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- Local Churches: Visit from Fr. Callard, Nursing Home Ministry, New Baby
- Messages: New Year Resolution, Worship, Pioneers

### New Patriarch to be Announced • Fr. David Klampert • St. Michael's, Middletown, RI

A special meeting of the College of Arch Bishops will be held Jan 9-11 in Orlando, Florida, to elect the next Patriarch of the ICCEC. The results of this decision will be posted on the [cechome.com](http://cechome.com) site.

#### Collect for the Raising Up of a Patriarch

*O Lord our God and Father, who resists the proud and gives grace to the humble, we ask you to raise up a servant to be the Patriarch of the International Communion of the Charismatic Episcopal Church. Make him to be an imitator of your Son our Savior Jesus*

*Christ, the true Shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep. Make him to be a leader of the blind, a light to those who are in darkness, a reprover of the unwise, a teacher of the young, a lamp to the world. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns one God, forever and ever. Amen. ■*

### Uganda Ministry • Updated from [www.idacec.org](http://www.idacec.org)

After the African House of Bishops in Nairobi, Archbishop Charles Jones and Father Scott Howard flew to Uganda to visit churches throughout eastern Uganda. Bishop Samuel Lubogo escorted them throughout their visits and Bishop Francis Gogo joined them when they visited churches in his diocese.

In seven days they visited 16 churches and prayed for thousands of people. Many of these churches were far in the bush and required long trips on practically impassible roads. As we road with the bishops and various clergy, we heard how these churches had been planted by dedicated clergy visiting these areas by bicycle or on foot.

Archbishop Jones encouraged the believers through the Word, he emphasized the unique calling of the ICCEC in the move of God today, and he prayed for healing. At each church there



Abp. Charles Jones and Fr. Scott Howard in Uganda

were immediate signs of God's work as people testified to being healed. We heard sometimes days later reports of healings that had take place.

At every church groups of all ages performed praise and worship songs in their own musical forms. At most churches there would be at least one song written for the

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## Letter from the Editor • Joann Maciejewski



Alena Morgan, me, and Steven Burkman at last year's All Saints Laudate (Gingerbread) House Party.

Merry New Year!

That's what we like to say in our family, for some reason.

I hope that you have all had a great December. We look forward to seeing pictures and hearing reports of the services, balls, and festivities next month. We at All Saints have had a busy, but very good, month.

We have some interesting pieces in the Current this month, including an announcement on the

Patriarch election, an update on Abp. Jones' visit to Uganda, a letter from Bp. Yuhanna in Pakistan, and news on CEC Communications.

St. Paul's has been doing a great ministry each year, and you'll find that detailed here along with some pictures of the St. Paul's crew.

Deacon Dick Henning has written about a website where we can all contribute to hunger without having to open our own wallet. That works!

Welcome to one of our new writers, John McIntosh of St. Michael's, who has his first piece in the Current this month on Worship.

And a big welcome to Caleb Morgan, who arrived safe and sound at the beginning of December.

We also have a great closing word from Fr. Mark Miller on pioneers.

Merry New Year to you all!  
Joann ■

## A Note from Bishop Yuhanna

Dear Brethern in Christ,

The last few years in my life are very rough and discouraging but thank to your support and prayers. And through the grace of Jesus the Lord, I am surviving and protected.

On Dec. 16,2007, Third Sunday of Advent, we consecrated a small chapel in Wah, located near the historical city of Texila, where 2000 years ago St. Thomas the apostle came on the invitation of a buddhist king to build a palace for him. This way he entered into the sub-continent

of India and then he went to the other part of India. Before Christ this city was the home of the ancient cultures and center of the Indus civilizations. This is a small chapel but we believe that this is the mustard seed. The name was given it the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist but we call it St. John's Cathedral also. This is the first chapel of ICCEC in Pakistan.

On Dec. 16,2007 the same day we had also ordination ceremony of a deacon and commissioned 4 lay ministers. This was the powerful and healing time for me and the

church over here. I am still busy with the Christmas programs. We are going through a great experience of God's protection over us. So many life threatening things are happening around us but we believe He is saving us. Every day is with new life Praise the Lord. Our beloved country is going through the crucial period. We are grateful to all of you who keep us in your prayers.

We wish you a Merry Christmas and Joyous New year.

+Bishop & Mariam Yuhanna

P.S. We appreciate all of your support for the church building and the things e.g. we need the bishop chair, chairs for the priests and people, tabernacle etc. Your small gift for our chapel will be appreciated. If you like to support us financially Please send the check on the name of Church of St. Peter the Fisherman, designated for the St. John's Cathedral or +Yuhanna's needs.

The address is:  
Church of St.Peter, the Fisherman,  
314 S.Carolina Ave.  
Wilmington,NC 28401■

## A New Year Resolution • Dcn. Dick Henning • Holy Trinity, Meridian, ID

Another year and another chance to make a New Year's Resolution that, if you're like me, you will eventually not keep. "The spirit is willing but the flesh is weak." (Matthew 14:38) Most New Year Resolutions, (I'll not eat chocolate, I'll give up smoking or I'll go on a diet, etc.) are about us. Maybe that is why we eventually end up not keeping them.

I would like to suggest a New Year's Resolution that: helps others, makes the giver feel good, is easy to do, has a reminder that pops up on your computer each day, takes very little time, costs only our time

and fits who we are as members of the Charismatic Episcopal Church.

Who among us would pass up the opportunity to:

1. Provide a free cup of food each day to some hungry person?
2. Help provide funds for free mammograms to women in need?
3. Help a child in need get health care?
4. Provide free books to a Literacy Program?
5. Help save the Rainforest?
6. Help feed, care for and rescue animals?

Well, we can do all of these things each day and all we need to do is logon to [http://](http://www.thehungersite.com/tpc/ERH_120407_THS)

[www.thehungersite.com/tpc/ERH\\_120407\\_THS](http://www.thehungersite.com/tpc/ERH_120407_THS) and with six clicks of our mouse we can feed the hungry, be good stewards of the environment and assist the needy of our world. And 100% of the sponsor's money goes to charity.

The Hunger Site was founded to focus the power of the Internet on a specific humanitarian need: the eradication of world hunger. Since its launch in June 1999, the site has established itself as a leader in online activism, helping to feed the world's hungry. On average, over 220,000 individuals from around the world visit the site

each day to click the yellow "Click Here to Give - it's FREE" button. To date, more than 200 million visitors have given more than 300 million cups of staple food.

We are a blessed people and the Gospel calls to share those blessings. I invite each of you to join me in this 2008 New Year's Resolution. Please logon to [http://www.thehungersite.com/tpc/ERH\\_120407\\_THS](http://www.thehungersite.com/tpc/ERH_120407_THS) to learn more about the Hunger Site and how easy it is to assist our brothers and sisters in Christ. ■

## New CECHome Website • Joann Maciejewski • All Saints, Santa Clarita, CA

Exciting improvements are happening in CEC communications. If you have looked at “cechome.com” recently, you will notice a completely new site look and feel.

Fr. Greg Ortiz and Joel Klampert have designed a new site, free to all users, with updates on CEC news and information.

The new site has great design. Joel was the developer of the new CEC logo, and his cecworship.com site has always got an exciting, fresh look to it.

The site also has a number of things that will be helpful to all: news, a church directory listing, calendar, logo information, and CEC links (to the IDA, cecworship, a Facebook group, blogs, etc.). A clergy reporting system that was demonstrated

to us by Fr. Jim Younce at the November clergy retreat looks to be going live soon.

Here is a note from the administrators of the site:

*“We just wanted to thank everybody for the overwhelming success that this site has become already. The amount of traffic to it is not only astounding, but very exciting. The site is and will be continually updated with content, resources, and graphics. There will be more to come in other areas of social networking for the CEC as well.*

*A few things to mention:*

*Because things are new there will be bugs and information that will need to be tweaked. An example of this is the church directory. This list is database driven and is continually being worked on. If*

*any inconsistencies, incorrect info, or additions are found please email us at news@cechome.com so we can research it and correct it. If your church has a website or blog let us know so we can include them in the directory. Please inform us also of your worship director and youth director so they can be added as well. The more info included the better we can network the churches. Our goal is to have accurate and up to date information and help from local churches is greatly appreciated.*

*Make sure you check back often and look at the different pages of information. As time goes by more and more resources for churches will be available. This is not just a news site. It is CEC news, articles, resources, and*



networking. If you have anything that you think may be of interest please email it to us for review. Click the submit page in the sidebar for info.

Thanks again for stopping by and being a part of this new endeavor.

CEC Communications Team”

Congratulations to the Communications team, the site is up and running with a bang! Take a look at the new stuff at www.cechome.com. ■

## Uganda Ministry • continued



occasion that said something like, “We are so thankful that you came, we did not think you would, but you did! We praise God for bringing our Archbishop!”



## Ministries from San Clemente, Southwest, Northwest, Hawaii, and American Pacific

| Church/Ministry                   | Location          | Rector                       | Website   |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|---|
| Cathedral Church of Saint Michael | San Clemente, CA  | Bp. Douglas Kessler          | stmichaels.livejournal.com<br>cechome.com           |
| All Saints                        | Santa Clarita, CA | Fr. Rich Maciejewski         | allsaints-cec.org                                   |
| Christ Church                     | Palm Springs, CA  | Fr. Vincent McMorrow-Purcell |   |
| Christ the Victor                 | Puyallup, WA      | Fr. Joe Ramos                | ctvcec.org  |
| Church of the Advent              | Oceanside, CA     | Canon Gary Heniser           | adventcec.com                                       |
| Church of the Resurrection        | Hemet, CA         | Fr. Mark Miller              | http://mysite.verizon.net/res7fgz9/resurrectioncec/ |
| Church of the Risen Lord          | Honolulu, HI      | Fr. Bill Xenos               | cechawaii.org                                       |
| Fr. David Conroy                  | Pendleton, OR     | Fr. David Conroy             |   |
| Holy Cross Community Church       | Cornelius, OR     | Fr. Jim Wright               | holycrosscommunitychurch.com                        |
| Holy Trinity Church               | Meridian, ID      | Fr. Mark Finley              | holyltrinitycec.com                                 |
| St. Aidan's Mission               | Antioch, CA       | Fr. Aidan Jerry Hix          |   |
| St. David's                       | San Raphael, CA   | Canon Craig Isaacs           | None currently                                      |
| St. Francis                       | Victorville, CA   | Fr. Robert Reed              | Stfrancis-cec.org                                   |
| St. John's                        | Yucca Valley, CA  | Fr. Aaron Appleby            | None currently                                      |
| St. Martin of Tours               | Las Vegas, NV     | Fr. Charles Coleman          |   |
| St. Paul's                        | Henderson, NV     | Fr. David Hoff               | stpaulcec.org                                       |
| St. Peter's                       | Palos Verdes, CA  | Fr. Wayne Coombs             | stpeters9@aol.com                                   |

**A Visit to Gaye Haven Nursing Home • Dcn. Clayton Copsey • St. Paul's, Henderson, NV**



St. Paul's carolers

On December 10th, members of St. Paul's in Henderson, Nevada, caravanned to the north east end of the valley, dressed in Christmas garb and Santa hats. We were headed for the Gaye Haven Nursing Home where 20 residents reside and were eagerly awaiting our visit and a joyful time of singing Christmas Carols.

We were joined by Santa, who had a warm hug and small gift bag for each of the residents. Those who remained in their rooms also received a warm visit from Santa.

On Christmas morning, all 20 residents will receive a large gift bag with a specially requested item and other small gifts. The smiles on their faces and the sparkle in their eyes is such a Blessing to all.

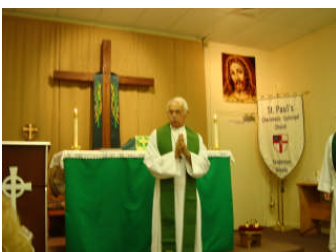
Deacon Clayton and Lay Minister Jack have been going to Gaye Haven for over 11 years to hold weekly Evening Prayer services. Christmas gift bags and holiday place mats are also a part of their ministry.

When Deacon Clayton and Jack joined St. Paul's, the church has continued with their generous support of this ministry. ■



Fr. David Hoff is in the snowman hat. Left, is Father Jerry & Clara Meixner. Santa Claus, portrayed by high school senior, Oscar Gomez, went room to room wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and giving them a present.

**Fr. John and Trish Callard • Dcn. Clayton Copsey • St. Paul's, Henderson, NV**



Fr. John Callard at St. Paul's

Fr. John Callard and his wife Trish drove up to Las Vegas from their home in Kino Bay, Mexico, for a nice Thanksgiving visit with family and friends, but God had other plans.

During a routine doctor's visit

it was discovered that Fr. John had papillary thyroid cancer.

On Friday, November 30th, a thyroidectomy was performed which removed his thyroid and most of the cancer. A radioactive iodine treatment

requiring a week of isolation is next, to kill any remaining cancer.

Please keep Fr. John and his wife Trish in your prayers. ■

## Momentary Icons in the Momentum of Worship • John McIntosh • St. Michael's, San Clemente, CA



What does an electric bass, piano, drum, congas, electric guitar, flute and a couple of voices have to do with that Icon that hangs on our church wall?

The worship team has recently had three amazing leaders: Chris Boyle, Thomas Batterton & Kim Scoggins. This has been an interesting year full of changes for the worship team. We have had several different anointed and gifted people leading St. Michaels in Worship. Chris Boyle who has done an incredible job directing the worship for a number of years decided to take a much needed break. I miss Chris and the anointed worship we all experienced under his ministry. I will delight in the day that I see him leading worship again. Thomas from the Church of the Advent in Oceanside stepped up to the plate and did a great job. Thomas not only has the ability to lead the worship team but also writes worship songs. As he grows in his "wings of worship" he will lift many to the throne room of our Lord through the gifts God has put within

him. Last but not least, Kim Scoggins left behind the desert of Arizona and has returned to lush San Clemente for the last several weeks. I marvel at the healing that flows out from her music as she puts her heart and soul in worship. God has brought her back to St. Michaels "for such a time as this" and guided her choice of music. Through her the Spirit has refreshed us at our roots and reminded us that He can deliver us from any desert. He is our Deliverer.

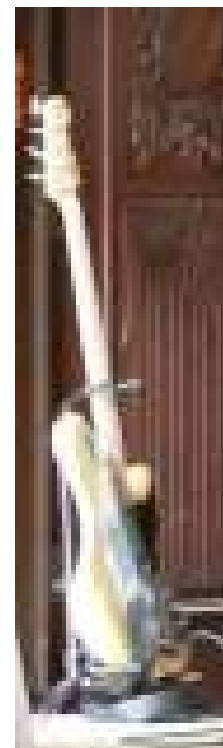
It is a privilege to worship with gifted ones such as these. In the extraordinary event that we gotten so used to that we just call it worship with a small "w", something beyond to scope of this physical world actually happens. God inhabits the praises of His people. He humbles Himself to hear our praise and graces us with His presence. As we WORSHIP we are moved into the presence of the Almighty God of the universe. The WORSHIP team and its leaders, not by their own power but through their surrender to the process of WORSHIPING, have become Momentary Icons in the Momentum of WORSHIP, leading us to the Throne. The WORSHIPERS are going before the army filling the temple with the incense of their music. You may wonder about my saying it that way. But if Jesus himself can said that the least in the

Kingdom of God is greater than the last and greatest man of the Old Testament, John the Baptist, what could he have meant? If this mighty God did not hesitate to give us His own Son and with Him also gave us His own Uncreated Holy Spirit to live within us, both individually and collectively in His church, do you think that He might also use some of us as Momentary Icons to help us as we together "turn our Hearts towards God." For me that is a smaller matter the larger is the experience of having the uncreated Holy Spirit of God living in my flesh... and in my church. When we WORSHIP we have in some sense left the limitations of this world and entered into another. We might even start feeling the presence of angels and archangels and all the company of God... because that is the chorus we have joined in with... the instruments piano, bass, drums, etc. and the voices are transport vehicles, an anointed means to an end, an Icon if you will. In this case, living momentary Icons. That end as it were, is the beginning of heavenly WORSHIP, the WORSHIP where we touch the shores of the kingdom of the God who comes to be with us...

If the idea of being anointed and becoming a Momentary Icon in the Momentum of WORSHIP appeals to you, talk to your worship leader about it. Live it out in the flesh, through



the words of your mouth. It's not hard and if you watch carefully there is a glory about it... Because the all glorious One waits to come to fill His temple...He comes through our WORSHIP. ■



## A New Baby • Diane Thomas • All Saints, Santa Clarita, CA



Alena and Caleb Morgan

Deacon Joshua and Alena Morgan are the proud parents of a new baby boy, Caleb James Morgan.

Caleb was born Dec 6, 2007, weighing 7lbs 2.8 oz, and measuring 20 inches long.

Congratulations to Alena, Deacon Joshua, and big brother Noah!



Caleb, brother Noah, and Deacon Joshua Morgan



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## **Pioneers are Close to the Lord's Heart • Fr. Mark Miller • Church of the Resurrection, San Jacinto, CA**

I have always been intrigued by the pioneer spirit. In our own country those who traveled west to a land uncivilized and untried were visionaries. They had dreams of being able to be part of something new, establishing, developing land and forming new communities. They could have remained in their already settled communities and lived very honorable lives, but something moved them to go beyond their comfort zones to risk all they had for the dream.

Many "dangers and toils" awaited them. Indians, bandits, wild life, weather, crossing rivers, disease, strife, misunderstanding, mistakes in judgment, double cross, communication, relational problems, quitters, greed, jealousy, gossip, loneliness, lack of water and dwindling supplies, to name a few. Pioneers also knew that they may not be able to see many of

the benefits of their labors prior to their passing from this life. Yet, they continued the journey. Historians say those that hung together and had each others' back were the ones who developed the strongest communities. Ghost towns developed when people took their eye off the prize or became disillusioned by disappointments and lost the vision. They had failed to see beyond themselves and the subsequent generations.

It has been said that the difference between an ideal and a value is that a value is an ideal where the price has been paid. The proverbs state "without a vision people perish" Proverbs 29:18. One could easily add without steadfastness and persistence the vision fades, thus the people also perish. St. Paul, a great pioneer in the first century church, put it this way, "Therefore, my beloved

brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord." 1 Corinthians 15:58.

The words of Paul ring very true for us today in the International Communion of the Charismatic Episcopal Church. We have made mistakes. We will make more mistakes. We have fallen into traps, we have weathered storms, we have sinned, we have sometimes communicated poorly. We are learning, our leadership is learning. It is our humble prayer that the amendments and changes, together with the promises of God and faithful tilling of the foundational ground, will abound to great fruit in Christ, not only in tremendous things we have already seen to the glory of God, but more so and with greater clarity in the subsequent generations!!

I can not improve on the

words that do not fail, whereas men fail, the Word of God does not. Borrowing again from that great apostle and pioneer Paul, "And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we faint not." Galatians. 6:9. Another great verse from Paul says it all, "Glory to God, whose power working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine, Glory to Him from generation to generation, in Christ Jesus for ever and ever."

Amen!! Let's keep our eye on the prize, my fellow pioneers. We will reap if we "faint not."

I stream, you stream, we all stream in the three streams, from generation to generation. Keep the vision, beloved. There will never be another first generation of the CEC.

"Through many dangers and toils and snares we have already come."

Amen and Amen!! ■