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John Chrysostom



John Chrysostom is one of the great patriarchs of the Eastern Church. He was born about 354 in Antioch, Syria. As a young man, he responded to the call of desert monasticism until his health was impaired. He returned to Antioch after six years, and was ordained a presbyter. In 397, he became Patriarch of Constantinople. His episcopate was short and tumultuous. He was twice exiled, and he died during the second period of banishment in 407. John, called "Chrysostom," which means "the golden-mouthed," was one of the greatest preachers in the history of the Church. People flocked to hear him. He saw preaching as an integral part of pastoral care, and as a medium of teaching. His sermons provided insight into the liturgy of

the Church, and especially into Eucharistic practices. He described liturgy as a glorious experience, in which all of heaven and earth join. His treatise, *Six Books on the Priesthood*, is a classic manual on the priestly office and its awesome demands.

O God, you gave your servant John Chrysostom grace eloquently to proclaim your righteousness in the great congregation, and fearlessly to bear reproach for the honor of your name: Mercifully grant to all bishops and pastors such excellence in preaching, and faithfulness in ministering your Word, that your people may be partakers with them of the glory that shall be revealed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

HERE IS HOW YOU CAN HELP HAITI - RIGHT NOW!!

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2. Send a check with the Haiti Fund on the memo line to:

*Episcopal Relief & Development
815 2nd Avenue
New York, NY 10017*

3. Send a check to your parish, or the Diocese of Nevada, payable to the parish or diocese, but with Haiti Fund on the memo line, to:

*Episcopal Diocese of Nevada
9480 S. Eastern Avenue - Rm 236
Las Vegas, NV 89123*

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If you would like to see your event listed here, please email Clelia or garritycpg@gmail.com. If you would like to see your event listed in the diocesan calendar, please email Barbara.

SAVE THE DATES

Jan 28-30, DEACON'S CONFERENCE, St. Jude's Ranch for Children, Boulder City. 5:00 PM, Jan 28 - 12:30 PM Jan. 30. This conference is for Deacons and Postulants to the Diaconate. Please call Barbara at 702-737-6488 to reserve a space.

Jan 30, AN INTRODUCTION TO EFM MENTORING led by Connie Patterson, Diocesan EFM Coordinator, 7:00 - 9:00 PM at Bishop Dan's home: 136 Camino Francisco, Henderson, NV 89012. No charge; no registration - just drop in and help us organize a face-to-face EFM (or 2) in the South.

Jan 30, LEARNING TO BE THE HERO, The Storytelling of Noah Blumenthal, 3:30 - 5:00 PM, Sahara West Library, 9600 W. Sahara Ave, Las Vegas. Reception and book signing to follow. Fee: \$30. Call Stillpoint for Spiritual Development at 702 243-4040 to register.

Jan 31, TAIZE ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICE, 6:00 - 7:00 PM, Lakes Lutheran Church, 8200 W. Sahara Ave, Las Vegas. Freewill offering. Call 702-363-2515 for more information.

Feb 2, HINDU GODS AND GODESSES, 6:00 - 9:00 PM, Truckee Meadows Community College, 1 session, Tuition: \$39.00

Feb 5, PARISH ORGAN DEDICATION, with a reception to follow. 7:00 PM, Christ Church, Las Vegas, Open to the general public.

Feb 6, NORTH WEST MISSION DISTRICT MEETING, 9:00 AM, St. Paul's in Sparks. Anyone is invited, but the meeting might be most interesting for anyone planning to attend the Diocesan Convention this fall. A light snack will be served. Topics include, General Convention 2009; Diocesan Convention 2009; The Youth Mission Trip 2009. For information call Jody at 775-772-5318 or 775-829-2677, or email melanjody@rolfson.reno.nv.us

Feb 7, SUPER BOWL PARTY, Episcopal Church of the Epiphany, Henderson, Epiphany Education Center. Contact Ginny at 702-476-9150

Feb. 9, BHAGAVAD-GITA, 6:00 - 9:00 PM, Truckee Meadows Community College. 1 session. Cost: \$39.00

Feb 14, ORGAN RECITAL - HANS U. HIELSCHER, International Recitalist, 7:30 P.M., All Saint's, Las Vegas.

Feb 16, SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER, 6:00 PM, hosted by the men of the parish, St. Christopher, Boulder City.

Feb. 16, SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER, 5:30 - 7:00 PM, Holy Trinity Church Parish Hall, 507 Church St., Fallon. \$3.00/per person. All are welcome.

Feb 16, SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER, 6:00 PM, Episcopal Church of the Epiphany, Epiphany Education Center.

Feb. 17, IMPOSITION OF ASHES AND HOLY EUCHARIST, 7:00 PM, Holy Trinity Church, Fallon.

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

Feb 19, STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be a special teaching stations with Father Jim Lyons presiding. Stations of the Cross are at **5:00 PM EACH FRIDAY** during Lent.

Feb 19, FAMILY GAME NIGHT, 6:30 PM, Episcopal Church of the Epiphany, Epiphany Education Center.

Feb 26 - 27, CATHOLICITY: ROMAN OR REFORMED: a presentation on roles, authority, transitions and faith by The Rev, Joseph Duggan. Friday - 6:30-9:00 PM; Saturday - 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM. Lunch will be served, Epiphany Education Center. Donations accepted to cover costs. RSVP to helen@mcpeak.org

Feb 26-28, VOCARE (VO-CAR-EE), a event for young adults (18-30ish), run by young adults. Trinity Episcopal Church, Reno. We worship, sing, and tell our stories. We learn how to listen to God. More information can be found on the Diocesan website. Contact Maggie Davison, mclairedavidson@gmail.com (702-277-5257), or Elyse Monroy, elysemonroy@gmail.com (775-762-1773) for more information and a registration packet

Mar 19 - 21 THANK GOD FOR EVOLUTION: How the Marriage of Science and Religion Will Transform

Your Life and Our World. Presenter: Rev. Michael Dowd, America's evolutionary evangelist. Dowd's inspiring message expands the horizon of what is possible for self, for relationships, and for our world. Cost for the Saturday workshop is \$100 for registrations received by Mar 10; \$115 for later registration. Continental Breakfast and lunch included. Introductory lecture on Friday evening; Rev. Dowd will preach on Sunday. The weekend is sponsored by St. Peter's, Carson City. For more information, or to register contact tov. Kim Morgan at kamorgan@pyramid.net. 775-883-1681.

Mar 19-21, YOUTH SERVICE WEEKEND, Camp Galilee - An excellent opportunity for youth ages 14-18 to spend the weekend at the camp and provide volunteer work to prepare the camp for the summer camping program. Prospective counselors can be part of the camp experience and be interviewed during this weekend, as well. Leadership will be provided by Fr. Jeff Paul, Executive Director Stuart Campbell, and experienced summer counselors. The cost of the weekend will be \$50. To register, call 775-749-5546.

Mar 13, LENTEN QUIET DAY AT GRACE led by Rev. Mary Bredlau, 9:00 AM - 12 noon, concluding with the Eucharist, and then a simple soup lunch in the parish hall. Please RSVP directly to Rev. Mary at RevMaryB@cox.net or 702-540-3012, by two days prior.

Mar 26, STATIONS OF THE CROSS, Special Youth Version, with young people leading the service, St. Christopher's, Boulder City.

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

May 28-31, MEMORIAL DAY ADULT RETREAT, Camp Galilee. The program will begin Friday, May 28 with dinner and conclude Monday, May 31 just after breakfast. The cost for the weekend is \$164.00 per person and covers all meals and lodging. Optional activities are provided by Galilee staff and will include guided short walks, kayaking excursions, evening stargazing, and a Sunday Eucharist. There will be plenty of time for personal reflection. Leadership will be provided by the Rev. Jim Beebe and Stuart Campbell. To register call 775-749-5546.

 Forward to a Friend

EVANGELISM: It's Deeper Than You Think

" The belief that God wills the well-being of all calls forth the pivotal virtue of the moral life - gratitude.

Richard Gula, "Reason Informed by Faith: Foundations of Catholic Morality"



" Evangelism is fundamentally a spiritual practice, as important to our spiritual health as

prayer, worship, fellowship, and study. As such, evangelism is not simply an act or a set of Christian techniques. It is not a programmatic effort or a formulaic recitation of a memorized speech. It is not a generation of false sentiments or a sale of artificial emotion. It is not a wanton advertising of religious slogans. It need be neither demonstrative nor dogmatic. It is not recruitment. It is not judgment.

True evangelism emerges from a practiced disposition of gratitude, a willfully embraced motivation arising from our experience of wonder, delight, and gratification in the Holy Spirit that propels us out to others to share our good news. And it is a new way of hearing and seeing others - as people who also have stories of delight and gratitude for God's movement in their lives. Evangelism is a willful, joyful spiritual discipline of seeing and naming the Holy Spirit at work in ourselves and those we encounter - giving voice to our own grace-filled experiences, and helping others find their voice.

Evangelism begins most fundamentally with you. On your holy pilgrimage you carry gifts for the world that are far deeper than you can even begin to recognize."

David Gortner, "Transforming Evangelism"

Desert Angels Health Tip of the Week

A PRAYER FOR HAITI



Almighty and most merciful God, we remember before you all who have suffered in the earthquake in Haiti, especially those who are homeless, the sick and injured, and those who grieve the loss of loved ones. Strengthen us in faith and inspire us in reaching out to them that we may help to heal those who are broken in body or spirit, to rebuild their land, and to turn their sorrow into joy. Grant this for the love of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Your prayers and concrete help can be expressed through a gift to Episcopal Relief & Development
www.er-d.org

NEWS BRIEFS

Lent Soup/Salad Suppers at 6:00 PM on February 24th, March 3rd, 10th, 17th, and 24th in the

vicarage. Worship Service at 7:00 PM, followed by Lenten Study, "Praying in Color: Drawing a New Path to God."

Holy Trinity, Fallon

Lenten Series "Holocaust and Holocaust Studies, Grace in the Desert," 6:30 - 8:30 PM every Wednesday evening during Lent, beginning with a simple service in the Church and moving to the new Parish Center for a light supper and conversation. Featured speakers will be Rev'd Jim Wallis; Rabbi Malcom Cohen; and Lydia Lebovic, Holocaust survivor. For information, call 702-838-7444.

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Fallon offers a Bereavement Support "drop-in" group the 2nd Monday of every month from 6:00 - 7:00 PM at the vicarage.

Two 8 week Bereavement Support sessions are also offered. One in the Spring (April 8th- May 27th), and one in the Fall (September 30th - November 18th) on Thursday evenings from 6:00 - 7:00 PM in the Vicarage.

and

A "drop-in" Bereavement Group meets the 1st Wednesday of every month at CARES Cottage in Yerington (306 Surprise Street) from 1:00 - 2:00 PM

St. Timothy's, Henderson offers a Grief Support Group, both groups meet on the second and fourth Mondays and Thursdays of the month at the church. The groups are facilitated by hospice chaplains; meeting times are: Mondays at 10:00 AM and Thursdays at 6:30 PM. The groups offer 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 253-250-953, or 702-684-6444. The national website is <http://episcopalrecovery.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/> You may contact them at: frensdorff.school@gmail.com

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