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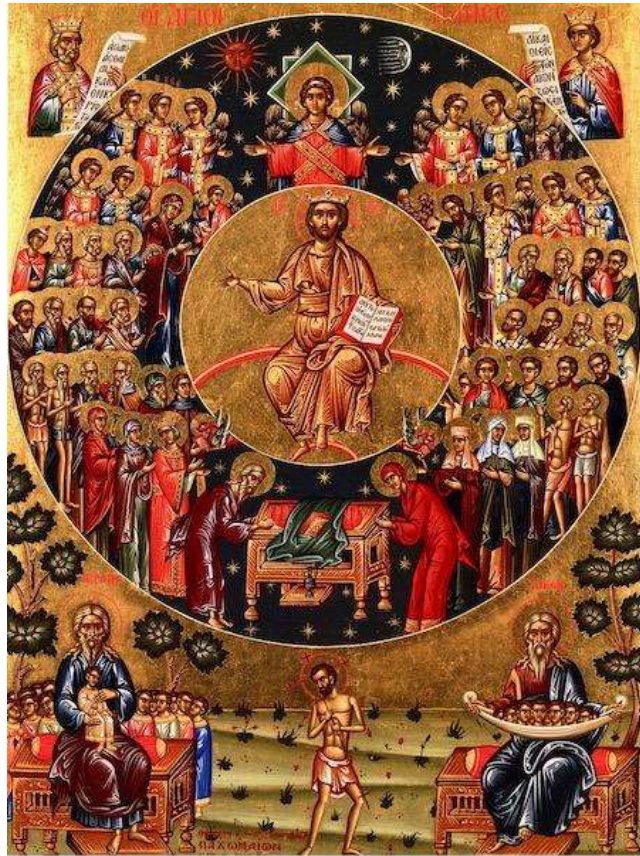
Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church ____ _October 29, 2021

Spotlight: All Souls', All Saints', and the Difference

You've probably heard of All Saints' Day, and you know about Halloween, of course. But what about All Souls' Day, and All Hallows' Eve, and All Faithful Departed? What's the difference?

Well, November 1 is All Saints' Day, one of the principal feasts of the Episcopal Church, when the church remembers the saints, known and unknown. It is also one of the four holy days denoted as especially appropriate for baptisms. (The others are the First Sunday after Epiphany, the Easter Vigil, and Pentecost.) The origins of All Saints' Day aren't completely clear. A feast for all martyrs was observed as early as the fourth century on May 13. And Pope Gregory III dedicated a chapel in Rome to all saints on November 1, while Pope Gregory IV officially declared its general observance in 837.

In medieval England this feast was known as All Hallows (hallow was an old English term for saint), and the day before was All Hallows' Eve, or Halloween. It is believed that the traditions we associate with Halloween originate with Celtic harvest festivals, in particular the festival of Samhain, which celebrated the harvest and when the dead were said to return to their homes because the veil between the physical and spiritual worlds was thought to be thinnest at that time. Bonfires were lit to frighten away evil spirits. There is an Episcopal service for All Hallows' Eve that includes prayers and readings such as "[The Witch of Endor](#)," which it may surprise you to learn is a story from the Bible (1 Samuel 28: 3-25), not Tolkien.



November 2 is the commemoration of All Faithful Departed, sometimes called All Souls' Day. It is a day when faithful Christians who have died are remembered. While in the New Testament “saints” refers to the entire Christian community, it has come to mean people of “heroic sanctity” whose holy deeds are remembered by Christians. Beginning in the tenth century, the church began to remember all departed Christians on November 2. Many remember their loved ones who have died on this day. Together these three days are sometimes called Allhallowtide.

Courtesy of Trinity Wall Street's "Episcopal Explained" article: [Faith Education: All Saints', All Souls', and the Faithful Departed](#)

Upcoming All Souls' Day Eucharist

The Feast of All Souls Choral Requiem Eucharist (*Rite II*)



A Service of Commemoration of those lost to the Covid-19 Pandemic
and of All the Faithful Departed

Tuesday, November 2nd, 2021
6:00 PM

Submission of Names for All Souls' Day Eucharist

On **Tuesday, November 2 at 6:00 PM**, Grace Church will offer a Choral Requiem Eucharist for the [Feast of All Souls](#). The service will feature a special commemoration of lives lost to the COVID-19 pandemic and of the Faithful Departed. A list of names of parishioners, family, friends, and loved ones who have departed this life will be read aloud and serve as the centerpiece of the service. **If you would like to submit a name to be included for commemoration,** please email vedwards@gracepvd.org by **Sunday, October 31.**



The Grace Church Organ Project

At their October meeting, the Vestry gave their blessing to The Grace Church Organ Project, a plan for restoration, renovation, and expansion of our pipe organ. We are currently seeking funding for the project, and welcome any input or ideas you may have about funding sources.

A brochure is available at the back of the church, and on the Music page of the website, that details the concepts of the project. Please feel free to speak to Vince Edwards, Organist & Director of Music, or Fr. Jonathan Huyck, the Rector, if you have questions or would like to learn more about this exciting project.



[Click here for The Organ Project Brochure](#)
[Click here for videos showing the current state of the organ.](#)

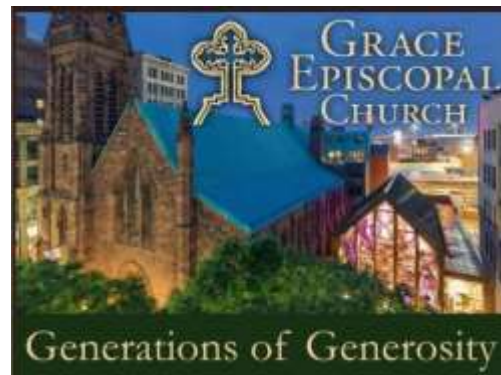
Photos for All Souls' and All Saints'

It is a tradition at Grace Church that photos of departed loved ones are placed on the High Altar for the Feast of All Saints. This year we are extending that tradition to include our All Souls' Day Eucharist. **All are welcome to bring a photo in a frame to place on the High Altar for All Souls' Day (November 2nd) and/or All Saints' Day (November 7th).**



Generations of Generosity

At the same time that we unite to lift-up and celebrate our collective stewardship of Grace Church for the coming year through annual pledges, we're extending our gaze forward to provide the most stable foundation possible for Grace Church to serve generations to come. In tandem with this year's stewardship campaign, we have revitalized The [1829 Society](#): an honorary society of faithful and committed supporters who have established a planned gift to fortify the long-term future of Grace Church. On this year's pledge card, you'll find a check box to indicate a planned gift and thus membership in the revived 1829 Society. Pledge cards are available in the pews, and brochures for the 1829 Society are on the table by the baptismal font at the back of the church. You can either mail a completed pledge card, place it in the offering



basket on any Sunday, or bring it with you to place at the altar on Commitment Sunday (November 21). Thank you for considering a legacy gift to Grace Church...and for making a pledge to support Grace Church in 2022!

Thursdays at Noon Concerts

On Thursday, November 4, our guest performer will be harpsichordist, **Michael Bahmann**, Co-Director of Music of Trinity Church in Newport and a member of The Providence Baroque Chamber Orchestra. Michael will bring his own harpsichord to Grace Church and his program will feature music by J.S. Bach, including The French Suite in G Major, and a selection from “The Musical Offering”. We hope you join us in-person and bring a friend or two!



Bookmarks detailing the line-up of Thursday performers are available on the information tables in the rear of the church. We hope you join us and bring along friends!

If you missed this past Thursday's Concert, played by organist, **Patrick Aiken**, you can watch the recorded program by [clicking here](#) or on the image to the right.

To view Patrick's program,
[please click here.](#)



Please note, if you are not able to attend in person, or prefer not to yet, we will still be live-streaming most concerts. Recordings of the concerts will also be made available in the usual places ([church website](#), [Facebook](#), [YouTube](#), and [Vimeo](#)).

For a complete list of performers and videos of previous concerts, please check out the Thursdays at Noon Concerts webpage on the Grace website by [clicking here](#).

Monster Dash Road Race on October 31st

The annual [Monster Dash 5K Race](#) will be held this Sunday, October 31st, from 9:00am - 12:00 Noon along South Water St, Main Street, College St, and through the RIPTA bus tunnel. Parishioners approaching Grace Church from the College Hill area, or who typically pass through this route, may wish to adjust their travel plan accordingly.

RIPTA will detour six bus routes in the downtown Providence area on Sunday, October 31, 2021 in order to accommodate the Monster Dash 5K Road Race. This road race course will take runners through RIPTA's historic bus tunnel. Routes 1, 33, 34, 35, 60, and 78 will be detoured from 9am until 12pm.



Sunday Morning Worship: The Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost October 31, 2021

Every Sunday Morning, Grace Church offers a 'live-stream' broadcast of our Sunday morning eucharist service. We hope this experience allows those who are not able to join us in person on Sundays to participate in the worship life at Grace.

~ Sunday Morning Links ~

YouTube: [Click here!](#)

Facebook: [Click here!](#)



Luther nails his 95 Theses, Ferdinand Pauwel, 1872

This service will be live-streamed to the [Grace Church Facebook Page](#) and the [Grace Church YouTube Channel](#). Please use the links provided below to watch. The service will also be archived on the [Grace Church website](#), [Vimeo](#), Facebook, and YouTube pages for 'on-demand' viewing after Sunday morning. We hope this experience allows those who are not able to join us in person on Sunday to participate in the worship.

If you would like to download or print the service leaflet for The Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost, [please click here.](#)

IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE POLICY:

All individuals are kindly asked to wear masks indoors at Grace Church when attending worship or other events.

Regardless of how you choose to participate in our worship life together,
ALL ARE WELCOME at Grace Church!

October 31, 2021 **The Twenty-third Sunday** **after Pentecost**

Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift that your faithful people offer you true and laudable service: Grant that we may run without stumbling to obtain your heavenly promises; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

For the texts of the readings for The Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost, [please click here.](#)

[Click here](#) for the latest from the Episcopal News Service. And for current news from the Episcopal Diocese of Rhode Island, [please click here.](#)

