

Easter 2015



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## from the **Bishop's Heart**

### **Facing the Resurrection**

*Archbishop Foley Beach*

Several years ago, James Cameron produced a documentary attempting to convince the world that the grave of Jesus Christ has been found. Although Israeli scholars and archeologists loudly argue against these claims, the production was an attempt to discredit those who for more than two thousand years have proclaimed the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. Claiming to have found the bones of Jesus' mother, Mary, his step-father,

Joseph, Mary Magdalene, and one of his brothers, the documentary argues that this is definitely the burial site of Jesus.

This is nothing more than a repeat of Matthew 28 all over again. There are those who make it their ambition to demonstrate that Christianity is a hoax, and that the Church has been deceiving people throughout its history. They conveniently ignore the eyewitness accounts of people who saw first-hand the risen Jesus. They ignore the archeological discoveries which demonstrate communities which were transformed by believing in the resurrected Jesus. They ignore the changed lives which this resurrected Jesus has affected throughout the years, and they ignore the personal experience which people still have with the risen Christ. (*continued p. 4*)





## On the Way

*by Bishop Frank*

Since arriving in January I have been at work trying to get a handle on the ADOTS territory. As it is Archbishop Foley's desire to get to 12-15 churches each year during his arch-episcopate, I'm attempting to visit the rest of the churches (30-33) during the year which will find him on the road about three out of four Sundays a month. He also may need to rest once a quarter!

I've been to Jackson MS for an ordination, Memphis TN for clergy vows renewal, and various churches in GA and TN for confirmations and friendly visits since his arrival. Do not be surprised if I call to come and visit you next!!

I am working closely together with Canon Greg, Canon Dan and Canon George and the Convocation Deans, all in conversation with the Archbishop, to pray and strategize for the future of the growth of ADOTS. May God richly bless us!

*A note from Bishop Frank about ADOTS and ACNA; a Diocese and a Province*

It is important to remember that Archbishop Beach has two different staffs, and even though each is quite competent, they are not always aware of each other's activities.

At the ADOTS/Diocesan house next to Holy Cross Cathedral in Loganville, Aimee Tucker and Canon Greg Goebel ride high in the saddle. Aimee sets the schedules in concrete and monitors financial activities while Canon Greg frames diocesan events and coordinates the ordination processes and clergy transitions. Cody Solomon is an office staffer who works on filing, correspondence and phone calls. I have taken over Betty Shanks' office in more ways than one and am always there to counsel and direct activity with a smile. The Archbishop meets in the diocesan office once a week when he is in town.

The Provincial ACNA hub is one-half-mile away at the Judah's Crossing Office Complex. Archbishop Foley's office is found here under the able coordination of executive assistant Betty Shanks. Canon Andrew Gross, the provincial communications officer, is also here. In June, Canon Jack Lumanog, Chief of Staff, will move from Pittsburgh to join the Atlanta team. They are developing the Provincial response to all situations, both foreign and domestic. The Archbishop is regularly found at his Judah's Crossing office when in town.

It is important to address your diocesan concerns to ADOTS personnel and, of course, your Provincial concerns to ACNA personnel. This will help us help you better while at the same time delivering clearer and more accurate information.

The Provincial staff plans on having an open house at the Provincial Offices at Judah's Crossing in November at the ADOTS Synod. Please drop in any time or call whichever office will assist your specific concern.

*excerpts from*

## Sacramental Church Planting

by Canon Dan Alger

The purpose of the sacramental church plant is to be a physical working out of the Gospel of grace, a means by which people can receive that grace and the presence of the church should be an assurance of the reality of the redemptive work of God. Thus, all the physical aspects of the plant are determined by the Gospel and are a means of the grace of the Gospel. This has profound implication on the way that we plant a sacramental church.

Our concrete and temporal actions in the work of planting have no value unless they are properly empowered by and bear great resemblance to the truth of the Gospel. Using a dissimilar sign would nullify the nature of the Sacrament and to plant a church dissimilar to the Gospel would violate the nature of the church. Therefore, in sacramental church planting we put great effort into the sanctity and propriety of the celebration of the two sacraments ordained by Christ in order to glorify God, edify the church and reach the lost. In doing so, the sacraments are not one part of the work that we do; rather, the lessons we learn and the reality of God we experience in the sacraments shape and form every element of the practice of ministry.

*Read it all at [www.anglicanpastor.com](http://www.anglicanpastor.com)*

# Who's Who?

## Canons

*Canons are appointed by the Bishop to assist him in his pastoral role in various ways. Staff Canons serve on the diocesan staff. Volunteer Canons volunteer their time to focus on a particular mission within the diocese.*

### Staff Canons

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Canon for Church Planting                  Church Planting, local church and diocesan  
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### Volunteer Canons

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Don Shepson, don@adots.org

Canon Missioner                              Inspiring a local and overseas mission focus  
George Ivey, george@adots.org

Canon Pastor                                      Pastoral concerns for clergy  
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## Deans and Convocations

*Deans are appointed by the Bishop to provide leadership and pastoral care to our regional clergy convocations.*

Mid-South                      Herb Hand

Northwest GA                  Gene Prince

Northeast GA                  Bishop Frank

South GA                      Don Hutchens

Kentucky                      David Brannen

Tennessee                      Ray Kasch

# When's That Thing?



## Clergy Retreat

June 16-18

Clergy will join Archbishop Foley, Bishop Frank and our Deans for a time of prayer, fellowship, and reflection together.

Our retreat will be held at beautiful Shocco Springs Retreat Center near Talladega, Alabama.

“Come to me, all you who labor, and I will give you rest.”

Registration begins in mid-April.



## Ministry Workshop

September 16-18

This year Canon Greg's annual workshop will focus on preaching, time management as a spiritual discipline and leadership systems and challenges. These workshops are designed to benefit both new and experienced clergy.

Speakers include Chip Edgar, Jack King and Dan Alger.

Cost is \$40.00 and registration begins in August.



## Synod 2015

November 6-7

Our Annual Synod Conference includes a pre-Synod clergy gathering, along with inspirational workshops and network groups.

We gather to worship together as a diocese, to discern together, and to learn together.

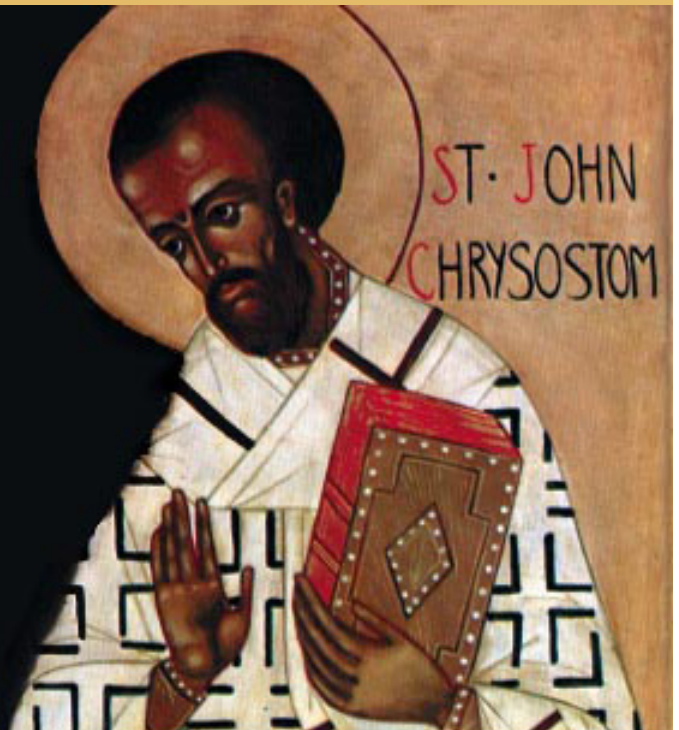
Synod begins on Friday afternoon and runs through an Ordination service on Saturday afternoon.

Registration begins in September.



Hell took a body,  
and discovered God.  
It took earth,  
and encountered Heaven.  
It took what it saw,  
and was overcome  
by what it did not see.  
Christ is Risen!

-St John Chrysostom, Easter Sermon, c.400 A.D.



### From the Bishop's Heart

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The Gospel message is that Jesus Christ (the Messiah) entered the human race, lived as one of us, died on a Roman cross for sins of humanity (even mine!), and rose again by the power of the Holy Spirit. The apostle Paul wrote to the first century believers in Rome: "I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes; first for the Jew, then for the Gentile" (Romans 1:16).

What was true then is still true today. For those who believe, they discover that Jesus is really alive. This is not just a matter of intellectual assent; it is also a matter of belief (of faith). One can learn all the historical, archaeological, and scholarly data, but it always comes back to a simple step of faith. You have to believe.

The risen Jesus said to the church in Laodicea and he says to us: "Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him and he with me" (Rev. 3:20).

For those who receive Him today, they discover on a personal basis that his resurrection isn't a hoax. He brings forgiveness of our sins, peace of mind and spirit, and an intimate relationship with the Living God of the universe.

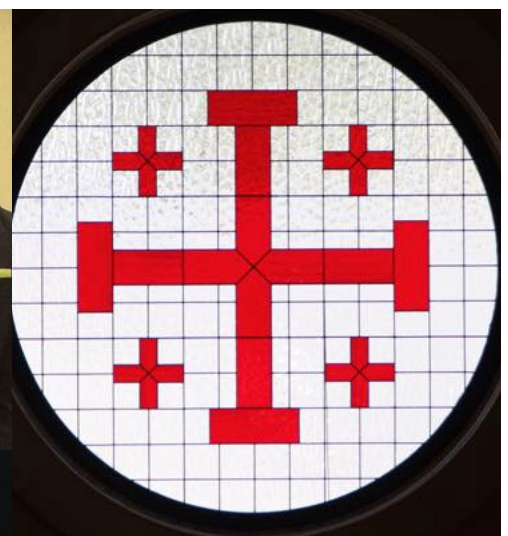
Do your homework! Know the facts; this is important! But don't just leave it there. Enter in to a dynamic personal relationship with the God who still raises people from the dead.

Easter Blessings,

++Foley



Christ Church of Atlanta





# Easter Day

By John Donne (1573–1631)

SLEEP, sleep, old Sun! thou canst not have repast  
 As yet the wound thou took'st on Friday last;  
 Sleep then and rest; the world may bear thy stay,  
 A better sun rose before thee to-day.  
 Who not content t' enlighten all that dwell  
 On the earth's face, as thou, enlighten'd hell;  
 And made the dark fires languish in that vale,  
 As at thy presence here our fires grow pale.  
 Whose body, having walk'd on earth, and now  
 Hastening to heaven, would—that He might allow  
 Himself unto all stations, and fill all—  
 For these three days become a mineral.  
 He was all gold when He lay down, but rose  
 All tincture, 1 and doth not alone dispose  
 Leaden and iron wills to good, but is  
 Of power to make ev'n sinful flesh like His.



Palm Sunday at All Saints, Peachtree City, Georgia



Fr. Austin Goggans Enjoying Life







Archbishop Foley and Canon Greg travelled to Rwanda in March to visit the people of our sister church. They were warmly welcomed by Archbishop Rwaje and hosted by the people of the Shyira Diocese.



Clergy Renewal of Ordination Vows and the Blessing of the Oils on Holy Tuesday



## Welcome to ADOTS!



### *Legacy Anglican Church*

Montgomery, Alabama

Fr. Doug McCurry

“Why the name Legacy? Simple, our focus is on leaving a spiritual legacy in Montgomery. We desire to leave behind a church where our children and children’s children can worship the God of the Bible, develop a living personal relationship with Him, and learn the word of God.”



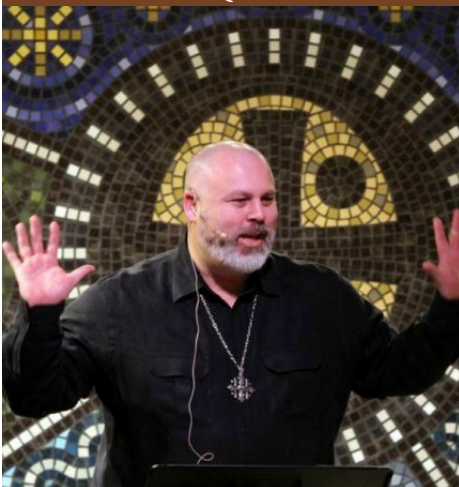
Fr. Bob at left with Fr. Will  
McQueen

### *St Peter’s*

Evans, Georgia

Fr. Robert Polglase

“Our vision is to plant a Bible-believing, liturgical, sacramental church in Columbia County to serve the people of Martinez, Evans, Grovetown and surrounding areas. Our worship is based on the principle ‘hold fast to that which is good,’ which means we continue the beauty of Anglican music and worship while being faithful to the Holy Scriptures and being led by the Holy Spirit. We reach others through service and evangelism to share the Good News of the Gospel.”



### Mission Chattanooga

Fr. Chris Sorenson

"In September of 2009, seven missionaries and their four children moved from Connecticut/NYC to plant the Mission Chattanooga. In addition to the three services in the City Center Chapel each Sunday, there are two other chapels, one at the crossroads of five Chattanooga neighborhoods about a mile east of Downtown, and another in Downtown Red Bank, an enclave of Chattanooga. We are an intentionally rooted, creative, diverse, and empowered community of faith seeking to love God and reveal His kingdom by stewarding His goodness, truth, and beauty in our neighborhood, our city and the world."



### St Andrew’s

Madison, Alabama

Fr. Geoff Hatley

“We worship God through hearing His word in Scripture and as proclaimed in sermon and teaching. We regularly and joyfully offer to God our praise in contemporary and traditional music, song, and in prayer - both extemporaneous and liturgical. We partake in the mystery of Holy Communion, joining together as one body in Christ our Lord.”



## The Story of our Holy Oils

Every year our clergy gather with the Bishops on Holy Tuesday for the blessing of the oils. The Chrism Eucharist is the designation for an ancient ritual traditionally celebrated in a Diocese on the morning of Maundy Thursday, during which the anointing Oils to be used for the following year are consecrated. There are three types of oils blessed for various purposes.

### Oil of the Catechumens

Our oil is olive oil mixed with hyssop, used by a Priest for the blessing of catechumens (disciples): those preparing for baptism or confirmation or possibly reception or reaffirmation. Catechumens are in need of spiritual cleansing and are open to spiritual attack in their preparations, as they are turning to Christ. A Rite for Admission of Catechumens is found in the new text: *To Be a Christian: An Anglican Catechism* (page 137). This oil is used for other purposes as well: for spiritual cleansing, exorcism or deliverance with the Bishop's consent, and for the Bishop in the Consecration/Dedication of a Church, in the consecration of Altars and Altar Stones, and in the Ordination of Priests.

### Healing Oil, "Oil of the Sick"

This oil is used for anointing at the time of death, but especially for regular prayers for healing by deacons, priests, or commissioned lay prayer ministers; and in the past, for the blessing of bells. (Larger quantities of the healing oil (Oil of the Sick) may be created by adding a drop of the consecrated oil to a larger oil stock that the local church provides.) Our olive oil is mixed with frankincense.

James, in his Epistle, directs the Early Church: "Is any among you sick? Let them call upon the Presbyteroi (elders/priests) of the Church, and let them pray over him/her, anointing him/her with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise them up. And if they be in sin, they shall be forgiven." (James 5:14-15)

### Holy Chrism

This oil is used by the Bishop in the Sacrament of Confirmation, and may be used by a Priest in the Rite of Baptism. Bishops also use it in the rites of the consecration of bishops, churches, chalices, patens, and by a Priest for the baptismal water. Our oil has rose as an added fragrance, in addition to the olive oil. In some churches, balsam and/or other perfumes and sweet-spices are added to the oil. "Chrism" means a "scented ointment." Traditionally the other oils were unscented.

### The Source of our Oils

Jose (Joe) and Annette Abreu, from St. Mark's, Moultrie, Georgia, donated over a gallon of oil that was pressed from olives from their olive orchard in Portugal. The olives were harvested the old world way "by hand" and were pressed last fall. We thank them for their generous kindness.

See the process in the photos below!

*Special thanks to Fr. Jon Jenkins for allowing us to adapt his research and writing on oils.*





## Five Important Financial Practices

by Aimee Tucker

Implementing appropriate financial procedures and practices is important for the health of a church. Whether your parish is small or large there are things you should be doing to protect the parishioners, the clergy, and those responsible for the bookkeeping. Here are five important practices that should be basic for all of our churches.

### 1. Write it Down

Having written financial policies that are clear and accessible can provide boundaries and guidance in most situations. They should be given to anyone directly related to financial practices and should be reviewed and amended over time to be sure the current needs of the church are covered.

### 2. Separate Duties

To insure all of those involved are protected, there should be a system that allows for separation of duties. No one individual should ever be in total control of all of the financial matters. The person responsible for processing incoming funds should not be the one to receive them. The person creating checks and inputting data into the accounting system should not be the sole person signing the checks. In some cases it is also suggested that checks require two signatures.

### 3. Dual Controls

Slightly similar to separation of duties, dual controls are just as important in protecting the church, as well as the individuals directly involved in the finances. In a recent audit we discovered that it was best to have at least two persons present when opening mail that contains checks or processing incoming cash. Implementing a form that is completed and initialed daily by a member of management and a witness is one suggestion. This form can then be compared to the deposit created to ensure that all funds were properly handled. There should always be two people present when counting the offering too. These individuals should be sure they agree on the amount and document it well.

## Nuts and Bolts

Practical Resources for your Parish

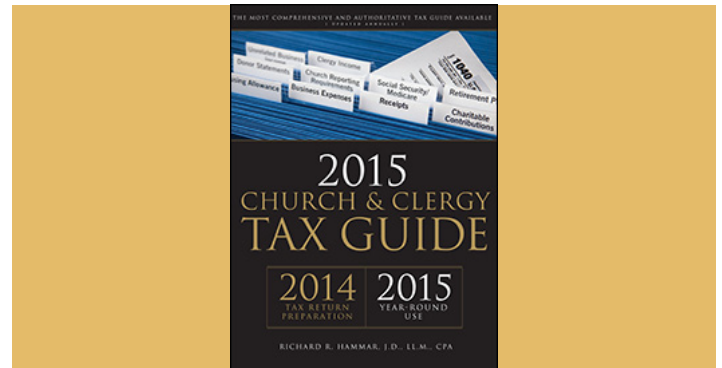


### 4. Monitor

All financial matters including deposits, checks, bank reconciliations, and the accounting software should be monitored by a member of leadership within the church who is not directly involved with the finances. This can be done weekly, monthly, or quarterly depending on the size of your church and the number of entries you have.

### 5. Prayer

Everything we do, we do to serve Jesus Christ, his Church, and our communities. Prayer over our financial work can help us keep that in mind.



### 2015 Church & Clergy Tax Guide

by Richard R. Hammar, J.D., LL.M., CPA.

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# 2015 Calendar of Events

April 12-19

**GAFCON Primates Meeting**  
London

May 24

**Pentecost**

June 16-18

**Clergy Retreat**  
Shocco Springs Retreat Center  
near Talladega, Alabama

June 23-24

**ACNA Provincial Council**  
Vancouver, B.C., Canada

September 16-17

**Clergy Ministry Tools Workshop**  
Holy Cross Cathedral

November 6-7

**Annual Synod Conference**  
Holy Cross Cathedral



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