

Saint Mark's
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
CANTON, OH



The Lion's Pause

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It is commonly taught today that Christianity took the form that it did because the Emperor Constantine called for the Council of Nicaea and was able to enforce the decisions made by the bishops at that council. Many people believe that the political power introduced by Constantine corrupted the church. However, that view does not take into account what happened following the Council of Nicaea.

Constantine was not able to force the church in general to accept the faith that was codified at Nicaea. The Arian heresy, the belief that the Son of God was created and not coeternal with the Father, continued to dominate the church. In fact, Constantine's own son, Constantius, adopted the Arian heresy and tried to force the bishops under his rule to teach the Arian heresy.

Hilary, Bishop of Poitiers, whom we commemorate on January 13, refused to teach Arianism. The Arian church leaders in Gaul exiled Hilary, who fled to the Eastern Mediterranean for a time. Eventually, Hilary was able to return to his diocese and instructed people in the orthodox faith. Those in power were not able to corrupt the church forever.

It was not Constantine who gave Christianity its form. Certainly, he was used by God to have a part in the church's history. However, it was the work of the Holy Spirit that brought about a deeper understanding of the Gospel of Christ.

It is the true Gospel of Christ that has the power to transform the world. That Gospel is guarded by the Holy Spirit, who continues to guide the church. Even if, for a time, it looks like those in power will be able to corrupt the faith, or take away the influence of the church, we can be assured that Christ's church will continue on.

Fr. RJ



Year-end statements have been sent out via email. If you did not receive a statement and would like one, please [send Katie a message](#).

Wednesday, January 13

Evening Prayer, 4 p.m.

[Bulletin](#)

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 997 7166 7423

Passcode: 690537

Sunday, January 17

Morning Prayer, 9 a.m. on Facebook Live

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Katie will be out of the office January 29-February 8.

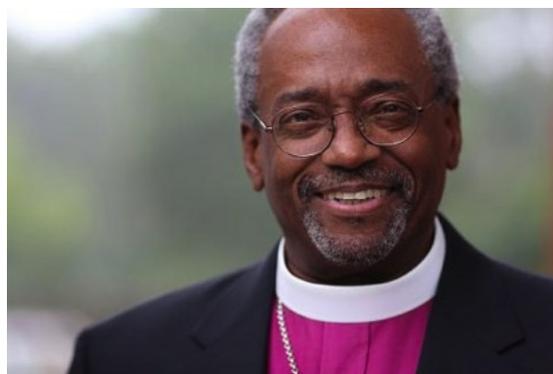


Join us every Sunday at
9:00 A.M. on Facebook Live

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**PRESIDING BISHOP
CURRY'S WORD TO THE
CHURCH: WHO SHALL
WE BE?**

"With malice toward none; with charity for all; with firmness in the right, as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in; to bind up the nation's wounds; to care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow, and his orphan — to do all which may achieve and cherish a just, and a lasting peace, among ourselves, and with all nations."



Read the full message [HERE](#).

Sunday School

St. Mark's Sunday School is continuing with their lessons each Sunday via ZOOM. All of our wonderful teachers are doing a great job keeping the lessons creative in this remote setting. If a child in your life is interested in joining us, please contact Emily Gordon at



ecgordon16@gmail.com.

Online Giving

To facilitate stewardship during this difficult time, the Diocese has launched an online giving resource. Simply set up your one-time or recurring gift and select your parish from the pull-down menu (Canton, St. Mark's). The Diocese will transfer your gift to St. Mark's. We thank you for your continued support and prayers.

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Second Sunday after the Epiphany

[Read This Week's Lessons](#)

Music Notes with Bob Morrison

John Finley Williamson (founder of Westminster Choir College) was the son of an EUB pastor in Canton OH (whose church was cater-cornered from St. Paul's Episcopal). I visited First EUB one day and was delighted to find a 37 rank Moller pipe organ. When it was decided to demolish the building the congregation elected to move to 12th Street in a lovely new building following a merger with Methodists. The new church was called Westbrook Park UMC whose music master, Mark Thewes, has served with distinction for, lo these many years. The new church considered an electronic organ, but before reaching a decision they spoke with me. I told them of that Moller gem downtown - it should be re-located to the new church. They listened to me, and hired Robert Wervey to do the transfer. He was the curator of the downtown Methodist organ as well as the builder of the Antiphonal pipes at St. Mark's. Over the years Mark Thewes and Kegg Pipe Organ builders of Hartville OH have enlarged



this lovely instrument, and, as a side note, the carillon that Schulmerich had installed in my music room to make recordings, is now at Westbrook Park.

Amelia Rowland, Harry Kit, Ron Brookes, Charlie Becker, Paul Welch, Ron and Peg Hill, Jack and Pauline Briggs

Prayer Concerns

Family and Friends: Paula Temelkoff (daughter-in-law of the Temelkoff's), Erin, Troy, & Trystan (Schutrum family), Linda Kendrick (friend of the Kiesling's), Bridget & Tony (Friends of the Browns), Lesley (family friend of Paulette Frech), Addelyn, Don, (friends of Judy Hixon), Jim Bellamy (friend of Marcia Tirpak), Christine, Anne, & Lynnda Hoefler (friends of Sue Little), Marc Hostetler (brother of Susan Hostetler), Gabrielle Karam (friend of Diana Cornell), Dave Jarvis (family of Ron and Peg Hill), Stacy Biglin (acquaintance of Derek Gordon), Adriana (Pam McCarthy's daughter's friend), Lynn McBride (father of Beth Crowl), Monica McGrath (cousin of Katie Cerroni-Arnold), Baby David (friend of the Schaub's), Nancy Sauer and Helen Carnahan, Bob Patterson (friends of Diana Cornell), John Streb, Pastor Marilyn Roman (friends of the Mulls), Johnny Willoughby, Bobby Guerin (friend of Pam McCarthy), Jim Mesko (friend of Jim Weaver), Michelle Gibson-Garber (friends of the Gordons) Donald Pentz, Conrad Family, (friend of Bill and Beck Rand).

For all those serving in the armed forces.
For all those who have died.

Please update Bobbi or Katie on the status of your friends or family members as to when they may be removed from the prayer lists.

PRAYER CHAIN:

St. Mark's has a group of prayer warriors who pray for specific needs of those on the prayer chain. If you would like to place yourself or a loved one on the prayer chain, please contact Bobbi Gordon at [**ggordon24@sbcglobal.net**](mailto:ggordon24@sbcglobal.net)

Please note: Prayer requests may be placed on the Prayer Chain in the Prayer Concerns list appearing here, in the Sunday bulletin, or in both places. Please let Bobbi know your preference.

Breakfast At Epiphany's



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