



CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Again this year, there are two Easters that are far apart. Ours was on March 31st. The Orthodox Easter is on May 5th: i.e., more than a month separates them.

Most of us are familiar with the catchy jingle of how we determine Easter in a given year: the first Sunday after the first full moon after the vernal equinox.

We can also do the arithmetic: addition and long division. Then, determine the Golden Number and the Sunday Letter (BCP, pp. 880-1) and look up the date in the calendar months on BCP pp. 21-2.

Or, we could just do a table look-up, BCP pp. 882-3. Or, we could just Google it! Our Easter can be any day on or after March 22nd, and on or before April 18th.

The Orthodox add another 'after': after Passover. This year, Passover begins on the evening of April 22nd and runs through April 30th. The Julian calendar, which the Orthodox use, is not a factor this year.

Today Judaism still uses a lunar calendar for its liturgical year. They have a leap month when they need to get back into sync every 2-3 years. This, of course, places the Orthodox Easter much later than ours (because Passover is much later than usual).

Let's not forget that our calendar is imperfect, too: hence, the leap years we have every four years. Even that is insufficient and must be 'fixed' periodically.

Some years the two Easters do coincide (next in 2025). So, we again celebrate two Easters this year: ours and the Orthodox's. That's not a bad thing. Actually, we could celebrate Easter every day: ie, 365 days of the year. That is how important Jesus' resurrection is. The Church, in its wisdom, reduces it to 50 days, Eastertide, which runs from Easter to Pentecost.

Peace be with you,
Pete+

AROUND AND ABOUT CHRIST CHURCH

Easter Day Choral Eucharist on March 31st, was a glorious celebration again this year! The choir was in full voice by members of the church family – Susie, Kim, Garrison, Madeline, Abby and her friend Ryan Walter, and Kristin and Seth. Debbie Schaubel was the Lay Eucharistic Minister and Bill Schaubel the Acolyte assisting Fr. Pete. The altar was again beautifully adorned with Easter lilies.

Easter Baskets

Thank you to Eliza for making Easter baskets for the children. It was a pleasant surprise and they enjoyed them!

Open Mic... Buzz Hunter

April 13th may have been a 'taxing day' in America, but at Christ Church, River Forest, USA, folks were glad all over. The evening consisted of song, story and light hearted banter from the 28 attendees. This open mic featured the debut of Christ Church's own "Rich in the Spirit Singers" (Nancy and Eliza) singing our 100th anniversary song which raised the question from the group, "What are Episcopickles?". In addition to that debut, many regulars performed, including yours truly, Datu R, Chris T, Jason F, Frank S, Kevin Mc (and friend) and Jim N. Returnees also gifted us with story and song including Boman D, John L, Mike D, Baba Tony, his wife, Kucha, and his friend Edija. The show let us walk home on country roads after Fr. Pete "the Boss" Campbell left us breathless by telling us we were born to run. A wonderful way to end an evening. Thanks so much to Nancy, Karen and Eliza for providing hospitality. Hope to see you all out on the grass on June 29!

Noteworthy – Susan Krout

A shout out to our organist, Susie. She recently performed as a soprano soloist with the Symphony of Oak Park & River Forest. *Music of Liszt: The Sacred and the Profane* at the Concordia University Chapel. She is a professional member of the Chicago Symphony Chorus and Grant Park Symphony Choruses. She has sung the National Anthem for the Volvo and Virginia Slims Tennis Tournaments, the Chicago White Sox, and the Chicago Bulls. Additionally she has performed on numerous solo/small ensembles for concerts, recordings, tours and television appearances.

Sale of our 2023 famous Episcopickles

Episcopickles are still available but going quickly. Please call the church office at 708-366-7730 during the week from 1 – 4 p.m., to make arrangements with Julie. **They are only \$7 per jar**, payable when you get them. All proceeds will benefit Christ Church.

BEYOND HUNGER

Please keep bringing non-perishable food items, regular size toiletries and cleaning products. **Note:** check all items for “sell by/expiration date”, the item must be factory sealed and not open, and any brands with identities based on racial stereotypes will not be accepted. Please bring them on Sundays and place in the basket in the Narthex.

People to remember in our prayers

Patty, Carol Feeley, Andrew, Nancy, Joy, The Reverend Bob Wyatt, Terry Kearns, Dean, Barb, Christina, Nick, Diane, Marc & Sylvette, Merik, Kasia, Lamont, Maureen Puleo, Princess Kate, Arnold Gomez, Rosita Batoto, Emilia Bacala, Nicholas & Christina, Jay & John, Nancy Stisser, David, Joe Zavorski, Buff Martin, Mary Frances, Hilde, John, Marilyn Leonhart, Dom, Darlene Downs, Cathie, Vince, Terry Warner, Ann Hoeksema, Lou Dasaro, Buzz, Patrick & Veronica Hunter, Frank Cassello, Charles Torpe, Paul, Jeanette, Brian, Chris, Marta, Sara, Ceyclia, Judy Skowronek, Barbara McGuire, Bev Fotiadis, Clark Rose, Betty Moody, Marion & Jon Baumgarten, Jay Henrickson, Rick Deptuch, Sherry Thorburn, Ada, Christopher, Ellen Tracy, Jamie, Darcy, Jon Gilbert, Sylvester, Charles, Linda, and those in our armed forces: Andrew Tapley, Reese Jones, Joseph Sowka, Alicia Quetzalcati, Alicia Johnson, Colton Stockholm, Zack Zobel, Hank Hamilton.

Save The Date - November 2, 2024 - “THE NOT SO SILENT AUCTION IV” via Zoom

We’re again hoping for everyone to participate in, and donate an item for, the auction. Stay tuned! And don’t forget to tell your friends (so they can shop and bid)!

Men’s and Women’s Lunches

Both occur at Madison Park Kitchen in Forest Park on the 1st Friday of the month at noon. I hope you will join us.

BIRTHDAYS IN MAY

5 Christian Schaubel 7 Nicole McReynolds 21 Abigail Lyons

IMPORTANT DATES IN MAY

Friday, May 3rd - Men’s and Women’s Lunches at noon, Madison Park Kitchen

Sunday, May 19th - Pentecost - Tongues of Flame

Vestry Meeting after the 10:00 a.m. Eucharist

Speaking in Tongues

Again this Pentecost, May 19th, we will read the lesson from Acts in as many different languages as we can. If you would like to participate, please see Fr. Pete by May 12th, to get a language.

IMPORTANT DATES IN JUNE

Friday, June 7th - Men’s and Women’s Lunches at noon, Madison Park Kitchen

Sunday, June 9th - UTO Ingathering

Sunday, June 16th - Vestry Meeting after the 10 a.m. Eucharist

Sunday, June 23rd - “Back Room Stories” - 7 p.m. on front lawn of church

Saturday, June 29th - Open Mic, 6 to 9 p.m. on front lawn of church