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The fortieth synod of the Diocese of the Eastern United States (DEUS) was held in Annapolis, Maryland during the week of June 2. For those not familiar with what a synod is, it is a time when all the parishes and missions of a diocese (or province) gather to do the work of the church. Each parish or mission is represented by its clergy and two lay-delegates, and it is their responsibility to vote on things pertaining to the business of the diocese. This year, Frs. Anderson and Ward were the clergy delegates from St. Mark's and Dale Ritchie and Joyce Smith were the lay-delegates. All in all, it was a very good synod and, as reports show, our diocese is very healthy and growing. As a matter of fact, not only are our own churches growing, but we have also been approached by the Communion of Christ the Redeemer, an independent Anglican jurisdiction with four bishops and 21 parishes and missions, and this communion has entered into a four-year discernment process with plans to ultimately fold themselves completely into our diocese. Many of their parishes and missions are found scattered around the Delaware, Maryland, and Virginia region, although they also have parishes ranging from Texas to New York. We look forward to having them with us.

Administratively our diocese is very financially sound, and because of that we have been able to increase our outreach efforts into places like India, Haiti, the Philippines, and parts of Africa. Each of these mission efforts not only brings the Gospel of Jesus Christ to people in these areas, but they also help to meet much-needed material needs as well, including medical care, food, and clothing. Through our mission efforts we are able to answer the call of Jesus to love our neighbor as ourselves.

One major highlight of every synod is worship. Each day begins with either Morning Prayer or Matins-Holy Communion, and ends with Evening Prayer, and in each of these services the Morning and Evening Canticles are sung.

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Proverbs 3: 1-6

1 My son, do not forget my teaching, but keep my commands in your heart,

2 for they will prolong your life many years and bring you prosperity.

3 Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart.

4 Then you will win favor and a good name in the sight of God and man.

5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding;

6 in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight.

Michelle Cook, New Altar Guild Director

I would like to introduce myself. My name is Michelle A. Cook, and I have been a member of St. Mark's Anglican Church since the summer of 2006. Prior to this, my fiancée Terry Cook and I were looking for a new house after the hurricanes in 2004. We were driving around Vero Beach and came upon a new development on Indian River Drive. At that time there were only a couple models at Riverwind, and Terry decided to put a down payment on a lot. We became engaged and started talking about our wedding. We had also noticed that a beautiful church was being built on 45th Street and the name of the church was St. Mark's Anglican Church. We thought how nice it would be to join and become involved.

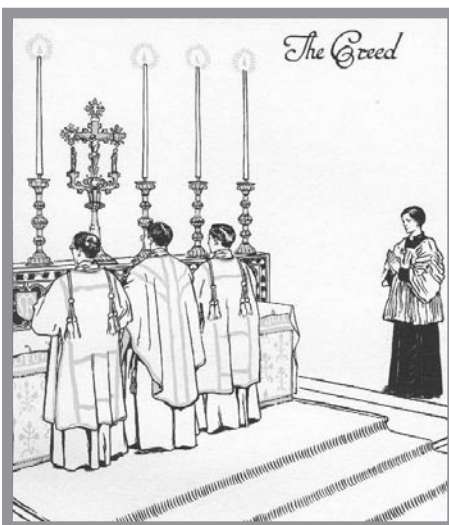
We did come to the grand opening of St. Mark's Church and found the congregation to be very welcoming. We enjoyed the sermon and seriously considered joining the church. We made an appointment with Father Ward and also discussed the possibility of getting married in St. Mark's Church. Well, we did get married on April 14, 2007, and after our honeymoon to Hawaii, I wanted to become involved in the church. I told Father Ward I would like to work in the church. Father Ward introduced me to Fleurette Deverell, the Alter Guild Director at the time, and we worked together quite well. She was very gracious and showed me everything, what to do and how to do it.

In October of 2007, Fleurette came to me and asked if I would like to be the Alter Guild Director. I was surprised because there is so much to learn, and I actually felt honored to be asked. Fleurette is still very active in the Alter Guild and I don't know what I would do without her. In the winter months we have about eight ladies who generously give their time to the Alter Guild. In the summer months there are only about four of us and we manage quite well.

When Father Ward gave me the key to the church, I felt so excited that I was going to be taking care of God's house and making sure everything was perfect for each service. That key meant more to me than any key to any city in the world. I am very blessed to have been given this calling. It certainly feels like a ministry to me.

I am a retired civil engineer from Indian River County, where I worked for 25 years. I was with the Florida Department of Transportation for three years and in the private sector for about ten years. I like playing golf and cooking. My first love was riding one of God's greatest creatures, the horse. I am a wife, mother and a grandmother, and I am so grateful for what God has given me and thankful that he brought me to St. Mark's.

~ Michelle Cook



May God Bless St. Mark's Anglican Church

About two years ago, Valerie and I moved to Vero Beach so I could serve as curate at St. Mark's. We had no idea that we would get to know so many wonderful and godly people so well. We likewise had no idea that I would be called away so soon to serve as vicar of a struggling parish in Blacksburg, Virginia. But God's plan and timing is not always ours, and when He calls we must listen, and we must obey that call.

It has been a tremendous honor to serve as your curate, and I want to extend thanks and appreciation on behalf of Valerie and myself for all that each of you have done for us. It has been very exciting to watch St. Mark's grow and prosper. You have made us feel at home, and shared your love and encouragement with us in good times and bad. We will truly miss each and every one of you, and will always carry you in our thoughts, hearts, and prayers.

In the fullness of time, God will send a man to take my place. Some of you have heard me joke that when the new guy comes you will say, "Father Gordon? Who was that?" That remark was obviously made somewhat in jest, but there is still a little bit of truth behind it—at least I hope there is.

My job as a priest is to point people to Jesus Christ, the Son of the Living God, and the savior of the world. If anything, when you think

back on me and my couple years here at St. Mark's, I hope you think of Jesus Christ, and that you thank Jesus for all that He has done—especially for the gift of eternal life. In fact, I hope that you rarely think back on me, but instead think constantly of Our Lord Jesus Christ. I truly hope that I have pointed you all to Him, and that God has used me and my simple words of clay to excite a deep love of Christ in your hearts.

I ask for your prayers as Valerie and I pack up our house and move up north. The fields are white for harvest in Blacksburg, Virginia. Pray that God would bless our lives and ministry in that community, and that the name of Jesus will be lifted up and exalted there and beyond. Also, be assured of our prayers for each of you.

When the Lord sends a new man to take my place, I pray that you will accept him for who he is, knowing that no two curates are exactly alike. And I ask that you give him your full support and godly respect, as you have done with me. He will have his own unique talents and gifts to bring to this church, and God will send the right person for what needs to be done at St. Mark's at this time.

I also ask that you continue to support, encourage, and pray for Father Ward. St. Mark's is blessed to have such a humble, godly, and

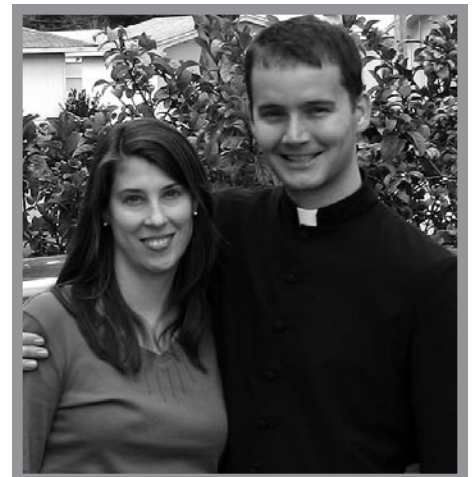
devoted rector. On that note, I would like to publicly offer my most profound thanks to Father Ward for his unconditional support and encouragement. He has taught me a great deal, and I will always be thankful for having worked under him.

I also wish to thank my beautiful wife, Valerie. Without her love and support I could not do anything, and may have never even come to St. Mark's. She is truly a blessing in my life. She is my helpmate, my love, and my best friend.

Finally, I offer thanks to God the Holy Trinity for allowing me to come to St. Mark's and be part of your lives, and for entrusting part of the care of your souls to me. God has seen us through every step of the way.

May God bless each and every one of you, and may God bless St. Mark's Anglican Church, now and always.

~ Fr. J. Gordon Anderson



News from the Anglican Church Women (ACW) of St. Mark's

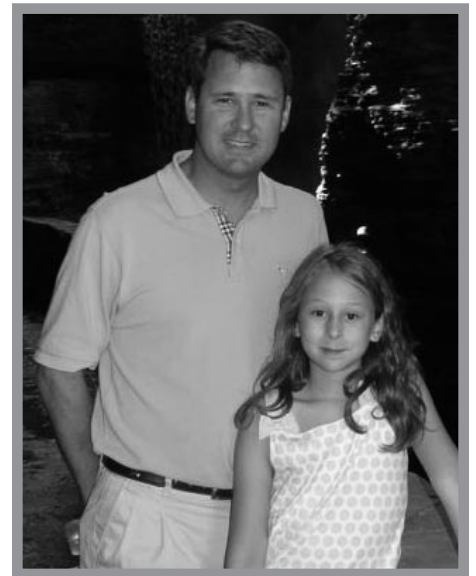
The ACW closed their last meeting until September with a book review of *Ninety Minutes in Heaven*, written by author Don Piper. Plans for the coming season include a Christmas raffle of a beautiful quilt hand-made and given by Fleurette Deverell. The quilt, known as the "Dresden Plate" pattern, will be on display in the parish hall. Tickets will be available in September. Christmas cards showing a variety of St. Mark's stained glass windows are being produced for sale the coming season. Women of St. Mark's are encouraged to join the ACW in their outreach programs, by helping a needy family at Christmas, or volunteering a few hours working for the Source in their Heaven Sent Thrift Shop. The fall season begins September 18.

~ Joyce Smith

Meet Vestryman, Michael Garavaglia

I was born in 1967 in Beaumont Hospital, just outside of Detroit, Michigan and became a full time resident of Florida at age one. I attended Nativity Catholic grade school in Hollywood, Florida and graduated in 1985 from St. Edwards High School, Vero Beach, Florida. I attended Vanderbilt University School of Engineering, Nashville, Tennessee, graduating with a BS in Civil/Structural Engineering in 1989.

In the summer of '89, I traveled to Europe, returning home to Vero Beach to begin a career in engineering. Notable projects include designing the bridges and marina at Grand Harbor and several unique structural designs for oceanfront residences all along Vero's beaches. In 1994, I went to work for a local developer as the construction manager for Hutchinson Island's tallest condominium, Seaward at Atlantic View. Later that year I married my wife of 14 years, Elizabeth Rogers Garavaglia. In 1996, our first child was born, Michael III, and just 4 months later I was accepted into the Owen School of Management at Vanderbilt. The three of us moved back to Nashville and 2 years later I graduated with an MBA and a second child, Mary Elizabeth. We all returned home to help run the family citrus business, The Packers of Indian River, where I hold the position of chief financial



Pictured above: Michael Garavaglia with daughter, Mary Elizabeth.

officer. In 2000, our third and final child, Sarah, was born, and in 2003 we orchestrated the purchase of all outstanding shares of Chiquita Brands, a limited partner, thus returning to a true family farming operation.

I enjoy parenting, traveling, boating, golf, tennis and citrus. I am active in Little League baseball, as a school volunteer, as a local bank advisory board member, and as a member of St. Mark's. My family and I live in Vero Beach along with our parents, Mike and Mary Anne Garavaglia and Jim and Mary Rogers, and my grandmother, Audrey Underdown. I have been a member of the vestry, currently serving as treasurer, and an altar server at St. Mark's for over two years.

~ Michael Garavaglia

2008 Diocese of the Eastern U.S. Synod in Annapolis, Maryland



At left, from top: Father Ward and the parish delegates during one of the synod sessions; Diocesan and visiting clergy after the synod Holy Eucharist; St. Mark's lay delegates, Joyce Smith and Dale Ritchie traveling in style! Above, from top: St. Paul's Anglican Church, Crownsville, MD—host parish for this year's synod; Bishop Grundorf vested for mass; Father Ward, Bishop Grundorf, and a Standing Committee member; Fr. Anderson—synod secretary.

TODAY

Is today really important
 Yes, surely it is
 Because its imprint leaves
 A message for all eternity
 It makes a statement
 For never again may we erase
 What we did on this day
 That God gave us the freedom to do

Our actions in the eyes of others
 Are far less important
 Than knowing, we as individuals
 Did what was best
 Perhaps we moved slower, or
 Chose to ignore the worldly race
 But, ah, we took time to reflect
 On the joys of life

Perhaps we needed the time
 To feel the presence of our children
 Or to share a few special hours
 With someone we hold dear
 Perhaps we merely needed time
 To take a walk or be alone
 To hear the sound of silence
 To strengthen our soul

Whatever it might be
 God gave me this day
 Some are good, some are not
 But He let me decide
 What is important, what is not
 For it is my responsibility
 Alone I must decide, forever
 My legacy for today

~ by John Burton

SUCCESS

Like a train in the night
 Rolling on and on
 The darkness hides the view
 Of where one is

 So, as in life itself
 If in such a hurry
 To achieve a perceived success

When one is so busy looking ahead
 Often, we miss what's around us
 That is, we overlook life's blessings
 That abound us daily

We have such a short time
 To have a full life
 What a shame if we reached our goal
 And no one was there to share it

~ by John Burton

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We were fortunate again this year to have Fr. Brian Foos and the choir from St. Andrew's Academy with us. They not only sang special service pieces, but also chanted the Psalms in classical Anglican chant. We should all be thankful for Fr. Foos and his choir for keeping this otherwise dying tradition alive. Finally, one more thing that we should be thankful for are the many blessings that our Lord is continually bestowing on both our diocese and on the Anglican Province in America itself. As the Anglican Communion is currently in a state of turmoil and flux, it is, as many have observed, nice to find a place where people are of one mind in their mission for our Lord. As one recently received priest remarked, "I didn't think this sort of peace existed in Anglicanism anymore." That truly is our Lord's doing, and for that we can all be thankful.

~ Fr. Michael L. Ward

JULY 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
HC = Holy Communion SGS = Spiritual Growth Seminar		1	2	3	4 <i>Office Closed</i> Independence Day 12 pm HC	5
6 <i>Trinity 7</i> 8 am HC 10 am HC	7	8	9 5:30 pm SGS	10	11 <i>Office Closed</i>	12
13 <i>Trinity 8</i> 8 am HC 10 am HC	14	15	16 5:30 pm SGS	17	18 <i>Office Closed</i>	19
20 <i>Trinity 9</i> 8 am HC 10 am HC Vestry Meeting	21	22	23 5:30 pm SGS	24	25 <i>Office Closed</i> St. James 12 pm HC	26
27 <i>Trinity 10</i> 8 am HC 10 am HC	28	29	30	31		

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 <i>Office Closed</i>	2
3 <i>Trinity 11</i> 8 am HC 10 am HC	4	5	6 <i>Transfiguration</i> 12 pm HC 5:30 SGS	7	8 <i>Office Closed</i>	9
10 <i>Trinity 12</i> 8 am HC 10 am HC	11	12	13 5:30 SGS	14	15 <i>Office Closed</i>	16
17 <i>Trinity 13</i> 8 am HC 10 am HC Vestry Meeting	18	19	20 5:30 SGS	21	22 <i>Office Closed</i>	23
24/31 <i>St. Bartholomew</i> <i>Trinity 14 /</i> <i>Trinity 15</i> 8 am HC 10 am HC	25	26	27	28	29	30

CD Review: The Psalms of David, Volume 1



A good way to connect with your Anglican faith and heritage is through

listening to classic Anglican chant. Anglican chant is a type of congregational chanting that was developed at the time of the Reformation in England. Unlike Gregorian chant, which consists only of voices singing a single line, Anglican chant is almost always

accompanied with organ music, and is sung in four-part harmony. The Psalms and canticles from Morning and Evening Prayer in the Book of Common Prayer were historically set to Anglican chant. Anyone who grew up going to Morning and Evening Prayer will probably remember chanting such canticles as the *Venite* and the *Te Deum* to Anglican chant. Since we do not do much Anglican chant here at St. Mark's (yet), one of the best ways to expose yourself to this beautiful and edifying

music is through professional recordings. While there are many good CD's of Anglican chant available for purchase, one of the best is *The Psalms of David, Vol. 1*, by the Choir of King's College, Cambridge. This CD contains many famous chant settings, most of which are still sung today. Like all recordings by the excellent choir, the quality of the music is unparalleled. I highly recommend this fantastic CD.

~ Fr. J. Gordon Anderson

UPCOMING PRAYER BOOK HOLY DAYS

12 PM MASS

July 4

Independence Day

July 25

St. James the Apostle

August 6

*The Transfiguration of
Our Lord Jesus Christ*

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8:00 a.m. Holy Communion
9:00 a.m. Christian Education
10:00 a.m. Holy Communion

Weekday Services

Monday–Thursday
8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer

Monday–Friday
5:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

Holy Days
and Other
Services as
Announced

