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THE NICENE CREED

Because the Creeds are so compact and expressed in theological language, they are difficult to understand. An extended paraphrase of the Nicene Creed (the one official Creed of the one Catholic or Universal Church) follows, and studying it may help your understanding:

I BELIEVE IN ONE GOD: I accept and put my entire trust and confidence in the one, true God; and concerning God, I hold, as a Christian, the distinctive doctrine of the Trinity. In accordance with this doctrine, I believe that within the Being of God there are three 'Persons', who are known to the theologians as the First Cause, the Word, and the Spirit; but they are known in ordinary speech as the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. This doctrine does not teach that there are three gods, but that there is one God, and, within His Being, there is a fellowship of Three. I therefore accept and put my entire trust and confidence, first, in God

THE FATHER: the Father,

ALMIGHTY: the Ruler of the Universe,

MAKER OF HEAVEN: who created all that exists outside time and space,

AND EARTH: and all that exists in time and space,

AND OF ALL THINGS: and everything we know through the five senses,

VISIBLE: of sight, touch, taste, smell and hearing,

AND INVISIBLE: and everything we know through the exercise of reason,

AND IN ONE LORD JESUS CHRIST: I also accept and put my entire trust and confidence in Jesus, the Father's unique and Anointed Servant,

THE ONLY-BEGOTTEN SON OF GOD: who, because He is also the one and only Word of God, is God Himself,

BEGOTTEN OF HIS FATHER BEFORE ALL WORLDS: in His Character as the word of God, He issued forth from the Being of God in Eternity,

GOD OF GOD: God, from God,

LIGHT OF LIGHT: Divine Radiance, from Divine Radiance,

VERY GOD OF VERY GOD: true God, from true God,
BEGOTTEN, NOT MADE: One Who issued forth from the Being of God, and was not a mere creature,

BEING OF ONE SUBSTANCE WITH THE FATHER: He is of the same Essential Being as the Father,

BY WHOM ALL THINGS WERE MADE: and in the creation and preservation of the universe, He is the Agent through Whom the Father works,

WHO FOR US MEN AND FOR OUR SALVATION CAME DOWN FROM HEAVEN: at a point in time, and for the sake of mankind and mankind's salvation, this Word of the Father, without relinquishing or changing His Nature as God, set a limitation upon Himself,

AND WAS INCARNATE BY THE HOLY GHOST OF THE VIRGIN MARY: and was clothed in human nature through the operation of the Holy Spirit upon the body of the Virgin Mary;

AND WAS MADE MAN: and the Word became Man.

AND WAS CRUCIFIED: at about the age of thirty, He was executed by crucifixion,

ALSO FOR US: again for the sake of mankind and mankind's salvation,

UNDER PONTIUS PILATE: with the consent of Pontius Pilate, who was then the chief Roman official in Judea,

HE SUFFERED: His sufferings were genuine because He was a genuine human being,

AND WAS BURIED: and after He was dead, He was buried,

AND THE THIRD DAY: on the third day, by Jewish methods of reckoning time,

HE ROSE AGAIN: He rose to life again.

ACCORDING TO THE SCRIPTURES: this was in accordance with ancient prophecy,

AND ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN, AND SITTETH ON THE RIGHT HAND OF THE FATHER: He then took human nature with Him to share that form of existence proper to Him as God, and to share the Glory which is proper to the Father, and to Himself as the Son.

AND HE SHALL COME AGAIN: at some time in the future, there will be a great consummation, and the Word of God will again visibly invade the world of time and space,

WITH GLORY: but this time He will come in majesty, honor, and power,

TO JUDGE BOTH THE QUICK AND THE DEAD; WHOSE KINGDOM SHALL HAVE NO END: He will then pass judgment upon both the living and the dead, and there will be established throughout the whole universe, seen and unseen, temporal and eternal, a glorious kingdom in which the Will of God will at last be the will of all creation,

AND I BELIEVE IN THE HOLY GHOST: and, also, I accept and put my entire trust and confidence in the Holy Spirit,

THE LORD: Who is Himself God,

AND GIVER OF LIFE: and the life-giving Energy of the universe.

WHO PROCEEDETH FROM THE FATHER AND THE SON: He comes forth from the Father, through the Son,

WHO WITH THE FATHER AND THE SON TOGETHER IS WORSHIPPED AND GLORIFIED: and together with the Father and the Son is venerated and His glory recognized,

WHO SPAKE BY THE PROPHETS: it was He Who enabled the ancient prophets of Israel to reveal the truth about God,

AND I BELIEVE ONE CATHOLIC AND APOSTOLIC CHURCH: finally, I accept the existence and teachings of the one universal Church which was founded by Christ upon the faith and preaching of the Apostles, whose doctrines I also accept,

I ACKNOWLEDGE ONE BAPTISM: I also recognize the unique sacrament of Baptism,

FOR THE REMISSION OF SINS: which brings to those who receive it the forgiveness of their sins,

AND I LOOK FOR THE RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD: and I believe and look forward to the rising again of all who are dead,

AND THE LIFE OF THE WORLD TO COME: and to eternal life, beyond the limitations of time and space.

AMEN: so be it.

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RUNNING THE RACE **WHICH IS SET BEFORE US**

(The Rector's Report for
the 2006 Parish Annual Meeting)

"Three grand essentials to happiness in this life are something to do, something to love, and something to hope for."

This quote comes from Joseph Addison, a famous 18th century writer and, by the way, a high-church Anglican. "Three grand essentials to happiness in this life are something to do, something to love, and something to hope for." According to this quote, we here at All Saints should be bursting with happiness! The year 2005 has given us countless projects *to do*, many new additions *to love*, and we always have much *to hope for* in our future.

This year of 2006 I believe will bring us much of the same. This year we will be celebrating our parish's Tenth Anniversary. With such a landmark we have seen what prayer and time, grace and effort, and yes, lots of patience, can achieve. But although this tenth year of our parish's life has been met, now is certainly not the time for us to rest. We are still very young, and we still have growing to do.

When I speak of growth, what I primarily mean is that of spiritual growth – to grow in sanctity – into the "full measure and stature of Christ." ...There is the story of two clergymen meeting on the street and one smugly said to the other that he had just hit the 5,000 mark for membership. He asked the clergyman standing across from him just how many members he had in his parish. And the old clergyman took his time and then replied, "I only have 5, but all of them are Saints." In God's eyes it is not the number of people which makes for a church's growth and success, but the sanctity of its people.

For 2006 we will certainly have much *to do*, much *to love*, and much *to hope for*. But let it all be for the Kingdom of God – let us do much for His glory, let us seek to love Him much more, and let us rest all of our hope on our inheritance of the eternal Heaven. If in this 2006, and every year of our parish life, we take this approach then everything else is promised to fall into place for us– as Our Blessed Lord says, "Seek ye first the Kingdom of Heaven, and all these things shall be added unto you." ...May God bless us to be His faithful and good stewards this new year, and may He be praised and glorified in all our endeavors.

If you would ever like a visit from the Rector, please feel free to call the parish office at any time to set up a meeting (630-783-8280).

LENT IS NEAR

On Wednesday, March 1, the Church will lead us into Lent. Please begin to bring your blessed palms back now so that they may be turned into ashes for the marking of our foreheads on Ash Wednesday. The marking of our foreheads reminds us of both our mortality and our sinfulness. *The Ash Wednesday service will be at 7 PM on Wednesday, March 1.*

SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT

The Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 22, went well, and the business of the parish was taken care of: the Annual Reports for 2005 were presented with the budget for 2006; the proposed amendments to the Parish Bylaws were all adopted; and Sue Peterson, Will Spencer and Marcia Wilson were elected to three year terms on the Vestry (2006-2009). A highlight of the meeting was the report given by Ron Waitek and Chuck Carr on the mission-in-formation in Crystal Lake that All Saints is assisting.

The Vestry met after the Annual Meeting and selected Chris Oschman to fill the vacancy of one year remaining of a three year term to January, 2007. For 2006, Donnie Marini was elected Junior Warden; Sue Peterson was elected Clerk of the Vestry; and Bob Wilson was elected Treasurer. Marcia Wilson was appointed Chair of a new Committee on Membership Development, which will give attention to the parish web site, the merit of membership in area Chambers of Commerce, and to consider ways in which we all can assist in growth. Goals for 2006 related to our parish programs and our property were noted and the Parish Calendar for this year was reviewed.

The 2006 Parish Directory was distributed on Sunday, January 29, with copies of the Parish Bylaws as amended at the Annual Meeting. This information was mailed to those who were not with us on the 29th. Additional copies of the information that was distributed at the Annual Meeting are available in the Narthex.

The Lenten season will begin with the traditional Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper at 5:30 PM on Tuesday, February 28, sponsored by the ACM. You will also want to make plans to attend the blessing of Janis and Chuck Semaan's new home on Sunday, February 26, at 12:00 noon.

This is the Tenth Anniversary Year of All Saints. If we all continue to work together as we always have, what is accomplished will be the best way to celebrate.

Bill Jepson
Senior Warden

REMEMBRANCE BOOK

A book meant to list all of the tangible gifts given to the parish is being assembled. A rough draft has been placed in the narthex so that contributors can make sure their donations have been properly ascribed. Please take a moment to find your listing. If you have any comments or questions, please direct them to Marcia Wilson.

ANGLICAN CHURCH MEN

All parish members are invited to the ACM's monthly Morning Prayer Service on Saturday, February 4, at 8:30 AM. Immediately following the service, a fellowship breakfast will be served by the ACM.

The ACM will have its monthly meeting on Sunday, February 12. This will be an exciting year for All Saints, and the ACM will provide support for Parish events and activities that enrich our church community and encourage fellowship.

Phil Ross
President

ANGLICAN CHURCH WOMEN

Just when I thought it was safe to leave town, a trip to stitch for four days in Pine Mountain, Georgia, my plans were changed to leave at 11:00 AM Sunday, January 8, instead of 6:00 PM...well, my flight was uneventful, but I found that by not being in church I was elected President of ACW!! No really, I am glad to have the opportunity to hold this office during the year of our Tenth Anniversary Celebration! When Barbara Jepson gave me the President's Book, I was overwhelmed with her organization and attention to detail. Very big shoes to fill!

All females in the congregation please mark your calendar for February 11, 2006, at 11:00 AM. The ACW is meeting at the church for prayer, our monthly business meeting, comfort wrap construction and a soup lunch. All are welcome, if you can tie your shoes, you can help with a Comfort Wrap!

To be noted on your calendar as well is the House Blessing at noon on February 26 of the Semaan's home. Directions will follow.

Please contact myself or any other officer with any questions, suggestions or comments on the direction ACW is going. All comments are very welcome.

Sue Ross
President

ALL SAINTS CHURCH YOUTH

Due to unforeseen circumstances, we were able to meet only once during the month of January. We accomplished a great deal, however.

Natalie Hall designed some lovely greeting cards which we sent to some in the parish to let them know we're thinking of and praying for them.

We tasted palm hearts, something Jesus might have eaten. They got about a 50% approval rate, but they will probably not take off in popularity any time soon.

We played Bible Hangman and Fr. Hines remains the undefeated game champion. We are looking into ballroom dance lessons and will discuss details at the next meeting.

We are also still working on a directory for the group. All youth of the parish and their friends are encouraged to join us. We have a lot of fun, and the more the merrier.

Dan and Fabi Brush
Youth Leaders

ALTAR GUILD

During January Fr. Hines blessed the new Piscina (given by Will and Marie Spencer) in the sacristy. This very welcome addition is now fully operational and is an absolute blessing.

The time of year has arrived again when I ask that you return your palms from last year to the Church. Ash Wednesday is on March 1, and I would appreciate your palms as soon as possible so that we may begin making the ashes for this year's service.

The current members of the Altar Guild are Libby Bolton, Chris Hall, Lilli Longinow, Chris Oschman, Sue Peterson, Marie Spencer, and Marcia Wilson. Tosin Adebawale has also been helping us recently and Natalie Hall is our current Junior Altar Guild member. Any lady wishing to join the All Saints Altar Guild or Junior Altar Guild is very welcome and Fr. Hines and I will be glad to help you.

Yours in Christ,
Chris Hall
Altar Guild Directress

Dates to Remember

Saturday, February 4
Morning Prayer, 8:30 AM, followed by breakfast and fellowship

Sunday, February 5
Enquirer's Class, 8:30 AM
Waitek Super Bowl Party, 4:30 PM

Saturday, February 11
ACW Luncheon Meeting 11:00 AM

Sunday, February 12
Enquirer's Class, 8:30 AM
ACM Meeting

Tuesday, February 14
All Saints Youth Meeting, 7:00 PM

Sunday, February 19
Enquirer's Class, 8:30 AM
Vestry Meeting
FISH

Sunday, February 26
Enquirer's Class, 8:30 AM
Semaan House Blessing, 12:00 noon

Tuesday, February 28
Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, 5:30 PM
All Saints Youth Meeting, 7:00 PM

Saturday, March 4
Morning Prayer, 8:30 AM, followed by breakfast and fellowship

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