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To all of our friends and family we hope that everyone is safe.

If you need to reach St. Paul's please email
stpauls@stpaulsorangetx.com or call 409-883-2969.

Please know we are continuing to pray for everyone.

Our Live Stream Service will resume as soon as we can.

May God bless each and everyone of you.

*Lord, we pray for all those
whom have been effected by the
devastation of the hurricane.
Please be with them
during the difficult and trying
time.
We pray for protection, and
comfort through all the loss.
Please give us strength to come to-
gether
as a community to help those
who are in great need as a result
Of the destruction of this storm.
Please bring us comfort
We pray for all your blessings.
Amen.*



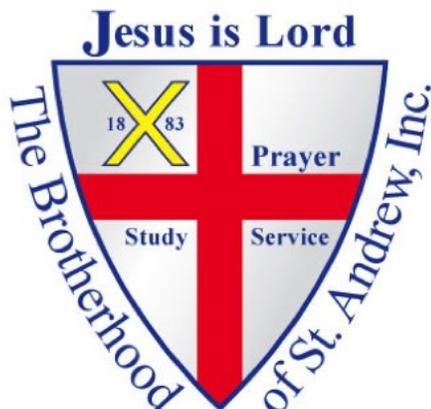
Check out
The Episcopal Diocese Website for the
latest news.

<https://www.epicenter.org/>

St. Paul's doesn't have electricity, we
will resume our Live Stream Services
as soon as we can. I will keep
everyone updated.

Please remember St. Paul's Church and
members in your prayers through this trying
times. If you are interested in giving to
St. Paul's we have online giving on
St. Paul's website at
stpaulsorangetexas.com or you can mail
a check to St. Paul's Episcopal Church
1401 W. Park Ave
Orange, TX 77630
God's Peace be with you.

If you would like to be added to our
Shield email list.
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Chapter of The Brotherhood of St. Andrew Attention Men of St. Paul's:

We are organizing a Chapter of Brotherhood of St. Andrew. The Brotherhood of St. Andrew is a fraternity within the Episcopal Church which encourages the living, praying, and laboring together to perform our common Prayer Book Ministry. It is a brother organization of the Daughters of the King. A brother from the Diocesan office is coming next month for an informational meeting of interested men. Date and Time is forth coming.

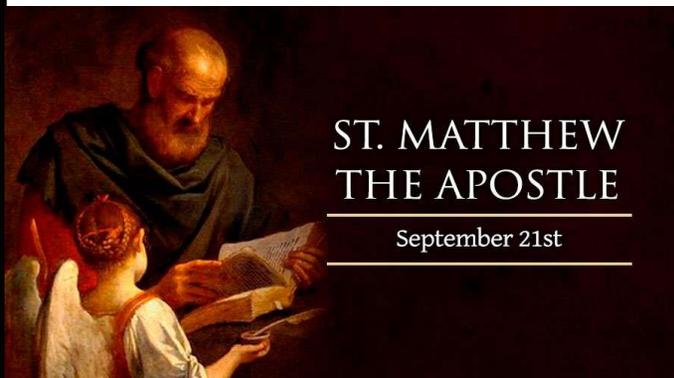
Holy Cross Day

A major feast observed on Sept. 14 in honor of Christ's self-offering on the cross for our salvation. The collect for Holy Cross Day recalls that Christ "was lifted high upon the cross that he might draw the whole world unto himself," and prays that "we, who glory in the mystery of our redemption, may have grace to take up our cross and follow him" (BCP, p. 192). The themes of Holy Cross Day are powerfully expressed by the hymn "Lift high the cross" (Hymn 473).

This feast is known as "The Exaltation of the Holy Cross" in the eastern church and in missals and sacramentaries of the western church, and it is known as "The Triumph of the Cross" in the Roman Catholic Church. It was one of the 12 great feasts in the Byzantine liturgy. The 1979 BCP is the first American Prayer Book to include Holy Cross Day.

Historically, the feast has been associated with the dedication on Sept. 14, 335, of a complex of buildings built by the Emperor Constantine (c. 285-337) in Jerusalem on the sites of the crucifixion and Christ's tomb. This shrine included a large basilica and a circular church. Constantine's mother, Helena (c. 255- c. 330), supervised the construction of the shrine, and a relic believed to be the cross was discovered during the work of excavation. Claims by the Church of Jerusalem to have the cross date from the mid-fourth century, and the pilgrim Egeria mentions a feast commemorating the discovery of the cross in Jerusalem in the late-fourth-century. This feast has also been associated with the exposition at Jerusalem of the cross by the Byzantine Emperor Heraclius (575-641). He recovered the relic from the Persians who took it from Jerusalem in 614 when they destroyed the Church of the Holy Sepulchre.

Feast Day of St. Matthew



ST. MATTHEW
THE APOSTLE

September 21st

Matthew, the Evangelist who wrote the Gospel that appears first in the New Testament, was different from the other Apostles. He was not a popular man. Many people felt that he was unworthy to be chosen as a follower of Jesus. Matthew worked for the Romans as a tax collector. The Romans ruled Palestine and the Jewish people in the time of Jesus. They forced the Jewish people to pay taxes to them. Many of the tax collectors cheated the people by charging more taxes than required and keeping the extra money for themselves. The Jews considered tax collectors to be traitors.

In Chapter 9 of his Gospel, Matthew tells a story about how Jesus called him to follow him and how the Jewish people felt about tax collectors. You can read it in Matthew 9:9-13. In this story, the Pharisees, a group of Jews who strictly followed all the laws of their religion, call tax collectors "sinners." Jesus knew in his heart that Matthew was not a sinner or a cheat.

Matthew wrote his Gospel for Jewish people who had become followers of Christ. He wanted his audience to know that Jesus was the Messiah that God had promised to send to save all people. Matthew's Gospel makes clear that Jesus is the fulfillment of everything said by the prophets in the Old Testament.

Matthew is also the only Evangelist who shares the eight Beatitudes with his readers. His Gospel faithfully reports how Jesus described who will be truly blessed by God in the Kingdom and the attitudes and actions that are required for those who follow the new Law Jesus came to bring.

After Jesus' Ascension, Matthew preached the Gospel, as Jesus asked his disciples to do. It is believed that he established Christian communities in Ethiopia and other sections of the continent of Africa. Tradition tells us that he died as a martyr.

The Feast of St. Michael and All Angels

Feast Day is September 29

The Trinity, icon by Andrei Rublev, 15th c.

St. Michael and All Angels

Genesis 28:10-17

Psalm 103

Revelation 12:7-12

John 1:47-51

Today we celebrate the feast of St. Michael and All Angels. Such a day brings up two rather important questions: first, how can angels be saints? The word “saint” is a rather confusing one, because the Church uses it in three different senses. The first (and perhaps most important) definition, and the biblical definition, is quite simply a Christian. Many letters of the Bible are addressed to the saints, and this doesn’t mean those who are already dead! All Christians are saints of the Church.

The second definition is a bit more particular. It was the medieval definition and requires a belief in Purgatory, a place where, after death, a person’s soul is purged of their sin. A saint in this sense is someone who, by living a life wholly dedicated to Christ, does not have to go to Purgatory. Their soul is already pure, and they are, at the time of death, already in the presence of God.

The third definition is actually the one that the Church, as a whole, uses most often. Here, a saint is someone who has lived a holy and godly life. We revere such a person because she or he has shown us so much of what it means to be a Christian. Angels, then, can be saints according to this definition, though only three angels (Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael) are considered to be saints.

These definitions lead, however, to a question: how can we revere a saint when the only being worthy of worship is God. There is a difference, though, between “revere” and “worship.” To worship something (be it God or something else) is to give oneself wholly to it. We are ultimately loyal to that thing, whatever it may be, and we draw our identity from it. This is why the Bible is so insistent that we do not worship false idols, and that we cannot worship God and something else (that is, we cannot serve two masters).

“Reverence”, however, is different. We revere many things, from saints to sports stars to national heroes. I may revere an author or musician that I enjoy, or I may even revere my parents or mentors. I do not give them my all, but instead I give them my respect and look up to them. It is the same for saints. We revere the saint by remembering them, celebrating their lives, and asking them to pray for us.

For Christians, we revere the angels because of their service to humanity as protectors and as messengers of God. Our Christian lives, indeed the lives of all humanity, is connected to all of Creation, be that the material world or the spiritual one. We are part and parcel to it, and on days like today we remember those spiritual beings who, during biblical times and into our own, continue to work for the glory of God.





Batchelor, Mr. Bob	9/02
Smith, Mr. Jeffery	9/07
Journey, Mr. Wesley	9/
Brown, Cole Ayden	9/11
McCorquodale, Mr. Rex	9/12
Dilbert, Mrs. Nina	9/13
Field, Mrs. Charlene	9/14
Waldrum, Paton Raine	9/14
Cheek, Mr. Christopher	9/16
Gilbeaux, Mrs. Valrie	9/16
Duos, John	9/16
Peterson, Victor	9/16
Ajlani, David	9/22
Waldrum, Mrs. Sherry	9/23
Smith, Mr. Kenneth	9/24
Johnson, Mr. Gary	9/25
Windham, Ms. Sherry	9/26
Fregia, Mrs. Phyllis	9/26
Works, Samuel	9/29



Batchelor, Robert & Gail	9/16
Bruce, Steven & April	9/22

Birthdays and Anniversaries

If you want to or know anyone who wants to be added to the Birthday or Anniversary list, please contact the office at stpauls@stpaulsorangetx.com or 409-883-2969.

St. Paul's Family & Friends Prayer List

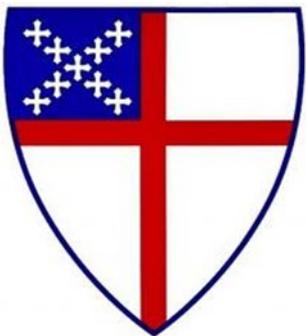
Miles Hall, Jr.	Timothy Ruehlen	Jaimie Geis	Anne Breitenstein
Amanda Watt	Jay Todd Cleaver	Barbara Klein	Todd Hurst
Gary Outenreath	Peggy Lane	Father Bob	Samantha
Jenny Guth	Jerry and Petroula Ruehlen	Betsy Phillips	Robin Kump
Allan Anderson	Virginia Watson	Sharon Childress	Sabine Lamar
Cayden, Whitney and Tyler	Fawn Welborn	Becca Hagan	Myra Michaelis
Cheryl Blanchard	The Woodley's	Bobbie Carson	Mallory Bromley Houseman
Rosie Hurst	Tom Freeland	Joyce Giblin	Kady Michaelis
Legrand	Leona Fields	David Silk	
Charlie Pieper	Ester Jeans	Robert Cheek	
Kenric Marshall	Margaret Ebarb	David Haley	

Military: Prayers : All Military persons deployed in dangerous areas.

Pray for all people suffering with a an illness and , Victims of Violence, Victims of natural disasters, City of Refuge, Schools, All Ministries of St. Paul's, All first responders, and the unemployed.

Ann Jackson, Talbert Meadows, Thad and Regina. Tracy Underwood, Delores Cleaver, Sidney, Jacquie Pence, Casey D., Beth Holm, Joanne Price, June & Merrill Stringer & Dena, Kelly and John, Nancy Ellis, Cathy Tompkins, Ross, Deanna Davis, Matthew H., Alison Clary, Renee, Jennifer, Jill, Gabriel, Josie Walter, Margaret & Debbie Herrington, Charlotte Parker, Elizabeth, Bella, Kelly Clawson, Thomas Ray Manuel, Tim Fading , Brianna, Mary Guillot, Bette, Carol and Bruce Thornburgh, Nick Tullier, Tim Lawler, Melanie Maxie, Kay Gragg, Kay Stone, Rachel Guy, Yolanda, Mary Ann, Kim and Chris Griffin, Daisy Guillotte, Kim Keyser, Anne Hoffpauir, Janelle Ramsey, Erin Lawler, George Schroeder, Kathleen, Dominic Abshire, Kenny Slaughter, Justin Morvant, Ronnie and Margaret Sonnier, Barbara Richard, Tony Dallas, Jesse Mae Pujol, Steve Rogers, Dave Shows, Sharon Debes, Mickie Davis, Anthony Sparacino, James Poole, Sharon Stanley, Laura Pachuca, Matthew Cook

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**Rite I Holy Communion
(1st & 3rd Sunday of the Month) 8:00am
Morning Prayer (2nd & 4th Sunday of the Month) 8:00am
Rite II (Family Service) 10:30am**