

Trinity Times

A newsletter for the members and friends of Trinity Episcopal Church

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Pentecost - July and August, 2011



A Season of Growth

Remember the Sundays after Trinity, watching the numbers on the hymn board march through the roman numerals week by week until Trinity XXII, or something similar, appeared at about the time Christmas decorations started to go up in the stores?

While we still celebrate Trinity Sunday, the Sunday after Pentecost (once Whitsunday), it no longer rates its own season. Thomas Becket was consecrated Archbishop of Canterbury on the Sunday after Whitsunday in 1162 and his first act was to ordain that the day of his consecration be dedicated as a festival in honor of the Holy Trinity. The season remained in place with the many Sundays after Trinity until the "new" Book of Common Prayer (1979) was adopted.

The name of this long season of growth was changed to Pentecost, which lasts from the 50th day after Easter until the end of the church year, the Sunday before Advent begins, Christ the King.

Why the change? Most importantly, the change emphasizes the great feast of Pentecost, second only to Easter in importance; it is sometimes called the birthday of the church, the day when the Holy Spirit was sent as the Comforter when Jesus left his apostles, promising them that they would not be alone.

Sometimes called "ordinary time," Pentecost is the bulk of the church year. It is a time of learning and growth, which are emphasized in the lessons read and in the liturgical color of the season, green.

In some parts of the Anglican Communion, the season name, Trinity, is still used, meaning a time of growth. It's something to keep in mind during this time at Trinity, Athens, where we are engaged in *rebuilding, change and growth*:

Rebuilding: The tower work is on schedule; all of the old mortar has been removed and the crews are now re-pointing the stone. The top deck has been replaced and the rebuilding of the crenellations has begun. It's a very interesting process. Driscoll Masonry estimates another month or so on that phase. The basement entrance and doors will be replaced as well in this phase. Then we will finally move on to new front doors, which is where this all started. If you have not made a building pledge, please consider doing so. There are envelopes in each pew if you wish to make an occasional donation as well.

Change: July is Mother Trula's last month as our rector. She will be celebrating the Sunday Eucharist with us on the 10th, 24th and 31st. Deacon Hazel will preside at Deacon's Masses on Saturday and Sunday, July 2nd and 3rd. Hazel will be having major surgery on July 8th and will be recuperating for the remainder of the summer, so July 2nd is our last Saturday service until Fall. Please keep her in your prayers. Licensed Lay Preacher Don Barton will lead us in Morning Prayer I and will preach on July 17th. Thank you, Don. In August, Fr. Ben Lentz will become our supply priest, celebrating Sunday mornings with us. We are very grateful that Hazel and Ben are willing to help us with our worship and that Bishop Paul has approved the arrangement.

Growth: There's a children's song called "We are the Church:"

The church is not the building,
The church is not the steeple,
The church is not a resting place,
The church is the people.
I am the church, you are the church,
We are the church together.
All who follow Jesus all around the world,
Yes, we're the church together.

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Trinity Episcopal Church - July 2011

Pentecost

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Trinity: 7/3 Don Barton, Jan Beck; 7/10 Kay Horton, Jake Parshall; 7/17 Barbara Bean, Marie Bubniak; 7/24 Joe, Laura, Rachel, Peter and Tim Cama; 7/31 Mary Ann Burke, John Catlin.		 Anglicans Around the World: 7/3 Osun, Nigeria: The Rt. Rev. James Afolabi Popoola and The Rt. Rev. Humphrey Olumakaiye. 7/10 Panama: The Rt. Rev. Julio Murray. 7/17 Peru: The Rt. Rev. Harold William Godfrey. 7/24 Port Elizabeth, South Africa: The Rt. Rev. Nceba Bethlehem Nopece. 7/31 Qu'Appelle, Canada: The Rt. Rev. Gregory Kerr-Wilson.		1 <i>Timothy Cama Paul Kelley Dan & Margaret Gerhart</i>		2 Pentecost 3 5:00 Deacon's Mass <i>Bruce Barton</i>
3 Pentecost 3 P-9 9:00 Deacon's Mass II 10:00 Coffee Hour <i>Vickie Wood</i>	4 AA 8:00 pm Independence Day	5 <i>Alex Maneval</i>	6 AA 7:30 pm AA/Alanon 7:30 pm <i>Elise Barton</i>	7 <i>Sean William Clare</i>	8 <i>Jon & Wendy Murray</i>	9 Bishop's Day with Kids, Scranton "Called to be Heroes" <i>Rick & Jess Bubniak</i>
10 Pentecost 4 P-10 9:00 Holy Eucharist II 10:00 Coffee Hour	11 AA 8:00 pm <i>John & Barbara Strange</i>	12	13 AA 7:30 pm AA/Alanon 7:30 pm	14	15	16
17 Pentecost 5 P-11 9:00 Morning Prayer I and Sermon 10:00 Coffee Hour <i>Abby Davenport</i>	18 AA 8:00 pm	19	20 AA 7:30 pm AA/Alanon 7:30 pm	21 <i>Sean Bubniak</i>	22 St. Mary Magdalene <i>Blake Allan Forbes</i>	23 <i>Justin Bailey</i>
24 Pentecost 6 P-12 9:00 Holy Eucharist II 10:00 Coffee Hour Vestry Meets <i>Rhonda Hooper</i>	25 St. James, Apostle AA 8:00 pm <i>Bishop Paul</i>	26	27 AA 7:30 pm AA/Alanon 7:30 pm	28 <i>Carlyle Hooper, Jr.</i>	29	30 <i>Ron Hunt</i>
31 Pentecost 7 P-13 9:00 Holy Eucharist II 10:00 Coffee Hour and farewell luncheon for Mother Trula <i>Andy Patterson</i>	Diocese: 7/3 All Saints, Leighton: The Rev. Jane Arrington Bender, Priest-in-Charge; Congregational Development. 7/10 Good Shepherd and St. John the Evangelist, Milford: The Rev. Dr. William J. McGinty, Rector. Daughters of the King. 7/17 St. Paul's, Montrose and St. Matthew's, Stevensville: The Rev. Paul Walker, Rector. Diocesan Council. 7/24 St. Thomas, Morgantown: The Rev. Donald A. Howells, Deacon. Ecclesiastical Court. 7/31 St. Mark's, Moscow: The Rev. Earl P. Trygar, Sr., Rector and The Rev. Christine Sutton, Deacon. Ecumenical Interfaith			Kajo-Keji: 7/3 Gurube: The Rev. Charles Kwoji. 7/10 Rodo: The Rev. Rufas Sobe. 7/17 Ajira: Deacon Alfred Lomena. 7/24 Gaderu: The Ven. George Kenyi and Deacon Timon Tomilyan. 7/31 Mond: The Rev. Elinama Rabok		The Rev. Benjamin Lentz joins us as our supply priest on August 7th. Welcome, Fr. Ben!



Trinity Episcopal Church - August 2011

Pentecost

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
We welcome Fr. Ben Lentz as our supply priest on August 7.	1	2	3 AA 7:30 pm AA/Alanon 7:30 pm	4 <i>Wendy Murray</i>	5 <i>Kathe Maneval</i>	6 The Transfiguration
7 Pentecost 8 P-14 9:00 Holy Eucharist II 10:00 Coffee Hour <i>Kim Davenport</i> <i>Barbara Barry</i> <i>Shirley Huminik</i>	8 AA 8:00 pm <i>Dave & Chela Bubniak</i>	9	10 AA 7:30 pm AA/Alanon 7:30 pm	11	12	13
14 Pentecost 9 P-15 9:00 Holy Eucharist II 10:00 Coffee Hour	15 St. Mary the Virgin AA 8:00 pm <i>Jessi Bubniak</i>	16 <i>Ed Caum,</i> <i>Roman Coston</i>	17 AA 7:30 pm AA/Alanon 7:30 pm	18 <i>Charles & Ginny Ford</i>	19	20
21 Pentecost 10 P-16 9:00 Holy Eucharist II 10:00 Coffee Hour Vestry Meets	22 AA 8:00 pm	23 <i>Mary Duddie</i> <i>James Caum</i> <i>Michael Maneval</i>	24 St. Bartholomew AA 7:30 pm AA/Alanon 7:30 pm <i>Jake Parshall</i>	25	26 <i>Kim & Jeff Davenport</i>	27 <i>Charles Kohnken</i> <i>Kevin Hooper</i>
28 Pentecost 11 P-17 9:00 Holy Eucharist II 10:00 Coffee Hour	29 AA 8:00 pm	30	31 AA 7:30 pm AA/Alanon 7:30 pm <i>Sean Barry</i>	Trinity Cycle of Prayer 8/7 Barbara and Alan Caum; 8/14 Ian Kathleen, Audrey and Sean Clare; 8/21 Walt and Marcella Chaykosky; 8/28 Joe, Stacey, Roman, Derek, Brandon and Parker Coston.		

Anglicans Around the World **8/7** Remo, Nigeria: The Rt. Rev. Michael Fape. **8/14** Riverina, New South Wales, Australia: The Rt. Rev. Douglas Stevens. **8/21** Ruwenzori, Uganda: The Rt. Rev. Benezeri Kisembo. **8/28** Colleges and Universities of the Anglican Communion and Santiago, Philippines: The Rt. Rev. Alexander A. Wandag

Kajo-Kaji **8/7** St. James', Wudu: Deacon Apollo Abile. **8/14** Loopo: The Rev. Chaplain Wori and The Rev. Charles Jame. **8/21** Pomoju: The Rev. Stephen Duku Litiyo and The Rev. Jeneti P. **8/28** Wuruta: The Rev. John Jiggo and Deacon Gamaniel Loguya.

Bethlehem **8/7** St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Mountaintop: The Rev. Daniel FitzSimmons, Rector. Environmental Stewardship. **8/14** Trinity, Mt. Pocono: The Rev. Beth Haynes, Supply. Episcopal Appalachian Ministries. **8/21** St. Brigid's, Nazareth. Episcopal Church Women. **8/28** St. Mark's, New Milford and Christ Church, Susquehanna: The Rev. Randy Webster, Supply. Evangelism Commission.

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We tend to think that the church will always be there when we need it, a place of comfort in time of sorrow, the lovely place to celebrate weddings and baptisms. While we are expending a great deal of time, energy and money to make sure the church building remains for our future and the future of our children, the building exists to house the life of the church, of the people. Otherwise, it is just a building. WE are the church. WE are God's Episcopal people in Athens, as our mission statement reads. WE are the life of Trinity. Make Trinity a regular part of your life and your children's lives and come worship as you are able ... whether every Sunday or once a month, your presence is an integral part of the vitality of our small congregation ... a small congregation that does big things.

Get involved! We recently sent out a form for not only the building fund, but also ways for you to be more involved in the life of Trinity. There are many ways you can help:

- Altar Guild - speak to Pat Gurney about learning to set the altar and care for the linens and brass
- Acolytes - older children and adults are welcome to help serve at the altar. Speak to Barbara or talk to Barry Goldsmith, our senior acolyte
- Eucharistic Ministers (chalice bearers) - as you help distribute communion, you represent the people; speak to Barbara if you'd like to be trained
- Eucharistic Visitors - volunteers who are trained to take communion to shut ins. We do have

members who are unable to get to church on Sunday who would benefit greatly from this. Training will be arranged.

Planning for Growth

Three of our vestry members attended the last diocesan-wide meeting and reported that they learned many ways to make Trinity a more visible presence in the community. We'll be planning a meeting to discuss our future within the next few months; look for an announcement this fall.

Trula's farewell party

Sunday, July 31, we'll have a special coffee hour and brunch to bid our rector farewell. Please plan to join us. Barbara is gathering pictures, so please let her know if you have some to share.

News from the Pauls

Mary Beth, Chandler and Savannah Paul have been working to help those in their area who were devastated by Spring tornadoes. They were hit by 160 mph winds and many areas in their neighborhood were devastated. There is a letter from Mary Beth on the back table in the church that you are invited to read. They send their best to us and ask to be kept in our prayers as they help others rebuild their lives. You can write to them at 12 Bellows Rd., Wilbraham, MA 01095.

Save a tree!

You can receive your newsletter by email! Send a note to information@trinityathens.org and request to be put on our electronic mailing list. Also, join us on Facebook to see up-to-date pictures of the building project and more.

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Summer at Trinity