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A parish in the classical Anglican tradition

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FROM THE RECTOR

Dr. John Worgul to be guest preacher, Sunday, Oct. 3rd.

THE REV. DR. John Worgul, the Dean of Holy Trinity Seminary, will be our guest preacher on Sunday, October 3rd, the Eighteenth After Trinity. A highly accomplished academic and teacher, Dr. Worgul is an insightful and engaging preacher and his visit promises to be one of the high points of St. Stephen's Church Year.

Dr. Worgul is an innovator who believes in taking the classroom to the people. He organizes fascinating periodical seminars at St. Stephen's on subjects of interest to folks in the pews. He also frequently teaches seminary classes at St. Stephen's, Timonium and the Church of Christ the King, Towson, so that they can be audited by people who are interested in the subject, but not pursuing Holy Orders.

FROM THE RECTOR

Weighing times present against good times past

A TRIP to once familiar places is invariably a bitter sweet experience. Too often it turns out to be a clash between present reality and memories grown rosy with the passage of time.

And if the passage of a decade can result in a markedly discomfiting degree of change, how much more disturbing is the transformation wrought by the passage of thirty, forty or even fifty years?

My father (who believed nothing was wrong with post-war Britain that a just and enlightened reign of terror could not put right) was firmly of the opinion that all change is for the worse.

My wife Charlotte and I had the opportunity to test his theory a few weeks ago when we traveled to England and Denmark to visit family and friends. The main purpose of the trip was to check up on mother who recently broke a leg, and to baptize our new born grand daughter, Alma.

We have enjoyed short visits to both countries during the past decade so the profound changes that have taken place there since our youth did not entirely surprise us. But they were, nevertheless, still jarring.

Some changes, of course, are much for the better. In Britain, pub food, for example, has greatly improved. Thankfully, the stale, sparsely-filled cheese sandwiches and pickled eggs are things of the past in most public houses.

Today, even in tourist centers, a large number of pubs serve well-prepared and tasty traditional British fare at relatively reasonable prices. Beer has greatly improved, too, though the locals aren't always ready to admit it.

The major roads are also vastly better, though this might not be immediately apparent to tourists struggling to master the art of driving on the wrong side of the road.

Back in the early 70s for instance, a trip from London to Cornwall – a distance of no more than 250 miles – involved at least 12 hours of crawling in seemingly endless nose-to-tail traffic along two-lane highways, not much improved since they were laid down by the Romans.

Today, with reasonably decent luck, one can make the trip on modern, fast-moving freeways in well under five hours.

The British Isles are a fascinating place to visit – wide vistas of breath-taking landscape studded with cities, towns and villages, ancient when Columbus discovered the Americas. But amid traditions whose origins are lost in the mists of time, the modern is jarringly apparent.

The British people, for example, are under constant visual surveillance from some 15 million closed circuit TV cameras – one for every four members of the population. This extraordinary degree of police surveillance, ironically, does little to

reduce the crime rate.

Then there is the National Health Service – the world's biggest employer after the Chinese Red Army and the Indian National Railways. The huge NHS payroll, however, does not seem to translate into better health care.

My mother's hospital ward in what is reputedly one of the best hospitals in East Anglia was crowded with six beds of disparate antiquated designs and all manually operated. The nurses and doctors were kind and attentive, but woefully short of what we in America would consider to be basic equipment.

The Copenhagen of my youth was a wonderful, exuberant, beer-swilling city. Today it is still a wonderful, exuberant city although by no means as free with the fermented barley and hops as a half century ago. The Information Age, after all, demands clear heads and steady hands.

One of its greatest tourist attraction – the legendary Tivoli pleasure garden – is still located bang in the heart of down town. Tivoli is unique. To describe it as "an amusement park" does the place a gross injustice.

Tivoli, founded in 1843, is not just merely an array of rides and side shows. It is delightful park in which to stroll on a summer's morning. Its elegant restaurants are a popular venue for lunch and dinner. At night, it comes magically alive with fairy lights and visitors can stroll, dine or just sample apple dumplings, and take in a show at one of its first class theaters.

Friends claim that the best way to see Copenhagen is by bike – and to be sure the Danes cycle everywhere. But the notion of tourists jousting not merely with motorized traffic but the fearless horde of local cyclists is altogether daunting.

The Danes' love of bicycles is part tradition and part economic necessity. Americans cannot begin to understand the term "high taxation" until they have experienced Value Added Tax, Danish-style.

"Moms" as VAT is known in Denmark is 25 percent – not a flat 25 percent, but 25 percent levied at every level of a product's manufacture. In practical terms, it means the smallest car – a Fiat the length of a dining table, powered by what might as well be a lawn mower engine – costs a cool \$25,000.

But whine as one might about the high cost of living, it would churlish to say a word against Danish health care. Grand daughter, Alma, was born two moths prematurely. Today -- thanks to the marvels of modern medicine -- she is a healthy three and a half months old with a hearty appetite and lungs a drill sergeant would be proud of.

Happiness, for a clergyman, is the privilege of baptizing one's grand child in the font of one of Europe's most beautiful churches. We baptized Alma in historic St. Alban's Anglican Church in Copenhagen on Sunday, August 15th, Trinity XI. The heavens opened. Torrents of rain poured down. But what a joy it was! *Deo gratias!* **GPH***

HOLY TRINITY SEMINARY

Two new courses for folks who like to audit

HOLY TRINITY Seminary has initiated a program, the **Associate in Theological Studies (A.T.S.)**, for all who wish to deepen their knowledge of the Bible, spirituality, and theology. The program, which consists of six courses and three seminars, can be completed in three years. There is one course per term, and each course meets for eight weeks on Tuesday evenings. A certificate from the Seminary will be granted to those who complete the program.

Holy Trinity has also opened a **Master of Ministry (M.Min.)** course for those interested in furthering their biblical theological knowledge. You do not have to be enrolled in a degree program to audit this course.

The first A.T.S. Course is entitled "TH110 Christian World-view, Apologetics, and Evangelism." It will introduce students to the concept/importance of understanding and embracing an

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

being Sunday, September 26th, 2010

8.00 AM & 9.15 AM

HOLY COMMUNION

The Epistle: Ephesians 4:1-6

The Gospel: St. Luke 4:1-11

11.15 AM MORNING PRAYER

The Psalter: Psalm 33

The First Lesson: Ecclesiasticus 10:7-18

The Second Lesson: St. Luke 4:1-11

overall Christian worldview and provide them with some basic tools for Christian apologetics (i.e., defending the faith in the face of our neo-pagan culture), and equip them with some ideas, training and encouragement in personal evangelism.

The class will be team taught by Dn. Michael Burns, M.Min., and Fr. John Worgul, Ph.D. It will meet on Tuesdays from 7:15-9:15 PM at St. Stephen's Church, 11856 Mays Chapel Road, Timonium, MD 21093 from Tuesday, September 28th, and until on Tuesday, November 16th. For those who want to sign up for the A.T.S. program, classes are \$200.00. For those who simply want to audit the course, the cost is \$150.00. Make Checks payable to Christ the King Church marked "Seminary."

The M.Min. Course – BS530 Gospels and Acts will meet the following five Saturdays from 9:00 AM to 2 PM: September 18; October 9, 30; November 13; and December 11. Classes will be held in the Parish House at Christ the King Church 1102 Hart Road Towson, MD 21286

Students will "walk" with Jesus on the road to Emmaus and experience the wonderful reality that the whole Old Testament speaks of Christ, and not just a few isolated prophecies. Students will learn and appreciate how Jesus and the Apostles approached theology, transforming the world in which they lived. Students will appreciate how the Kingdom motif established in the Old Testament pervades the Gospels and Acts.

The audit fee is \$150.00. Bring your own lunch. Make Checks

payable to Christ the King Church marked "Seminary." The instructor will be Fr. John Worgul, Ph.D

✠ PARISH PRAYER LIST ✠

OUR Prayer Chain offers prayer daily for people on the Prayer List and guests of the Joseph Richey Hospice. To add a name to the list, or to the visiting list, or to join the Prayer Chain, call the office at 410 560 6776.

RECOVERY: Helen, Alma, Sara, Ravi, Elizabeth, Brian, Tracey, Linda, Robert, Nancy, Sharp, Edithann, Doris, Jay, Robert, Nancy, Perry, Amelia, Shirley, Adrian, Kimberly, Dean, Barb, Tanya, Jane, Brook, Val, Helen, Joseph, Joshua, Rachel, Carl, Cal, Catherine, Sam, Ruth, Kristi, Paul, Sue, James, Patty, Antonio, Lauren-Michelle, McKayla, Randy, Jack, Grace, Bob, Fran, Carolyn, Ken, Serina, Wyatt, Bobby, Alexander, Erline, Kathleen, Earle, Judy, Katherine, William, Betty, Cal, Trisha, Peggy, Linda, Millie, Walt, Bruce, Cienna, Tracy, Tom, Lehliah, Jennifer, Miriam, Karen, Steve, George, Eliza, Mel, John, Randy, James, Sarah, Linda, Suzanne, Marian, Edith Anne, Steven, Jeanne, Tammy; Ellen, Jim, Patricia, Bonnie, Mary Ann, Robert, Christine, Dee, Brian, Barbara, Gillian, Eileen, Matthew, George, Bryan, Jason, Jane, Joan, Frances, Ernie, Pat, Lynn, Michael, Ray, Leslie, Brandon, May, Scott, Stephen, Robert, Danny, Billy, Betty-Ann, Mildred, D'Metrius, Laura, Stacey, Frank, Alma, Christine, John, Henry, Naomi, Pam, John, Ben, Kevin, Gwen, Elizabeth, Gloria, Lee Emily, Elsie, Bruce, Regina, Lewis, Madolin, Linda, Carol, Bernie, Charlene, Josephine, Margaret, Jody, Sheila, Jo Anne, John, Geradine, Thomas, Jeanne, Sister Catherine-Grace, Maxine, Ann Sharon, Dennis, Mae, Anita, Marilyn, Lawrence, Rebecca, Dorothy, Joanne, Albion, Martha, Jackie, Charles, Tony, Edward, Kim, Vivian, Carol and Debbie.

LIGHT, STRENGTH & GUIDANCE: June, Anna, Jean, Garrett, Ned, & Stephen, Rachel, Robert & Renee, Lydia; Richard, Melba, Debbie, Phyllis, Georgetta, Carolyn, Suzanne, Tony, Erik, Doris, Drake, The Norris family; Gillian, Beverley, Adrienn, Jhana, Marla, Matthew, Joan, David, Laurie, Ellen, Lynn, Mildred, Sarah Lee, Tom, Susan, Debbie, Kathy, Owen, Douglas, Amy, Jo Anne, Mary, Gregory, Isabel, Bobby, Dorothy, Darren, Scott, Rebecca, William, Charles, Joyce, Asfa, Eleanor, Kathy, Linda, James, Barry, Ann, Evelyn, Jeanette, Elizabeth, Virginia, Mildred, Chris, Micki, Stephen, Carol, Sandra, Elsie, John, Mary, Michael and David

ON ACTIVE SERVICE: LTC. R. J. Lytle, PFC Charles E. Heintz, IV, U.S. Army, Alex Bursi, US. Navy; Capt. Charles Bursi & LTC Harry Hughes, U.S. Air Force.

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SUNDAY SERVICES

8.00am -- Holy Communion

9.15am -- Holy Communion (Nursery & Church School)

11.15am -- Morning Prayer (Nursery)

(1st. Sun. of the month: Holy Communion at 11.15am)

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Wednesday: 6.00pm Evening Prayer

Friday: Noon: Healing Eucharist

Saturday: 5.00PM Family Eucharist.

COLLECTS FOR SUNDAY, TRINITY XVI & ST MATTHEW THE EVANGELIST

O LORD, we beseech thee, let thy continual pity cleanse and defend thy Church; and because it cannot continue in safety without thee without thy succour, preserve it evermore by thy help and goodness; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *AMEN.*

O ALMIGHTY God, who by thy blessed Son didst call Matthew from the receipt of custom to be an Apostle and Evangelist; Grant us grace to forsake all covetous desires, and inordinate love of riches, and to follow the same thy Son Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end..

AMEN.

Book Common Prayer, Pages 212 & 250

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