

Welcome to St. Stephen's Anglican Church



The Adoration of the Magi, Fra Angelico and Fra Filippo Lippi 1440/1460
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Epiphany 1, January 11, 2009

St. Stephen's is a traditional Anglican presence
in Athens, Texas witnessing God's love
through worship, prayer, fellowship and outreach.

IN OUR DAILY PRAYERS LET US INCLUDE

The Catholic Church and all Anglicans

O GRACIOUS Father, we humbly beseech thee for thy holy Catholic Church; that thou wouldest be pleased to fill it with all truth, in all peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in any thing it is amiss, reform it. Where it is right, establish it; where it is in want, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of him who died and rose again, and ever liveth to make intercession for us, Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

Our parish

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, we thank thee for thy servants gone before who laid a firm foundation for the growth of thy Church here in Athens. Renew in us the gifts of thy mercy; increase our faith, strengthen our hope, enlighten our understanding, enlarge our charity, and make us ready to serve thee. Raise up, we beseech thee, others in our midst, that our parish of thy Church may grow and prosper to proclaim the unsearchable riches of our Savior Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Those serving in our nation's armed forces

O LORD God of Hosts, stretch forth, we pray thee, thine almighty arm to strengthen and protect the soldiers, sailors, marines and airmen of our country. Support them in the day of battle, and in the time of peace keep them safe from all evil; endue them with courage and loyalty; and grant that in all things they may serve without reproach; through Jesus Christ our Lord *Amen*

Our nation and our world

O LORD our Governor, whose glory is in all the world; we live in disturbing days. Throughout the world prices rise, debts increase, banks collapse, jobs are taken away, and fragile security is under threat. Lord God, meet us in our fear and hear our prayer: be a tower of strength amidst the shifting sands, and a light in the darkness; help us receive thy gift of peace, and fix our hearts where true joys are to be found. We especially commend this nation to thy merciful care, that being guided by thy Providence, we may dwell secure in thy peace. Grant to The President of the United States, the Governor of our state and to all in civil authority, wisdom and strength to know and to do thy will. Fill them with the love of truth and righteousness; and make them ever mindful of their calling to serve this people in thy fear; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church.

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, who by Thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men; We humbly beseech thee most mercifully to accept our [*alms and*] oblations, and to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto Thy Divine Majesty; beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord: And grant that all those who do confess Thy holy Name may agree in the truth of Thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Especially **The Russian Orthodox Church**

Diocese of Missouri Valley **Good Shepherd, Plymouth, MI**

St. Dunstan, St. Louis Park, MN

St. John, Kansas City, MO

St Barnabas, Omaha, NE

Lakota Missions, Kyle, SD

TAC **Church of Ireland (Traditional Rite)**

ALL Religious Orders...Especially

The Order of St. Augustine

St. Benedict's Abbey

WE beseech thee also, so to direct and dispose the hearts of all Christian Rulers, that they may truly and impartially administer justice, to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of Thy true religion, and virtue. Especially

George, our President

Rick, our Governor

Barack, Joe, & all elected for County, State & National Offices

The Legislatures and Courts of our land.

GIVE grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops and other Ministers, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth Thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer Thy holy Sacraments. Especially

Stephen, Missouri Valley

Louis, Anglican Church in America

John, Traditional Anglican Communion

John-David of San Joachin

Robert of Pittsburgh

Bartholomew of Constantinople

Jack of Fort Worth

James of Dallas

Ignatius of Antioch

Rowan of Canterbury

Benedict of Rome

AND to all Thy People give Thy heavenly grace; and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear, and receive Thy holy Word; truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life. Especially

James Smith Family

Scott Smith Family

Britton & Margaret Tarrance

Linda Underhill

Josh, Tiffany & Annika Wheeler

Jeff Warford & Family

Sherry Webb

Tommie Andrews

Don Cook

Those in the Military

John

AJ

Richard

Jerry+

Bill

Courtney

Tracey Sue

Samantha

Lauren

Sharon

Tim

Robert

TJ

Charlie

Simone

Jared

Ralph

Dallas

Joe

Jerry L.

Justin

Our troops in harms way, their leaders and their families.

AND we most humbly beseech thee, of Thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. Especially

Rialann

Ann & Marshall

John

Anne

Valerie

Chuck & Sr. Mary Anne

Fr. Richard & Marsha

Fr. Mack

Joseph

Ed & Margaret

Caitlyn & Aiden

Katy

Vern

Jenny

Melvin

Miriam & Family

Frances

Sr. Emily Ann

Kris

Pam

Luke

Walter

Diana, Don, Ann

The Jerry Irvin family

Nola Robertson & family

The HOWARD Family

Linda & Family

Fr. Vincent & Fr. Joseph

Sr. Mary Michael

Elizabeth

Galen & Michelle

Vicki Haimes

Karen

Sandy & Family

Alecia & Family

Loraine

Shirley Anne

The Holt Family

Camille & James

Fr. Walter Wilson

Gladys

AND we also bless Thy holy Name for all Thy servants departed this life in Thy faith and fear; beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in Thy love and service, and to give us grace so to follow their good examples, that with them we may be partakers of Thy heavenly kingdom.

Especially **Jane McMonigal**

Wilfred Armstrong

Illeana Haeliger

Richard Doty

Norean Clanton

Harvey Muehl

David Thompson

+Alexis of Moscow

Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen*

Epiphany 1, January 11, 2009

8 am Low Mass

Noon Book of Common Prayer HOLY COMMUNION

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY	BCP 109
THE COLLECT FOR EPIPHANY	BCP 107
THE EPISTLE Romans 12:1	BCP 110
THE GOSPEL St Matthew 2:41	BCP 110

10 am MORNING PRAYER

Antiphon: The Lord hath manifested | forth his glory;

* O come, let | us **adore** him

Psalm: 92 93 BCP 455

Lesson: Proverbs 8:22-35

Canticle: Benedictus es

SUNG MASS

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 343 (Caithness)

Praise to the Holiest in the Height

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SEQUENCE HYMN 346 (St. Elisabeth) *Fairest Lord Jesus*

Visitors please place a visitor card in the offering plate.

We are pleased and blessed you are worshipping with us!

OFFERTORY HYMN 117 (Pleading Saviour)

Sing of Mary Pure and Holy

COMMUNION HYMNS 348 (Eudoxia) *Jesus Gentle Savior*

RECESSIONAL HYMN 361 (St. James) *Thou Art the Way*

~~~~~NEXT SUNDAY'S HYMNS~~~~~

PRO # 367 (Laudes Domini) When Morning Gilds the Sky

SEQ # 361 (St. James) Thou Art the Way

OFF # 545 (Woodbird) Hail to the Lord's Anointed

COM # 211 (Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring)

Come with Us O Blessed Jesus

REC # 366 (Engelberg) All Praise to Thee



**MONDAY FEBRUARY 2nd
CANDLEMAS 6:30 pm
Procession and
Solemn Mass
High Tea following**

The Proclamation of the Date of Easter on Epiphany

¶ *The Proclamation of the Date of Easter on Epiphany dates from a time when calendars were not readily available. It was necessary to make known the date of Easter in advance, since many celebrations of the liturgical year depend on its date.*

Dear brothers and sisters, the glory of the Lord has shone upon us, and shall ever be manifest among us, until the day of his return. Through the rhythms of times and seasons let us celebrate the mysteries of salvation.

Let us recall the year's culmination, the Easter Triduum of the Lord: his last supper, his crucifixion, his burial, and his rising, celebrated between the evening of the 9th of April and the morning of the 12th of April. Each Easter - as on each Sunday - the Holy Church makes present the great and saving deed by which Christ has forever conquered sin, and death.

From Easter are reckoned all the days we keep holy. Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, will occur on the 25th of February. The Ascension of the Lord will be commemorated on the 21st of May. Whitsunday, the day of Pentecost, our joyful conclusion of the season of Easter, will be celebrated on the 31st of May. And this year the First Sunday of Advent will be on the 29th of November.

Likewise the pilgrim Church proclaims the Passover of Christ in the feasts of the holy Mother of God, in the feasts of the Apostles and Saints, and in the commemoration of the faithful departed.

To Jesus Christ, who was, who is, and who is to come, Lord of time and history, be endless praise, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**2009 Annual Parish Meeting will begin
immediately following 10 am Morning
Prayer & Sung Mass in Coker Hall,
Sunday, February 1, 2007
followed by BCP Communion Service**