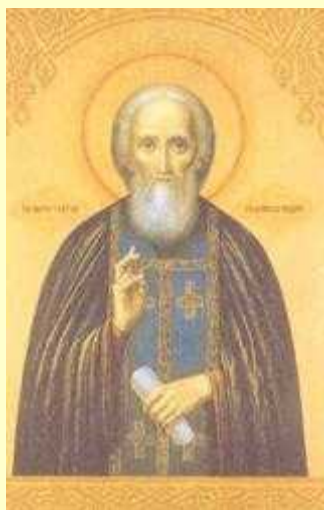


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Sergius, Abbot of Holy Trinity, Moscow



To the people of Russia, Sergius is a national hero and their patron saint. He was born at Rostov, about 1314. Civil war forced Sergius' family to leave the city and move to Radonezh near Moscow. At the age of 20, he and his brother began a life of seclusion in a nearby forest. It was there that he developed the Monastery of the Holy Trinity, a center of revival of Russian Christianity. Sergius remained at the monastery for the rest of his life. Sergius was simple and gentle in nature, mystical in temperament, and eager to ensure that his monks should serve the needs of their neighbors. He died in 1392, and pilgrims still visit his shrine at the monastery of Zagorsk, which he founded in 1340. His name is familiar to Anglicans from the Fellowship of St. Alban and St. Sergius, a society established to promote closer relations between Anglican and Russian Churches.

O God, who blessed Son became poor that we through his poverty might be rich: Deliver us from an inordinate love of this world, that we, inspired by the devotion of your servant Sergius of Moscow, may serve you with singleness of heart, and attain to the riches of the age to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

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*If you would like to see your event listed here, please email Clelia. If you would like to see your event listed in the *diocesan calendar*, please email Barbara.*

SAVE THE DATES

Sep - May, CHRISTIAN BASICS: An Outline of the Faith (found in the Book of Common Prayer) offered by the Frensdorff School beginning Sep 13 at St. Peter's Church in Carson City. This class is open to anyone seeking educational formation into baptismal discipleship. The class will meet twice monthly on Sunday afternoons from 1:00 - 4:00 PM. The first semester (Sep - Dec) will follow the theme "A Community of Revelation." The second semester (Feb - May) will continue with the theme "A Community of Reconciliation." The class facilitator will be Chuck McCray. Please contact frensdorff.school@gmail.com for more information.

Sep 26, TRAINING WORKSHOPS FOR LAY LEADERS, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM, All Saints', Las Vegas (Bishop Dan); St. Paul's, Elko Rev. Karen Albrethsen); Trinity, Reno (Rev. Jim Beebe & Rev. Jim Edwards). Call Bishop Dan's office for additional information, or to register. **Please Note: The Las Vegas training ONLY has changed its meeting time. The new time is 10:15 AM - 3:00 PM.**

Sep 26, CENTERING PRAYER WORKSHOP, offered by **Contemplative Outreach Of Southern Nevada**, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM, \$20., Stillpoint Center for Spiritual Development, 8072 W. Sahara, Ste D, Las Vegas. For information call 702-243-4040.

Sep 27, A SPECIAL MULTI-CULTURAL WORSHIP SERVICE WITH BISHOP DAN PRESIDING at the Ending of a Pastoral Care Relationship and Rector's Retirement Celebration, 2:00 PM, All Saint's Las Vegas.

Sep 27, GEOFFREY CASTLE - LIVE IN CONCERT, 4:00 PM, Grace in the Desert; followed by dinner at Captain's Cove Restaurant featuring the SEATTLE JAZZ SOCIETY, 6:30 PM. Tickets are \$50/per person. For reservations call: 702-982-1480

Sep 30, A RETREAT IN DAILY LIFE, 10:00 AM - 12 Noon, OR 6:30 - 8:30 PM, Stillpoint Center for Spiritual Development, 8072 W. Sahara, Ste D, Las Vegas. For information call 702-243-4040.

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 17, "CLAIMING THE BEATITUDES" - BOOK READING BY AUTHOR ANNE SUTHERLAND HOWARD AND LIGHT SUPPER following Holy Communion (in the Church), Trinity Episcopal Church, Reno 5:10 PM. "Claiming the Beatitudes" is an excellent book both for discussions and individual spiritual reflection. To RSVP call the Church office 775-329-4279.

Oct 17, ANNUAL LOBSTER FAIR, Christ Church, Las Vegas. For information contact: The Lobster Fair Committee 702-684-7746.

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

Oct 26, BISHOP DAN RECOMMENDS -- LITURGY AND EUCHARIST IN THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH, Oct. 26 - Dec. 30. Offered by: Center for Anglican Learning and Leadership; Host: Church Divinity School of the

Pacific; Instructor: The Rev. Dr. Dennis Tierney. http://www.cdsp.edu/center_online.php This online course offers 2 CEUs. \$185.

YOUTH WEEKEND AT CAMP GALILEE DURING THE CONVENTION - Ages 7-18; all types of camping activities. Fee for the weekend is \$100. Please contact stuartcampbell66@gmail.com for information, or to register your children.

Oct. 29 - PREPARE/ENRICH UPDATE WORKSHOP presented by James Newman for those currently trained in this pre-marital and marital counseling tool who wish to acquire the new materials and undergo further training. 1:00 - 4:30 PM, Grace in the Desert. Cost \$75. Registrations are due by October 16. Make checks payable to "SBEC/RDF - Prepare." Mail to James Newman, Box 261012, Los Angeles, CA 90026, or contact James Newman at stbedesla@yahoo.com

Oct 30 - PREPARE/ENRICH INITIAL TRAINING WORKSHOP presented by James Newman for people who have not been trained to use the Prepare/Enrich materials. 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM, Grace in the Desert. Cost \$160. Payment and contact information is the same as the Oct 29 workshop listed above.

Nov 1, CHORAL EVENSONG WITH RECITAL: BEDE PARRY, ORGANIST, 5:30 PM, All Saint's, Las Vegas.

Nov. 7, ANNUAL HARVEST BAZAAR, Sti. Christopher's, Boulder City, 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM. Holiday items and baked goods. Proceeds will go to Emergency Aid of Boulder City, the local food bank. For information call Patty Jacobson at 702-293-7454.

Nov 21, ADVENT QUIET DAY, 9:00 AM - Noon, Grace in the Desert. A light lunch will be provided. To RSVP contact RevMaryB@cox.net, or call 702-540-3012.

Nov 22, THE GRAND PRIZE, Raffle Drawing at St. Matthew's - Proceeds to benefit St. Matthew's Episcopal Church. 1st Prize - 4 tickets to Las Vegas's Lion King at Mandalay Bay; one-night stay at Mandalay Bay; and a \$200 gift certificate for dinner. One ticket; \$5; three tickets: \$12.00; five tickets: \$20.00. Please ask a Vestry Member for the tickets. Thank You for your support.

Dec 20, CEREMONY OF LESSONS AND CAROLS, 10:30 AM, All Saints', Las Vegas

Dec 24, CHRISTMAS MUSIC BY ALL SAINTS' CHOIR, 10:30 PM, All Saints', Las Vegas

Jan 10, EPIPHANY CHORAL EVENSONG WITH RECITAL: BEDE PARRY, ORGANIST, 5:30 PM, All Saints', Las Vegas

Feb 17, ASH WEDNESDAY LITURGY WITH SPECIAL MUSIC BY ALL SAINTS' CHOIR, 7:00 PM, All Saints', Las Vegas

Mar 28, CONCERT BY ALL SAINTS' CHOIR, 5:30 PM, All Saints', Las Vegas

 Forward to a Friend

In Search of Communion



In October 2008, Deb Curry 28, embarked on a journey to discern her calling, This fall, she begins seminary in Berkley, California, as the next step in her lay ministry. In an article titled, "[In Search of Communion](#)" Ms. Curry describes her cross-country pilgrimage as one that revealed several keys to church growth. Toward the end of her article she says, "While money is an undeniable issue for churches, there are other ways for congregations to support growth. Marketing and outreach are critical to articulating and spreading a mission...the Episcopal Church provided me a spiritual home [on my pilgrimage]. My pilgrimage inside and outside of the church showed me the demand for God, which means the church still has purpose in today's society. It also proved to me that the Episcopal Church has the supply to meet the demand. The proof is in the people and in our timeless mission to love as Christ loved.

The good news is that God has given us purpose that is strengthened by the best support system of all, a church community. It is communion where we hear our call to feed Jesus' people."



Desert Angels Health Tip of the Week

Let's Talk About High Blood Pressure

High blood pressure means that the force of the blood pushing against the sides of your arteries is consistently in the high range. This can lead to stroke, heart attack, heart failure, or kidney failure.

Two numbers represent blood pressure. The higher (systolic) number shows the pressure while the heart is beating. The lower (diastolic) number shows the pressure when the heart is resting between beats. Regular blood pressure checks are good preventive medicine. Controlling high blood pressure is very important. Be sure to check with a health care professional if you believe that you are at risk of, or have, high blood pressure; or, if you have blood pressure questions.

NEWS BRIEFS

Yes, we now have our own Facebook page! [Episcopal Diocese of Nevada Facebook Page](#). Please visit our page, get acquainted with it, make comments, ask

questions, visit Bishop Dan's blog, and more...

St. Timothy's, Henderson offers a Grief Support Group twice a month at the church. The group is facilitated by hospice chaplains and meets the second Tuesday at 10:00 AM and the second Thursday at 7:00 PM. This group offers support for those who have experienced any sort of loss. 43 W. Pacific Ave. in Henderson.

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. The entertainment for dinner on Saturday, Oct. 24 will be McAvoy Lane aka the Ghost of Mark Twain. More information about McAvoy is available at www.ghostoftwain.com. When you book your room online there is NO FEE. Online Booking **ROOM RATES HAVE BEEN REDUCED. RESERVATIONS ALREADY MADE WILL BE RE-RATED TO REFLECT THE NEW DISCOUNT.**

IF YOU HAVE A BANNER REPRESENTING YOUR PARISH, YOU ARE ASKED TO BRING IT TO CONVENTION FOR DISPLAY (WITH A STAND, IF POSSIBLE).



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.

The Following Groups will meet during Convention on Saturday, Oct 24 from 1:30 - 3:30 PM:

Episcopal Recovery Ministries; Episcopal Church Women; Desert Angels Health Care Ministry; Parish Treasurers; Mission Support Team; Ministry Development Commission; Green Team; Environmental Ministries; Faith & Visual Arts Ministries; Standing Committee; Commission on Ministry; Ministry Development Commission; Evangelism Team; E=MC2 with Teresa Schroeder on Evangelism; Report from the Deputies on General Convention 2009.

Bishop Dan encourages those interested in these ministries to attend even if they are not otherwise involved in Convention.

eNewsletter Photo Contest !! We are seeking a new eNewsletter Banner photograph that comes from Northern Nevada. The banner dimensions are 675 x 239. If you have a camera, please take a picture and send it to garritycpg@gmail.com. The contest winner will be rewarded a beautiful linen purificator for your church's sacristy. Contest ends Friday, Oct. 2.



A new website for the companion diocese relationship between Nevada and Santiago

<http://www.philippines.diocesenv.org>

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 go to the new Frensdorff School of Christian Formation website: <http://frensdorffschool.webs.com/>

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