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# St. Paul's Red Door Chronicle

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From the Priest-in-Charge:

ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ ΑΝΕΣΤΙ    CHRIST IS RISEN!  
ΑΛΙΘΟΣ ΑΝΕΣΤΙ    HE IS RISEN INDEED!

In the early church, Easter would have been an even more joyous celebration than it is today. After forty days of fasting (probably somewhat more intensive fasting than we undertake today), the early Christians were ready to have some fun. Not everybody today knows that Easter is more than a single day of celebration. Rather, the feast extends over fifty days, stretching from Easter Sunday until Whitsunday or Pentecost.

The purpose for feasting was about more than simply making up for an austere Lent. It was not just about having fun as a reward for the Church's faithful observance of Lent. Instead, feasting was a means of embodying the joy of Resurrection life, here-and-now. As Saint Basil wrote, "All of [the Great Fifty Days] reminds us of the resurrection which we await in the other world." It is not that the feast of Easter "makes up for" the fast of Lent, but the converse: the fast prepares us for the feast.

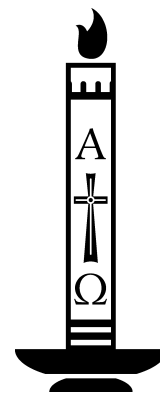
There is a term I have used in sermons here before which get at the great mystery we celebrate over these fifty days. The term is *prolepsis*, and it is a process by which the future is not merely foreshadowed but is *made real* in the present. The reality of the Resurrection is a *proleptic reality*. We await our own bodily resurrection on the last day while still mysteriously enjoying the risen life while we are still amid things which are passing away. Saint Paul, in his letter to the Ephesians (2:4-7), pointed to this mystery when he wrote:

But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with him, and made us sit with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

In other words, we *are* risen and we *shall be* risen. We can experience eternal life in Christ *now* just as we are promised that same life in the world to come.

That being the case, let us set out to observe a joyful Eastertide. Christ our Passover truly is sacrificed for us, rising to new life and bringing us, even now, into that life with him. Therefore let us keep the feast with as much rigor as we kept the fast. May God give us joyful hearts that we may keep the celebration going, and may He bring us at last to that eternal feast where we shall live in the Glorious Light of the Triune God. Consider this Eastertide, the Great Fifty Days, as practice for that celebration which we shall one day enjoy for eternity.

Yours in service to the Gospel,  
John+





**KNOW THY  
NEIGHBOR**

Name-- *MICHAEL BROWNING SCHMIDT*

Place of birth: JUNE 24, 1952 WASHINGTON,  
D.C.

Where did you grow up? MON-FRI IN AR-  
LINGTON, VA AS A SUBURBANITE AND  
SAT-SUN AT RAPPACHANOCK COUNTY  
VA AS A COUNTRY GENTLEMAN

When did you become an Episcopalian?  
LYNNE & I STARTED ATTENDING ST  
PAUL'S THREE YEARS AGO ON ASH  
WEDNESDAY

Occupation/place of work--SELF EMPLOYED  
ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR

My favorite hymns are--ANY OF THOSE  
WHICH I CAN COMFORTABLE SING AND  
"LIFT HIGH THE CROSS"

My favorite Bible character--THE ROMAN  
CENTURIAN WHO APPROACHED CHRIST  
TO HEAL HIS SERVANT. CHRIST MAR-  
VELLED AT HIS FAITH

The best season of the church year, as far as I  
am concerned--PALM SUNDAY TO EASTER  
(HOLY WEEK)

The most meaningful church service that I've  
attended was--THAT IS A TOSS UP BE-  
TWEEN EASTER SATURDAY VIGIL AND  
FR. JOHN'S ORDINATION

A book I would recommend -  
UNDERSTANDING THE NATIONAL ELEC-  
TRICAL CODE BY MIKE HOLT

Favorite movie or TV show: "M.A.S.H." FOR  
ITS QUICK HUMOR, FULL OF ONE-  
LINERS TO MAKE YOU LAUGH

Guests at my fantasy dinner party would be--BEN  
FRANKLIN, HARRY TRUMAN, NIKOLI  
TESLA, EDWIN H. ARMSTRONG, FILO T.  
FARNSWORTH AND TOM JEFFERSON

My family consists of--MY WIFE OF 34 YEARS,  
LYNNE; 5 CATS ALLOW US TO CO-  
HABITATE WITH THEM. THEY ARE DONALD  
TRUMP, SOPHIA, WEDNESDAY ADAMS,  
RAPHIELLA AND JOSEPHUS COLUMBO

Activities, hobbies or interest that I enjoy are--  
NUMISMATICS (BOTH COIN AND PAPER  
MONEY) ROSES AND MODEL RAILWAY

If anything were possible, what would you like to  
be doing now or in the future--I WOULD LOVE  
TO TAKE A TRAIN RIDE ON THE TEXAS EA-  
GLE TO SAN ANTONIO WITH LYNNE FOR A  
VACATION DEPARTING FROM BALD KNOB

What is one thing you would like to see our par-  
ish accomplish or attain during the next 10 years?  
I HOPE TO SEE AN INCREASE IN YOUNG  
FAMILIES AND NEW BLOOD AT ST PAUL'S



**APRIL**



**DIRECTORY  
UPDATES &  
CORRECTIONS**

**HOLY WEEK and EASTER at St. Paul's**

**Maundy Thursday    April 1**  
6:00pm    Holy Eucharist & Stripping of the Altar

**Good Friday            April 2**  
Noon       Stations of the Cross  
6:00       Liturgy of the Day

**Easter Eve              April 3**  
8:00 pm    The Great Vigil of Easter

**Easter                    April 4**  
8:00 am    Holy Eucharist  
10:30 am   Holy Eucharist

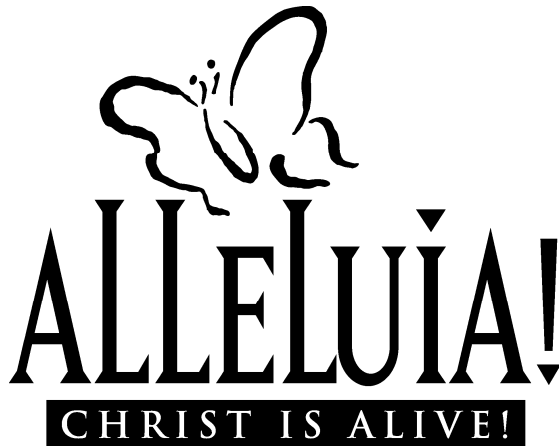
**KEEP US INFORMED**

So that we can keep our records up to date, please continue to notify us of errors or changes. Don't forget, email address changes as well as all others can be sent to us at [stpaulsbatesville@att.net](mailto:stpaulsbatesville@att.net).

**PROM DRESSES NEEDED**

Do you have previously worn prom dresses taking up room in your closets? Donate them to the Arkansas Sheriffs Youth Ranch. The youth there go to proms too, and prom dresses are much needed. All sizes can be used. If your dress doesn't fit a local youth, it will be sent to another Youth Ranch in Arkansas. Houseparents save dresses from year to year, but they are always getting new girls. No dress will be wasted.

Bring them to the church office or call Betty Bess for pick up, 793-4293.



**USHER SCHEDULE**

April 2010

- 1- Elmer Heringer & Paul Hance
- 2- Anthony Milam & Paul Hance
- 3- Laura & Paul Hance
- 4- Jim & Deborah Johnson  
    Kirk Warden & Allan McSpadden
- 11- Pam Skinner & Bill Olson
- 18- Martha Sue Smith & Scott Lien
- 25- Pat Mulick & Tim Lindblom

**HOW ARE WE DOING?**

**Average Cost Per Week  
to Operate St. Paul's: ..... \$3747.03**

**Pledge/Plate Giving Per Week:**  
Feb 21-27 ..... \$2905.22  
Feb 28-Mar 6 ..... \$4614.22  
Mar 7-13 ..... \$3345.22  
Mar 14-20 ..... \$2830.22

**Average Giving Per Week: \$3423.72**



