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FROM THE RECTOR

Could this be coming to a street near you?

MY ABIDING aversion to being spied on by government snoops is a lasting legacy of more than a decade spent reporting on the communist regimes of Eastern Europe.

It was impossible to avoid the snoops. In cities, towns and villages, the necessities of daily living were invariably in short supply, but the things one could always rely upon finding were the omnipresent eyes and ears of the secret police.

In Moscow's hotel corridors, for example, the comings and goings of guests were scrupulously observed and noted by legions of brawny, grim-faced old ladies.

In East Berlin, we were constantly monitored by euphemistically dubbed "betreuer" or minders from the hated Staats-sicherheitsdienst ("Stasi" for short) who had the confounded cheek to shake us down for \$100 a day for the privilege of being watched.

Things were still uglier in Romania where an edict made it a capital offense for anyone to give economic information to foreigners. Terror was so ingrained even bus conductors shrank from speaking aloud the price of the bus tickets they were selling us – for fear of being arrested on espionage charges by the ubiquitous Securitate.

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Nor did the surveillance by the secret police end when we crossed the threshold of our homes and hotel rooms. Mostly the telephones were bugged rather than the light fittings. Thus the phones were used not only to record our calls but to listen to the conversations taking place in the rooms.

In response, we used to pile pillows over the phones the moment we stepped through the door . . . unless, of course, we felt like playing mind games with the snoops – an amusing pastime, though not without its dangers.

In Moscow, it frequently took several hours to get a phone call through to Britain or America. The phone service, you see, had to locate a suitable English-speaking KGB snoop to monitor the call.

This was more than a little irritating, but not without its funny side. Shortly before we married, I placed a call to Charlotte from my hotel room in Moscow. It took four hours to get through, and when we were finally connected she told me, much to my surprise, she had found a new apartment for us in London at a very reasonable rent. The only drawback, Charlotte explained, was she had to buy some decidedly peculiar furniture that went with the apartment, *viz.* "two mushroom tables, a huge Danish purple seating stand, etc, etc.

Our snoop on the line clearly detected the amazement in my voice. For upon hearing the fact that we had acquired a table made out of a front door, she broke into the call. "Zat iss enuff!" she shrieked, and promptly disconnected us.

I howled with laughter. She obviously imagined that my new CIA control was passing on to me sinister coded instructions that posed a real and present danger to the Soviet state.

Those mushroom tables, seating stand and front door-table must have kept a whole team of KGB code breakers busy for a month. The downside was that I couldn't get another phone call through to the outside world for the rest of my stay.

The point of the story is that – though we seem quite

oblivious to it – the unthinkable is happening here in the West. Our governments have acquired systems for snooping on us that would make the communist secret police green with envy.

Britons, for instance, are constantly monitored by an estimated four and a half million centrally-linked closed circuit TV cameras – one camera for every 15 citizens. A million cameras are deployed in London, while the rest are distributed throughout the country – even in remote country districts where crime is simply an event that happens elsewhere.

What is the purpose of all this surveillance? It doesn't do much to solve crime. Even the London Metropolitan Police statisticians admit only one crime has been solved for every 1,000 cameras deployed – and that at a cost of a whopping \$35,000 per crime. Nor do they seem to deter crime. One crime victim reported that the closed circuit camera overlooking his backyard neither deterred the criminal who invaded his property and viciously assaulted him, nor did it secure a conviction though the assault was recorded on tape.

So what purpose do these cameras serve? First, they raise vast amounts of revenue, automatically recording the slightest traffic infraction – the accidental crossing of a yellow line, for example – for which the authorities levy hefty fines.

Second, they scrutinize people's behavior – how they act, what they do and with whom they associate. They are used to monitor public meetings, demonstrations, smaller protests and even spontaneous gatherings. And they routinely eaves drop on the intimate affairs of the unsuspecting.

Don't believe government snooping can't happen here. It already has. Washington is covered with security cameras. And Baltimore, too, is headed in that direction.

Assurances that the cameras are merely being used to deter terrorists criminals, aggressive drivers, speedsters and folks who run red lights is by no means reassuring. If experience in Britain is anything to go by, this is simply the camel's nose under the tent.

Many Britons seem to have persuaded themselves that constant surveillance makes them more secure. But as Benjamin Franklin astutely observed: "Any society that would give up a little liberty to gain a little security will deserve neither and lose both."

The problem was defined by the Romans more than two millennia ago. "Quis custodiet ipsos custodes?" they asked: Loosely translated, it means: "Who keeps watch on the government watchdogs?" Who, indeed? **GPH***

Join us to hear

ST. STEPHEN'S CHOIR OF MEN & BOYS CHORAL EVENSONG

6.00 PM Sunday, September 6th, 2009

FROM THE REV. DR. JOHN WORGUL

Courses for Fall Semester

THE Holy Trinity Theological College and Seminary has created a new program, the Associate in Theological Studies (A.T.S.) and is also opening its Master of Ministry Courses to all people – clergy and lay – who would like to audit them in order further their biblical theological knowledge. .

The ATS program consists of six courses and three seminars that can be completed in three years. There is one course per term, and each course meets for eight weeks on Monday evenings. A certificate from the Seminary will be granted to those who complete the program.

Our first course offering is: **SF110 Walking With God: The Joseph Story.** We will carefully work through Genesis 37-50 taking note of the Hebrew text, literary structure, and spiritual significance of this timeless story. **Place, time and dates:** We meet from 7:15-9:15 PM. Classes will be held at St. Stephen's Church, 11856 Mays Chapel Road, Timonium,

**THE SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR
THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**
Sunday, September 13th, 2009

8:00 AM & 9.15 AM
HOLY COMMUNION
The Epistle: Galatians 5:16-24
The Gospel: St. Luke 17:11-19
11.15 AM MORNING PRAYER
The Psalter: Psalm 92
First Lesson: Deuteronomy 8:1-14, 17-20
Second Lesson: St. Luke 17:11-19

MD 21093. The course begins on Monday, September 21st, and ends on Monday, November 9th.

To join the A.T.S. program, classes are \$200.00. To audit the course, the cost is \$150.00. Make Checks payable to Christ the King Church marked "Seminary."

The following Master of Theology courses are being offered:

TH501 Systematic Theology*: An overview of Christian theology. With special focus on how theology is necessary for daily life It will meet from 7:30-10:00 PM on Friday.: **September 18; October 2, 23; November 20; December 18.**

BS501 Pentateuch*: An overview of the first five books of the Bible With special focus on how the ancient Hebrews thought theologically. It will meet from 9:00 AM-4:00 PM: on Saturday **Sept. 19; Oct. 3, 24; Nov. 21; December 19.**

* Both courses are being taught in the Parish House at Christ the King Church; 1102 Hart Road, **Towson, MD 21286.** The Audit fee is \$150.00 each plus \$25.00 for BS501 Saturday Lunch. The instructor is The Rev. Dr. John Worgul, Ph.D.

For more information contact Dr. John Worgul, Dean, (410) 861-6876 or frjworgul@yahoo.com

COLLECT FOR THE WEEK

The Thirteenth Sunday After Trinity

ALMIGHTY and merciful God, of whose only gift it cometh that thy faithful people do unto thee true and laudable service; Grant, we beseech thee, that we may so faithfully serve thee in this life, that we fail not finally to attain thy heavenly

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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.

promises; through the merits of Jesus Christ, our *AMEN.*
Book of Common Prayer, Page 207

✠ **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, Joseph, Rachel, Frank, Carl, Charlotte, Cal, Catherine, Sam, Rosemary, Ruth, Kristi, Paul, Sue, James, Patty, Antonio, Lauren-Michelle, McKayla, Randy, Rosemarie, Debbie, Jack, Grace, Bob, Fran, Doris, Carolyn, Ken, Serina, Wyatt Bobby, Alexander, Erlene, Kathleen, Earle, Judy, Polly, Katherine, William, Betty, Cal, Wendell, Trisha, Peggy, Linda, Millie, Dorcas, Walt, Bruce, Cienna, Tracy, Tom. Leliliah, Jennifer, Miriam, Harriet, Karen, Steve, George, Eliza, Mel, John, Randy, James, Sarah, Linda, Suzanne, Marian, Edith Anne, Steven, Jeanne, Judith, Angela, Tammy; Ellen, Jim, Patricia, Bonnie, Mary Ann, Robert, Christine, Ruth, 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, Rachel, Laura, Stacey, Frank, Alma, Christine, John, Henry, Naomi, Pam, John, Ben, Kevin, Gwen, Elizabeth, Gloria, Lee Emily, Elsie, Bruce, Regina, Lewis, Madolin, Eudora, Carol, Bernie, Charlene, Josephine, Margaret, Mackie, Jody, Sheila, Jo Anne, Thomas, Jeanne, Sister Catherine-Grace, Ann Sharon, Dennis, Mae, Anita, Marilyn, Lawrence, Rebecca, Dorothy, Joanne, Albion, Martha, Jackie, Charles, Tony, Edward, Kim, Vivian, Geradine, John, & Maxine.

LIGHT, STRENGTH & GUIDANCE: Richard, Donna, Melba, Debbie, Phyllis, Georgetta, Carolyn, Perry, Suzanne, Tony, Robert, 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, Harriet, Darren, Scott, Rebecca, William, Charles, Joyce, Asfa, Eleanor, Kathy, Linda, James, Barry, Ann, Evelyn, Jeanette, Elizabeth, Virginia, Mildred, Chris, Micki, Stephen, Erik, Carol, Sandra, Elsie, John, Robert, Mary, Michael

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

FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL: Jane Wiley

FOR THOSE WHO MOURN: Dan Baker & family

**THE HYMNS FOR THE
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

Sunday, September 13th, 2009

PROCESSIONAL: 151 (Morning Hymn)
Awake, my soul, and with the sun

GRADUAL: 380 (Chelsea Square)
Put forth, O God, thy spirit's might

SERMON: 769 (Hymn to joy)
Joyful, joyful, we adore thee

COMMUNION HYMN: 210 (Schmuecke Dich)
Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness

RECESSIONAL: 282 (Laud anima)
Praise, my soul, the King of heaven

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