



Thanksgiving 2011

The Georgian View



From the Rector's Desk...



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(see calendar for details)

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**Give thanks to the
Lord our God; His
love endures forever**

Calendars do not always reflect how life really works. The Julian calendar tells us that the year ends December 31st, and a new year begins January 1st. The Christian calendar year ends with the last day of the Reign of Christ (this year on November 26), and a new year begins with Advent One (November 27). These are both facts, yet is it not true that a new year really begins after Labour Day? Is it not in September, after a lazy summer season, that we all get back at it? In the city suddenly there are kids and young people everywhere toting around their pack sacks filled with new supplies. Even if we are not a student, the September start up never really leaves us. At St. George's suddenly all the programs and fellowship start up again. September is always a good time to take stock and make plans for the "new year".

One of the ministries of the Anglican Brothers of the Society of St. John the Evangelist in Boston is their Cowley magazine. Recently they included a section called; *Living Intentionally: A Workbook for Creating a Personal Rule of Life*. They refer to this as "Monastic wisdom for everyday living". During August and September the congregation at our Wednesday Noon service worked through this spiritu-

al exercise. As the introduction tells you; "The word 'rule' derives from the Latin word *regula*, which implies not so much a system of rules or laws, but rather a way of **regulating** and **regularizing** our lives so that we can stay on the path we, with the Lord, have set for ourselves. The pamphlet works through four areas you are meant to study. (1) My Relationship with God and with the Church (2) My Relationship with Others (3) My Relationship with Myself (4) My Stewardship of Resources. In each section you write down one or two goals you feel are appropriate, and at the end you synthesize these to create a Personal Rule of Life for yourself.

You can find this workbook on line at <http://ssje.org/cowleymagazine/>

Click on the current issue, and then the 3rd button at the bottom of the page. If you are not online, there are copies of this workbook at the church in the Church Hall. I do recommend this to you. May you, by the grace of God, come to know his will for you, and fulfill it.

I wish you all a grace filled Thanksgiving.

Blessings,

Ralph+

Intercede

We must intercede. God has given us authority on earth and He will not interfere unless we ask Him to. We have the right to go boldly into God's presence with our requests because of what Jesus has done by His death and resurrection. God sees us as righteous in Jesus and Jesus ever lives to make intercession for us. He is the go between, between us and God.

It is good to know that God always hears our prayers and that He answers them. His answer will only be 'yes' provided that we are not holding on to any sin. If we are, He will not respond positively.

In 1 Timothy 2:1,2 St. Paul exhorts us, first of all, to make supplications, prayers, intercessions and thanks for all people, for kings and all who are in authority, that we may live quiet and peaceable lives in all godliness and reverence.

I am sure that all of us desire to live quiet and peaceable lives, so it seems vital that we spend time interceding especially in these troubling times. Indeed it was impressed upon me recently that I must intercede, not just for my family and friends, but for all leaders and governors, and that I need to particularly ask God to reveal and frustrate the plans of all terrorists.

Psalm 46 says that "God is our refuge and strength, a very pre-

sent help in trouble". And in Psalm 18, King David gives thanks that God is his rock, fortress and deliverer. We read too of kings and prophets who experienced victory because, as a result of prayer, God was with them. One such example is found in 2 Kings Chapter 19. Hezekiah prays for deliverance from Sennacherib King of Assyria. The prophet Isaiah tells Hezekiah that God has heard his prayer and that He will defend the city of Jerusalem to save it.

When God hears our prayers for deliverance and He answers them favorably, then He will fight for us. As King David said in 1 Samuel 17:47 the battle is the Lord's. St. Paul exhorts us to fight the good fight of faith -1 Timothy 6:12. I believe this to be our work of intercession, not just for deliverance in times of trouble, but also that evil in all its forms be defeated. Jesus has promised us abundant life - John 10:10. I need therefore to discern God's plans and purposes and to pray in accordance with His will.

My prayer is that I will listen, hear and obey. Amen.

Jane Wigglesworth

Boutique St. George

Due to lack of space the boutique is not able to accept any donations until further notice. Thank you for your support and understanding.

Christmas Sale

Thursday, October 27, 2011
10 am to 3 pm

A Strong Woman Versus A Woman of Strength

A strong woman works out every day to keep her body in shape, but a woman of strength kneels in prayer to keep her soul in shape.

A strong woman isn't afraid of anything, but a woman of strength shows courage in the midst of her fear.

A strong woman won't let anyone get the best of her, but a woman of strength gives the best of herself to everyone.

A strong woman makes mistakes and avoids the same in the future, but a woman of strength realizes life's mistakes can also be God's blessings and capitalizes on them.

A strong woman walks sure footed, but a woman of strength knows God will catch her when she falls.

A strong woman wears the look of confidence on her face, but a woman of strength wears grace.

A strong woman has faith that she is strong enough for the journey, but a woman of strength has faith that it is in the journey that she will become strong.

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