

# **The Archangel's Voice**

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## Fr. Cal Delivers Invocation at Reading of Emancipation Proclamation

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Each year, Tallahassee commemorates the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation in 1865 that ended slavery in the state of Florida. This year's historical reenactment and reading was held on May 20 at the Knott House Museum, and the Invocation was given by our own Fr. Cal Goodlett. St. Michael's member Althemese Barnes is the founding director of The John Gilmore Riley Center/Museum, and over many years, has been a strong influence in support of the yearly commemoration of the reading of the Emancipation Proclamation in Tallahassee. The following are excerpts from Fr. Cal's Invocation; the full text is posted on the St. Michael website.

"GOD OF ALL HOPEFULNESS, YOU CREATED A WHOLE WORLD —

...YOU FREED A LOT OF PEOPLE...BUT PLEASE, please, God,

**free** us now to see your blessing lies not simply in our *remembering* a time long ago,

but in understanding all of us,

to this very day,

are people called out of slavery

so we might know freedom is, at its heart,

about setting at liberty so many others who remain captive!

...MAY WE, A GRUDGING AND PRIDEFUL PEOPLE, TURN TO SEE THE LIGHT OF FREEDOM BURNING, BURNING IN EACH OF US, BUT MOST POWERFULLY, **THROUGH US**, WHEN WE WORK TOGETHER TO MAKE *A REAL* AND *LASTING DIFFERENCE* IN YOUR HOLY NAME —"



Diocesan **Bishop John Howard** held a Lay Leadership meeting in Tallahassee on May 12. Twenty-seven parish leaders from the Apalachee region attended, including J.D. Brown and Margaret Edwards from St. Michael, and shared their insights and experiences. You may read a full report on the meeting and view pictures on <u>the diocesan website</u>.

**Did you know?** In the Episcopal Church, *The Feast of the First Book of Common Prayer* is observed on a weekday following the Day of Pentecost. This year, the Feast Day was observed on May 16. The First Book of Common Prayer was published in 1549.

"Good things are happening at St. Michael. Come and see!"

**KEY DATES** 

May 30



*May 31* Visitation of the Blessed Virgin

> **June 14** Flag Day

**June 19** Father's Day

**June 24** Nativity of St. John, the Baptist

### **Upcoming Events**

June 5, June 12, July 10, July 17 Summer Choir with Mr. Joe Wiley

#### June 19

Father's Day Celebration hosted by ECW

#### June 20





## **Around the Parish**

**Graduation Recognition** — St. Michael's annual Graduates Recognition Program, sponsored by Episcopal Church Women (ECW) was held on Pentecost Sunday, May 15. Five graduates were recognized: college graduates Brooks Duncan and Clarke Christina Greene who earned Associate of Arts degrees from Tallahassee Community College, and Ciara Grayson, who graduated with Cum Laude honors from Florida State University. Brooks is headed to the University of North Florida to study Mass Communications and Advertising; Clarke will attend the University of South Florida to study Foreign Languages; and Ciara will begin medical school this summer at The Florida State University.

Other graduates recognized were: Jayla Pinkston who graduated from Cobb Middle School and will attend Leon High as a gifted student; and Colton Wasson, an accomplished student at Kate Sullivan Elementary who will attend the STEAM Program at Cobb Middle School. Congratulations graduates!



Pictured from left: *Clarke Christina Greene*; ECW President *Melanie Martin*; *Jayla Pinkston*; *Colton Wasson*; *Brooks Duncan*; and Senior Warden *Byron Greene*.

2016 Graduation Recognition



Maya King, an honoree in our 2015 Graduate Recognition Program, has completed her freshman year at Howard University and is home for the summer working as an intern with Sachs Media Group. Maya is a 2016 recipient of the National Association of Black Journalists' Les Payne Scholarship. She is a journalism student at Howard, and serves as an Emma Bowen Foundation fellow.



**Handbags of Hope Ministry** – Our first set of handbags were blessed at the altar on Sunday, May 22. Please continue to donate gently used handbags filled with travelsize personal items, such as, toothbrush and toothpaste, soap, deodorant, body lotion, shampoo and conditioner, wipes and hand sanitizer. Your donations help women who have difficulty providing basic necessities for themselves. We are all very blessed so let us pay it forward and be a blessing to others. Handbags are distributed through Economy Drug Store and Neighborhood Health Services.

**Good News Outreach** feeds between 120 and 150 families each week. St. Michael fulfilled its goal of donating food once per month to this vital ministry by providing seven bags of groceries for the month of May. Needed foods include boxed pasta, grits, oatmeal, snacks, broths, soups, spices, flour, baking mixes, sugar, fruit cups and canned fruits. Please continue to place your donations in the Food Gift Box in the Parish Hall.



Congratulations to Annette Singleton Jackson, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Marketing at Florida A&M University's School of Business and Industry, who will spend a year in Swaziland as a Fulbright Scholar. Dr. Jackson will be hosted by the University of Swaziland.

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