please join us!!!

Oct 3, SPIRITUAL THEOLOGY OF THE EUCHARIST AND ITS PRACTICAL IMPLICATIONS: A Roving Workshop by Bishop Dan, St. Paul's Church, Elko. No Charge. [For Additional Information](#)

Oct 22 - 25, DIOCESAN CONVENTION: I Love To Tell The Story; Keynote Speaker: Fr. Jake aka Fr. Terry Martin. Harvey's Resort & Casino, Lake Tahoe Area. [For Reservations](#)

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NAVAJOLAND



Convocation delegates approve plan for September episcopal election

Delegates to the 33rd annual Convocation of the Episcopal Church in Navajoland June 12-14 overwhelmingly approved creation of a leadership conference to facilitate the elections of an interim bishop in September and a Navajo, or Dine, bishop for Navajoland, an area mission of the Episcopal Church, by 2013.

With Navajo vestments and crozier, Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori officiated at a June 12 opening Eucharist and healing service attended by about 150 people, including 40 delegates, at Good Shepherd Mission in Fort Defiance, Arizona. Meeting sessions were held in a tent pitched on the ground. Jefferts Schori said, "It is my hope to ordain a Navajo bishop during my tenure as Presiding Bishop.

The Navajo Nation extends into the states of Utah, Arizona, and New Mexico, covering over 27,000 square miles. Dine Bikeya, or Navajoland, is larger than 10 of the 50 states in America. The population surpasses 250,000. In 1923, a tribal government was established to help meet the increasing demands from American oil companies to lease Navajoland for exploration.

Navajo government has evolved into the most sophisticated form of American Indian government.

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Bishop Dan's Blog - "Why are readers from Hong Kong, Canada, California, and Virginia commenting on Bishop Dan's blog? Check it out. <http://www.bishopdansblog.blogspot.com>

EPISCOPAL RECOVERY MINISTRIES IN NEVADA is in formation and will have its first meeting at Diocesan Convention in October. If you would like to participate in this ministry, or have questions, please contact Kathie Knutson Meier at knutenote@cox.net (702-684-6444 or 253-250-9531), or have a look at the home page <http://www.episcopalrecoveryministries.org>

DIOCESAN CONVENTION, Harvey's, South Lake Tahoe - Thursday, Oct. 22 - Sunday, Oct. 25, 2009.

Theme: I Love to Tell the Story. Keynote Speaker: Fr. Jake, aka Fr. Terry Martin. When you book your room online there is NO FEE. [Online Booking](#)



A Bus Trip to Lake Tahoe for the Diocesan Convention in October will be sponsored by St. Matthew's, Las Vegas. For information, or to make a reservation, contact Thelma Northrup at (702)-889-3929; or email stmatts@embarqmail.com

Resolution Committee Formed - The Resolution Committee for the Diocesan Convention 2009 has formed. The members are: Rev. Victoria Daniel Riley, Chair; Rev. Helen McPeak; Fred Lee; and Margaret Bouzek. All resolutions must be submitted to Rev. Riley not less than 90 days prior to the first day of the convention. Please submit resolutions via email to vriley@nevadajustice.org, or by U.S. mail to Rev. Victoria Daniel Riley, 2769 Wellington North, Carson City, NV 89703.

Desert Angels - A Parish Nursing Program of the Episcopal Diocese of Nevada. This is a new ministry whose mission is to bring health and healing to the parish communities of the Episcopal Diocese of Nevada. The group will have a booth and planning meeting at the October convention. If you are interested in learning more, or joining us, please contact Clelia Garrity at 775-253-5579.



A Benedictine Experience - July 5-12, 2009 - Experience the quiet, discipline, and community of a contemplative retreat sponsored by the Friends of St. Benedict and the Episcopal Diocese of California. The retreat will take place at Bishop's Ranch in Healdsburg, California, Sunday July 5-Sunday, July 12. For detailed information on registration call 202-363-8061, or 415-381-3235

The Bishop Wes Frensdorff School of Christian Formation: A new Education Venture of the Episcopal Diocese of Nevada. The school's mission is *To bring together all Nevada Episcopalians for Christian formation, empowering each other to live deeply into our Baptismal Covenant in our relationships, service in daily life, and witness to the world.* To learn more [Contact](#).

The Beauty of God's Holiness: A Liturgical Art Exhibit at General Convention, Presented by the National Altar Guild. [For Further Information](#)

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