

ST. OLAVE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH
Rector: The Rev'd Robert Mitchell
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Announcements for January 26, 2020

TODAY AT ST. OLAVE'S

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are the gift of John and Martha Drake, to the Glory of God, in thanksgiving for the Ordination of Alexandra Pohlod.

COFFEE HOUR: Visitors and parishioners, please join us downstairs after the 10:30 a.m. service for fellowship and light refreshments. Thank you to Jon Ingall and Siobhan Carmichael for hosting this morning's coffee hour.

REV'D ALEXANDRA'S ORDINATION: Today at 4:00 p.m.

We are delighted that the College of Bishops of the Diocese of Toronto has unanimously concurred with the ordination of Alexandra Pohlod to the priesthood. As a priest, Alexandra will be able to celebrate Holy Communion and officiate at the other sacraments and rites of the Anglican Church. It is still expected that she will complete 2 full years with us as our Curate. She will be ordained by **The Bishop of Toronto, the Rt Revd Andrew Asbil**, here at St. Olave's **this afternoon at 4:00 p.m.** Congratulations Alexandra!

THIS WEEK AT ST. OLAVE'S

REV'D ALEXANDRA'S FIRST SERVICES AS A PRIEST: Following her ordination to the priesthood this afternoon, Alexandra will be celebrating three services of Holy Communion throughout the week following, as per tradition for newly ordained priests. On **Tuesday, January 28, at 9:30 a.m.** (for the Holy Spirit), on **Wednesday, January 29, at 11:15 a.m.** (for the Virgin Mary), and on Thursday, **January 30, at 9:30 a.m.** (for the Faithful Departed). These are brief, said services of Holy Communion and all are welcome to attend. If you are free at any of these times, consider coming out to support her as she begins her new life as a priest!

CHAIR YOGA WITH DARLENE HEWITT: For people of all ages with various levels of physical limitations. Mondays at 10:00 a.m. in the Ethel Brown Room. Durations: 1 hour. Cost: \$10 per class; 1-month trail \$30; 12-week package: \$90. For more information, contact Darlene at 416-357-3934.

ADVISORY BOARD MEETING: Tuesday January 28 at 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY: Join us on Wednesday for Bible Study in the Ethel Brown Room. We meet every Wednesday at 10 a.m. Holy Communion in the Chapel follows at 11:15 am.

SERVICES THIS WEEK:

Tuesday January 28	8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer 9:30 a.m. Holy Communion – <i>Holy Spirit</i> 4:30 p.m. Evening Prayer
Wednesday January 29	8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer 11:15 a.m. Holy Communion – <i>Blessed Virgin Mary</i> 4:30 p.m. Evening Prayer
Thursday January 30	8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer 9:30 a.m. Holy Communion – <i>Requiem</i> 4:30 p.m. Evening Prayer <i>Charles Stuart, King and Martyr</i>
Friday January 31	8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer 12:00 noon ORA 4:30 p.m. Evening Prayer 8:00 p.m. Compline
Sunday February 2	8:30 a.m. Holy Communion 10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer 10:30 a.m. Holy Communion <i>Presentation of Christ in the Temple</i> <i>(Commonly called Candlemas)</i>

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR: Parishioners are encouraged to donate altar flowers **throughout the year**. It can be a meaningful way to remember someone who has died or to give thanks to God for a special anniversary or blessing in your life. A notice will be placed in the bulletin on that day. You may donate funds or purchase flowers yourself. Please contact the office to arrange a date, a minimum of two weeks in advance. Purchased flowers should be dropped off no later than Sunday morning by 9:30 am, or through mutually convenient arrangement. **Sunday February 9 (including Evensong at 4:00 p.m.); Sunday February 16; and Sunday February 26 (Thinking Day).**

PRAYER READING GROUP: **Friday January 31** Rev'd Alexandra will be leading a monthly reading group with a focus on prayer. The group will meet in the Ethel Brown Room from 6:30 - 8 pm for reading, discussion, and Compline. For more information or to receive emails about the group, please contact Alexandra at curate@stolaves.ca or by telephone at 416-769-5686 ext. 3

JUNIOR CHURCH SKATING PARTY: Saturday February 1 at Rennie Park from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. For more information, please contact Martha Riddell children@stolaves.ca

CANDLEMAS, Sunday, February 2 (or the Presentation of Christ in the Temple, BCP p. 266) marks the end of the Christmas/Epiphany season. Christmas Day and The Presentation are the bookends to a forty-day celebration of the incarnation of the Light of the World, Jesus Christ. St John's declaration on Christmas morning that the Light that "shineth in the darkness," has come into the world (BCP p. 106), is affirmed forty days later by Simeon's proclamation: "For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, And to be the glory of thy people Israel (BCP p. 22). The service for this day includes the blessing of candles, which is why this feast day is also known as Candlemas. Candles are poignant symbols of Christ light that help us through the darkest days of the year. At St Olave's, we will be blessing the candles to be used by the church throughout the upcoming year. **Parishioners are also invited and encouraged to bring candles from home to be blessed at the same time.** These candles can then be returned to your home and will burn as symbols of Christ's presence where you live. Join us for this special service on February 2, at both 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

PILGRIMS GROUP: Wednesday February 5 at 2:00 p.m.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING: Wednesday February 5 at 7:00 p.m.

THE VIENNESE SCHOOL: Sunday February 9 Choral Evensong for the Queen's Accession at 4 p.m. with **Schola Ecclesiam**. Followed by Royal Festive Tea, during which the choir's director **Clement Carelse** presents an illustrated feature on what we now call the **First Viennese School** of composers, which includes Beethoven, Haydn, Mozart and Schubert. This marks the start of Beethoven's 250th anniversary year.

ACW EXECUTIVE MEETING: Tuesday February 18 at 10:30 a.m.

MARY & MARTHA GROUP: Tuesday February 18 at 1:30 p.m.

ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING: Friday February 21.

Evening Prayer at 6:00 p.m. followed by light supper. Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Annual Vestry Reports due by **Tuesday February 11.**

THINKING DAY SERVICE AND ANNUAL PANCAKE LUNCHEON:

Sunday February 23 at 10:30 a.m. (Luncheon at 12:00 noon.)

ASH WEDNESDAY: February 26 – Service of Holy Communion at 7 p.m.

2020 DUPLEX ENVELOPES ARE IN! Please pick up your assigned envelopes from the back pew. Don't have a number? There are several unassigned numbers. Please email our Envelope Secretary Doug Hewitt at envelopesecretary@stolaves.ca to let him know the number you have chosen. Or, why not sign-up with our Pre-Authorized Giving program and never miss a week! Simply fill out a PAG form on the table in the Narthex and contact Doug, he'll get you started!

ONLINE GIVING AT ST. OLAVE'S: We have recently enrolled in a stewardship program called tithe.ly which manages online giving for more than 12,000 churches in North America. Go to stolaves.ca/giveonline to make your gift to our general fund, our Second Century Mission Fund or our maintenance fund. **You do not need to sign in or create an account to make a donation.** You can also download the tithe.ly app for your phone and give-on-the-go. You will be prompted to set up an account for your first gift, but once you're set up, it's easy to make donations whenever or wherever you like!

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