Church of the Ascension

Services

Holy Communion
 Every Sunday..........7.30 and 11.00 A.M.
 Holy Days.............7.30 and 10.30 A.M.
 Morning Prayer
 Sundays ................10.30 A.M.
 Daily ..................10.00 A.M.

Evensong
 Sundays (Choral)...........4.00 P.M.
 Daily......................5.00 P.M.
 Instructions in Bible and Prayer
 Book, in the Church, by the
 Rector, Sundays...........3.00 P.M.
 Sunday School and Bible Class.3.00 P.M.

All the Seats are Free at all Services. God's House is open to all its Children.
The Church is always open for private prayer, and the Clergy can be seen after any service or by appointment.
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GUILD MEETINGS

Mondays, Junior St. John’s Guild...........8.00 P. M.
Tuesdays, St. Anne’s Guild..................7.00 P. M.
Tuesdays, Girls’ Friendly Society.........8.00 P. M.
Third Tuesday, Brotherhood of St. Andrew...8.00 P. M.
Thursdays, St. John’s Guild................8.00 P. M.

OTHER MEETINGS

Wednesdays, Ladies’ Aid....................3.00 P. M.
Wednesdays, Mothers’ Meeting.............8.00 P. M.
Thursdays, Embroidery Class..............10.30 A.M.
First Friday Missionary Society..........10.30 A.M.

SUNDAY SCHOOL, 3.00 P. M.
Superintendent................................Curate

SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS
For Young Men......................3.00 P. M.
Taught by Miss Marie J. Gilpin

Not only the Jews and all Christians and Mohammedans, but many other nations as well, have always felt one day in each week should be set aside for the public worship of Almighty God. If this is neglected it is impossible to keep religion alive. Not only the community as a whole, but the individuals who systematically give up such worship, will deteriorate spiritually and morally.

Every man owes to God the debt of honoring Him openly, and his own spiritual nature requires the regular help and stimulus which comes from acts of worship.

Sunday is the day observed by Christians universally for this purpose. And what should be the great act of worship on that day but that special rite which Christ Himself instituted as “His memorial,” by which His sacrificial death for all men is “set forth,” which the early Christians, we are told in the Acts of the Apostles, celebrated “daily,” and which the vast majority of Christians have always regarded as the great act of worship by which every Sunday and Holy day should be sanctified. Down to the time of the Reformation it was everywhere so celebrated, and today all Greek and Latin Christians regard its celebration on every Lord’s Day as obligatory, and the Prayer Books of all branches of the Anglican Communion make provision for, and intend that it shall be so celebrated.

It is one of the great mistakes of most of the Protestant Bodies that they have given up that service except only on comparatively a few occasions in the year, and substituted for it a mere preaching service with some prayers and singing. Such a service may, or may not, be for the edification of some individuals, but it can never take the place
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KALENDAR.

April 1. Palm Sunday.
3. Tuesday in Holy Week. Fast.
8. Easter.
10. Tuesday in Easter week.
11. Wednesday in Easter week.
14. Low Sunday.
15. Friday. Past.
17. S. Mark. Evangelist.

COMMUNICANTS received, from Trinity Church,

Red Bank, N. J.,

Louise Fowler Carter. 1

Dinah Clara Elizabeth Hullinger. 4

Burials:

John Moore.

Mrs. Mary Louise Moore.

Clara Elizabeth Hullinger. 3

OFFERINGS.

For current expenses $177.23
the Poor ................................... 46.45
Diocesan Missions .......................... 26.17
General Missions ........................... 1.00
The Bishop's Purse ......................... 5.73
Flowers ...................................... 1.55
the Pension Fund ........................... 5.00
Of the Sunday School ........................ 3.61
Total $265.74

of Christ's own service, and be the vehicle for the same high worship and devout communion with God.

The Holy Communions appears to the eye as well as to the heart, as well as to the mind. It alone combines in itself every element of worship and in the highest and most perfect form.

So every Christian should annually want to be present in it on every Lord's Day. For fifty years it has been so celebrated in this church without the interruption of a single Sunday or Holy Day. It is celebrated once on every Sunday, early in the morning, for those who can come earlier at that time, and because it is most fitting to begin the day with Communion, and in the middle of the day, as the most joyful act of worship in which every one can join.

We are sure that no one who has made the practice of attending this service each Sunday will ever be satisfied with any other. He will gain more spiritual benefit from it than he could from

the very best sermon he could hear, and he will not feel the day is fully sanctified by any lesser service.

He who takes part in a Celebration of the Holy Communion can feel that he is doing what Christ taught His disciples to do, and that in company, not only with the vast mass of Christians throughout the world, but as well—as our service reminds us—"with all the Company of Heaven" who are worshipping, as John saw in his vision, before an altar on which "there was, as it were, a Lamb slain." That may be imagery, but it sets forth the profoundest truth of the highest religion, and of spiritual experience. All should feel the duty and privilege of trying to join in that worship each Lord's Day.

CAMPAIGN TO INCREASE CHURCH ATTENDANCE.

A committee has been formed from the young men of our church which has undertaken a campaign to increase first of all the attendance at our Morning Service, and as that committee, we are taking this opportunity, through the "Ascension News" to ask the assistance of all its readers to bring success to our efforts.

Our campaign has been outlined as follows:

There are 450 communicants of our Parish, which, if we multiply by 2, will give the approximate number of people who are really more or less interested in the Church of the Ascension. Therefore, we say there are 900 of such people. In our Church, we have four Services,—the Early Celebration, the Morning Service at 10.30 o'clock, Sunday School and Instruction at three o'clock and Evening Prayer at four o'clock, so if we divide this 900 by 4, there would be at each service 225 people, each one only going to one Service. It is up to, at least, this number that we want to bring the attendance at our 10.30 o'clock Service on the four Sundays of April 15th, 22nd, 29th and May 6th, and when we come to call upon you personally to ask your assistance, please make allowances for us, because it is all new work to each of us, and please help us to far surpass our expectations.

Upon the last Sunday of the campaign, May 6th, we ask each person to bring another person with them and make the closing Sunday attendance the high-water mark, and fill the Church. It would make us all sort of proud to think that our new Church was also made necessary by the growth of our congregation.

So you will hear us again, and all that we ask is that you help us by coming to the Morning Service on each of these four Sundays and by bringing some friend with you on that last Sunday.

STATEMENT OF WARDEN.

In addition to the ordinary receipts for this month, we shall need an Easter offering sufficient to meet the following obligations: Coal bill for the year, Assessment for the Episcopal and Convention Fund, Rector's salary for the past six months, making a total of $1,200.

MILLARD F. ROBERTS,

Accounting Warden.

PARISH NOTES.

Easter services. Holy Communion, 6.30, 7.30, 8.30 and 11 A. M. Morning Prayer, 10.30 A. M. Choral Evening with Procession, 4 P. M.
Holy Communion on Easter Monday and Tuesday at 7:30 and 10 A.M., and on Thursday at 9 A.M. Any persons failing to make their Communion on Easter day, are urged to do so on one of these occasions.

Easter music. In morning prayer, "Christ our Passover" was sung by the Te Deum, and "Break forth into joy" was sung by Community Service, S. Cecilia Mass excepted. The Offertory Anthem, "Barnby Magnificat, Stainer B. Nunc Dimittis, Stainer B. TheAnthem, Solo, "The Resurrection" was sung by Shelley.

Special Easter offerings are asked from each member of the congregation in addition to their ordinary weekly contributions.

Offerings for Easter flowers, which we suppose everyone will wish to see in the Church on this great Festival, can be put in the box in the vestibule of the Church, which is marked "for Flowers." Vesture election. The annual election of the Vestrymen for the ensuing three years, will be held in the Vestry room of the Church on Easter Monday, the polls being open from the close of Divine Service in the morning until 1 P.M. All registered as Communicants of the Parish for one year and who have contributed to the support of the Church through the envelopes, are entitled to vote.

The Annual Meeting of the Eastern and Anglican Association, held in the Church last month, was a most interesting occasion. It opened with a solemn Evensong in the Church. In the procession our new American flag was carried for the first time, also a banner of the Blessed Virgin and child, such as the Easterns use. After the choir came the Rev. Mr. Emhardt, Secretary of the Church, and the Rev. Dr. Lacey of Brooklyn, then the Rev. Mr. Lacey of England, and the Rector, followed by an Armenian priest, and a Russian and a Greek priest, then the Bishop of New Hampshire, and the Rev. Mr. Morris Curate, who was Celebrant of the service, each with two attendants. All these wore cope and sat in the sanctuary. As the Greeks do not consider any service as worship without incense, that was used during the Magnificat, and as they only use the Nicene Creed, that was sung instead of the Apostles. The Bishop of New Hampshire preached a forcible sermon on the "entertainment of strangers," and the choir entered a very beautiful anthem in addition to the service.

On the next morning there was a service in the Russian Church on Spring Garden Street, and in the evening one in the Greek Church at 12th and Fitzwater Streets, each of which was attended by some of our clergy, with their vestments, and the Bishop of New Hampshire gave the Benediction.

Such interchanges as these lead to a very friendly feeling between the two Churches, and will hasten the time when they will come into full ecclesiastical Communion with each other, which it is the object of the Society to promote. The Conference held during the day, at which addresses were made by Bishop Courtney, formerly of Nova Scotia, Dr. Lacey of England, and others, was very interesting. A Discan branch of the Society was also founded with our Rector and the Rev. Father Angelopulos as Presidents, and Dr. Perry, President of the Standing Committee of the Diocese, and the Russian Priest, Father Adamek, as Vice Presidents.

Advertisements. Cannot some of our people secure us some new advertisements for this paper? They are a great help in paying for publication. It will be noticed we have vacant space on the last page.

Men’s Club. At the meeting last month, the Hon. Hampton L. Carson, formerly Attorney General of the State, gave a most interesting and instructive talk on Pennsylvania, its geography, topography, and history. No one could be better qualified for such a talk or could have done it more effectively.

Boy Scouts. Troop 63 is beginning its third year in fine shape. Scouts W. M. Mull, Biebelbach and Ramonetti becoming second class Scouts, with prospects of a few more promotions when we get out doors for the other tests.

"Happy" Barr was appointed to fill the vacancy of Patrol Leader of the Mongoose Patrol. He will appoint his assistant this month. In the Scout group we have learned a total of fourteen knots and will continue to take one new one every week.

The fellows got another chance for a good turn when they helped the "Red Cross" in their campaign for new members.

Plans are being made for a mobilization of the older and more advanced Scouts of the city for emergency should such a thing be necessary and advisable, not for military operations but for police relief, messenger service, first aid, signaling or similar duties. We expect to be useful, true scouts.

The Missionary lectures on Tuesday evenings during Lent in the Parish Building have been well attended. The last one will be given on Tuesday evening, April 10th.

The ladies’ missionary meeting will be held on Friday, April 13th, as the first Friday this month is Good Friday.

ONE DAY’S INCOME.

The Board of Mission of the General Church urge that the "One Day’s Income" plan, in addition to all usual missionary offerings, should be a feature of our missionary giving. The Board recognizes the force of these requests, and now asks all to unite in making offerings to ONE DAY’S INCOME FUND, in addition to the usual apportionment offerings.

1. Will you join in prayer for the Church’s world-wide work and for the men and women who are serving as our representatives? Will you do this especially whenever you come to the Holy Communion?

2. Will you, in addition to your usual missionary offerings, give not later than July 1, 1917, at least One Day’s Income—or wage?

3. If this is impracticable, will you make an equivalent self-denial offering?

The members and officers of the Board count it their privilege to do this and have already pledged their personal gifts to the Fund.

All offerings for the ONE DAY’S INCOME FUND will count upon the apportionment of your parish and diocese unless you request otherwise.

Envelopes for this purpose can be found in the rack near the door of the Church.

TO SUBSCRIBERS.

A blue mark opposite a notice is a reminder that your subscription to the News is due and a renewal will be gratefully appreciated. The following were received after the last issue.

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Mrs. Watson
Miss Rhine