

From the Deacon & Curate _____

“Filled with divine grace, / you served God the Word as a deacon of the Church, O Apostle Philip. / By the working of miracles and by signs from God / you enlightened the multitudes of Samaria. / O blessed one, entreat Christ our God to grant us His great mercy.”

Eastern Orthodox Troparion for the Apostle Philip of the Seventy

Notwithstanding the larger festivals that no doubt capture our attention at this time of year, there continues to be the regular commemoration of various holy persons in the calendar of the Church throughout the weeks. One of these that caught my attention this week, and made me try to learn more, is the commemoration of “St. Philip of Caesarea, Apostolic man” on October 11th in the BCP calendar. In these commemorations, it is common to see some sort of descriptor tagged on to the end of a person’s name, for instance: so and so, *the evangelist* or perhaps so and so, *martyr*, and so on. This appendage of “*apostolic man*” was curious, so I looked into it. This only deepened the mystery of this commemoration, for it seems that other than the 1954 South African BCP, the 1962 Canadian BCP is the only other edition that commemorates this particular man. There seems to be no apparent precedent for this in the worldwide Anglican Church. None of the English BCPs, nor the earlier Canadian 1918 BCP included this day. Many common sources of “dictionaries of the saints” draw a blank here, too. So, just who was St. Philip of Caesarea, and how did he get into our calendar?

An old BCP commentary I have from the 19th century describes the 1662 BCP calendar in comparison with some historical examples and those of the Roman and Eastern churches from that period. Here was my answer: the Eastern Orthodox Church commemorates a “Philip *the Deacon*” on October 11th, and a quick Google search quickly pointed me in the right direction. Philip was among the first deacons of the Church appointed in Acts 6, along with the better-known St. Stephen the protomartyr. Acts tells us that *this* Philip (often confused with Philip the Apostle) preached the Gospel in Samaria (Acts 8:5-13), converted and baptized a royal Eunuch from Ethiopia, and eventually settled in Caesarea (Acts 8:26-40), where Paul visited him in Acts 21. In the Eastern Church, his feast day has been celebrated from as early in the 1st Century, in some places.

While his name is sometimes described as “Philip the Evangelist”, “Philip the Deacon”, or “Philip the Protodeacon”, I think

describing him as an “apostolic man”, does in fact do him justice. Philip was, of course, all of these things: he was one of the first deacons, and he certainly was an evangelist, even by St. Paul’s description (Acts 21:8), but he also was *apostolic* in the sense of the original Greek of the word. *Apóstolos* means “one who is sent” – an envoy. Philip did indeed go forth and preach the Gospel to foreign lands, and by all accounts could be classified an “apostle” much like Paul. But as I previously mentioned, there was already a Philip “the Apostle” – one of the twelve – and in the BCP calendar, “evangelist” is primarily associated to the four Gospel writers. So, calling *this* Philip an “apostolic man” is merited even if a little odd to our senses. Perhaps, though, it serves to make us pay more attention and try to learn more about him.

Unfortunately, given its little precedent in the calendars of the Western Church, most of the newer revised Anglican calendars have not continued to include this traditionally Eastern feast day. So, in this week of Thanksgiving, let us give thanks for the gifts that God gave to Philip, and the example we are left with: serving the poor, preaching the Gospel, and being led by the Spirit to new lands. The Lord is Glorious in His Saints.



Parish Notices and Updates _____

THE FREDERICTON NORTH HERITAGE FAIR will be held on Saturday, October 15th, at the Kincentre on School Street in Devon. This year they will have thirty exhibitors with displays representing their theme “Remembering Our Past.” Many attend to meet old friends, experience the information on display and enjoy the atmosphere. A canteen will be available. This is a free event offering something for everyone. They hope to see you there!

PARISH PRAYER LIST: One of the most important ministries which we are blessed to share here at St. Mary’s is the ministry of prayer. At every Celebration of the Holy Eucharist we reserve a significant part of our time to pray for those, both within and beyond our Parish Family, who are facing challenging obstacles; and I know that our efforts are deeply appreciated by more people than we could count. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to support others, so please send your prayer requests to the Rector or the Curate.

ST. MARY’S WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY continues each Friday from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. on Zoom. We’re working through a series called “Matriarchs & Patriarchs; Prophets & Papyri: the great stories of the Old

Testament and how they point us to Jesus.” If you’d like to join us, even occasionally, please let the Rector know so that he can send the Zoom link to you.

THE FARRALINE PLACE ANNUAL FALL GALA is scheduled for *Saturday, October 15th*, at the Fredericton Inn. Tickets are \$100 (\$60 tax receipt) and are available from Judy O’Donnell at Farraline Place (455-6443). There will be a live and silent auction and sing-along entertainment. Doors will open at 5:00 p.m. with dinner at 6:00 p.m.

STRIKE OUT STUDENT HUNGER UPDATE: the Parish of Marysville made the difficult decision last month that the 2022 Bowling Tournament to raise funds for the Fredericton Community Kitchens’ Student Hunger Programme, which was scheduled to be held on October 15th, would be held virtually rather than live. That means that while there will be no in-person event, it is hoped that every parish will work to raise funds to help strike out student Hunger. Sponsorship sheets for each of the 5 people who signed up for the St. Mary’s team are available on the table in the Narthex. Please put your name and contact information (for the tax receipt that will be issued for donations of at least \$20) and make your donations who whomever you wish. This is a very important project, and we hope that you’ll be able to offer your support.

IF YOU’RE A FACEBOOK USER you may want to have a look at the new Facebook Page for St. Mary’s Community Food Forest. Go to <https://www.facebook.com/stmarysfoodforest> to have a look.



We acknowledge that the land on which we gather is the traditional unceded territory of the Wəlastəkwiyyik (Wolastoqiyik) Peoples. This territory is covered by the “Treaties of Peace and Friendship” which Wəlastəkwiyyik (Wolastoqiyik), Mi’kmaq, and Passamaquoddy Peoples first signed with the British Crown in 1726. The treaties did not deal with surrender of lands and resources but in fact recognized Mi’kmaq and Wəlastəkwiyyik (Wolastoqiyik) title and established the rules for what was to be an ongoing relationship between nations.



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Sprinkle a seasoning of short prayers on your daily living. If you see something beautiful, thank God for it. If you are aware of someone's need, ask God to help.... You can toss up many such prayers all day long. They will help you in your meditation and in your secular employment as well. Make a habit of it.

Francis de Sales, *Introduction to the Devout Life*

THE CELEBRATION OF HARVEST THANKSGIVING

October 8, 2022

*O give thanks unto the Lord for
he is gracious; because his
mercy endures forever!*

4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer:

✠ Psalm 40 | Ezekiel 8 | John 16

5:00 p.m. – The Holy Eucharist

Introit Psalm 34:1-10:	<i>page 369</i>
The Gloria:	<i>page 86</i>
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The Consecration:	<i>page 82</i>
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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer
4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer, All Saints, Marysville

OCTOBER 12: TRINITY FERIA
8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer
10:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist, St. Margaret's
*With the Annual Meeting of the Anglican
Church Women of the Archdeaconry of
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6:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer
7:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

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OCTOBER 14: TRINITY FERIA
8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer
4:00 p.m. – Evening Prayer (Zoom)

OCTOBER 15: EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
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THE CELEBRATION OF HARVEST THANKSGIVING

October 9, 2022

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9:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer:

✠ Psalm 119 parts 15 & 16 | Ezekiel 33:1-11 | Luke 10:1-24

10:00 a.m. – The Holy Eucharist

♪ PROCESSIONAL HYMN:

307 (ST. GEORGE)

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♪ OFFERTORY HYMN:

305 (NUN DANKET)

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♪ RECESSIONAL HYMN:

Sing to the Lord of Harvest

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