7.15 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION Colour: WHITE

Theme: FOLLOWING IN THE PATH OF

HIS LIGHT

Celebrant: Revd. Canon Kunle Dina

Stewards on Duty: Group D

- 1. Opening Hymn: A&MRW 93 (Church Triumphant)
- 2. Introductory Sentence: The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned." Isaiah 9: 2
- 3. The Preparation (Page 170)
- 4. Collect for Purity (Page 171)
- 5. Summary of the Law (Page 172)
- 6. Words of Comfort (Page 175)
- 7. Confession to Collect (Pages 175-176)
- 8. Collect: Almighty God, You have given us Your only begotten Son to take our nature upon Him and to be born of a pure Virgin; grant that we, who have been born again and made Your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by Your Holy Spirit, through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the same Spirit one God, now and forever. Amen.
- 9. Epistle: I John 1: 1-7 Mr. Gabriel Ogolo
- 10. Gradual Hymn: A&MRW 384 (Ellacombe)
- 11. Gospel: John 12: 35-46 Revd. Canon Kunle Dina
- 12. Address: Ven Henry Adelegan
- **13. Creed:** (Page 178)
- 14. Intercession:(Pages 183-184) Miss Alero Ogunbayo
- **15. Offertory Sentence:** "Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim you, who walk in the light of your presence, LORD" Psalm 89: 15
- 16. Offertory Hymn: A&MRW 741 (Londonderry Air)

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- 17. Preparation of Gifts to Eucharistic Prayer (Pages 187-190)
- 18. Breaking of Bread to Anthem: (Pages 190 -193)
- 19. Prayer of Humble Access: (Pages 193 -194)
- 20. Communion Sentence: "When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, 'I am the light of the world, Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life" John 8:12
- 21. Hymns during Administration:

(ii) A&	MRW	445	(Everton)
(iil) A&	MRW	453	(St. Helen)
(iv) A&	MRW	639	(Give Thanks)
(v) A&	MRW	452	(Picardy)
(vi) A&	MRW	471	(Tune A&MRW 506 - Aurelia)
(vii) A&N	ИRW	712	(Living Lord)
(viii) A&	MRW 436	(Tune A	&MRW 231 - Regent Square)

- 22. Post Communion Hymn: A&MRW 101 (Tune A&MRW 698 -
 - Gwalchmai)
- 23. Post Communion Sentence: God of glory, you nourish us with your Word who is the bread of life fill us with your Holy Spirit that through us the light of your glory may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
- 24. The Lord's Prayer to Thanksgiving Prayer (Pages 195-196)
- 25. Thanksgiving at the Altar
 - Mr. Olasupo Shasore, SAN Thanking God for His Mercy and Goodness A&MRW 650
 - Mrs. Mosun Fayemi Thanking God for His Mercy and Goodness A&MRS 753
- 26. Notices:
- 27. Spiritual Tonic: Isaiah 45: 2&3
- 28 Benediction to Dismissal: (Page 196)
- 29. Withdrawal Hymn: A&MRW 744 (Tune MHB 450 Edgeware)

At the Organ: Mr. Jola Adeosun

9.15 A.M. CHORAL MATTINS

Cantor: Ven. Uchenna Ubadinobi Responses: Richard Ayleward in E Flat

Theme: FOLLOWING IN THE PATH OF HIS LIGHT

1. Processional Hymn: A&MRW 676 (St. Denio)

2. Opening Sentence: The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned." Isaiah 9: 2

2. Call to Worship:

- 3. Confession and Absolution
- Venite: ASB 120 William Hawes in E Flat
 Psalm: 132 ASB 230 Frederick A. G. Ouseley in A Flat
- 6. 1st Lesson: Isaiah 7: 10-17 Dr. (Mrs) Funmilayo Doherty
- 7. Benedictus: ASB130 Charles L. Naylor in A

Flat

8. 2nd Lesson: I John 1: 1-7 Mrs. Titi Olaomo-

Olaoye

- 9. Te Deum: ASB 30,34,38 (Set D)
- 10. Creed to 3rd Collect
- 11. Anthem: Lo! Star-led Chiefs William Crotch

Lo! Star-led chiefs Assyrian odours bring, and bending Magi seek their infant King! Mark'd ye, where hov'ring o'er His Head, o'er His radiant head. The dove's white wings celestial glory shed?

From the Oratorio: Palestine

Words: Reginald Heber

Music: William Crotch

- 12. Hymn before Sermon: A&MRW 112 (Tune A&MRW 462 Anima Christi)
- 13. Sermon: Canon Residentiary
- 14. Intercession:
- 15. Hymn for Offering: A&MRW 94 (Dix)
- 16. Thanksgiving at the Altar:
- 17. Notices:
- 18. Spiritual Tonic: Isaiah 45: 2&3
- 19. Conclusion to Benediction
- 20. Final Amen: Richard Ayleward in E Flat
 21. Withdrawal Hymn: A&MRW 746 (St. Anne)
 At the Organ: Mr. 'Jola Adeosun

At the Organ: Mr. 'Jola Adeosun Choral Conductor: Mr. 'Jimi Olumuyiwa

9.15 A.M. CHILDREN'S CHURCH/SUNDAY SCHOOL

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
TO RESUME ON 14TH JANUARY, 2024
WISHING ALL CHILDREN
MERRY CHRISTMAS AND
HAPPY NEW YEAR

11.15 A.M. SUNG EUCHARIST

Theme: FOLLOWING IN THE PATH OF HIS LIGHT

Celebrant: The Provost

Communion Setting: Arthur Somervell in F

- 1. Hymn: A&MRW 359 (Redland)
- 2. Introit: A Babe Is Born I wys F. Bainton
 - 1. A babe is born I wys, This world to joy and bliss,

His joy shall never fade and miss,

And Jesus is his name,

And Jesus is his name.

2. On Christmas Day at morn,

This little child was born

To save us all that were forlorn,

And Jesus is his name.

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- 22. Hymns during Administration:
 - (i) A&MRW 452 (Picardy)
 - (ii) A&MRW 453 (St. Helen)
 - (iii) A&MRW 445 (Everton)
 - (iv) A&MRW 436 (Tune A&MRW 231 Regent Square)
 - (v) A&MRW 471 (Tune A&MRW 506 Aurelia)
 - (vi) A&MRW 676 (St. Denio)
 - (vii) A&MRW 712 (Living Lord)
- 23. Post Communion Hymn: A&MRW 101 (Tune A&MRW 698
 - Gwalchmai)
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- 30. Final Amen: Arthur Somervell in F
- 31. Withdrawal Hymn: A&MRW 744 (Tune: MHB 450 Edgeware)

At the Organ: Mr. Princewill Ubani Choral Conductor: Mr. 'Jola Adeosun

SUNDAY 31/12/2023 Day 365

New Year's Eve

Bible in a year: Malachi 3,4; Revelation 22

Points for Prayer:

- The Venerable Solomon I.O. Amure, The Synod Secretary, Diocese of Akure and the Assistant Synod Secretaries.
- A prosperous 2024
- The Bishop of the Diocese of Omu-Aran (Kwara, Nigeria)

Birthday Intercession:

Mrs. Adebodun Doyle, Mrs. Hope Abiodun Olaomo, Mr. Akinbodunde Akinola, Mr. Akinbodunrin Akinola, Mrs. Mobolaji Awosika(nee Ore-Dawodu), Mrs. Esther Nwabuzor Ofoneme, Miss Samantha Ademiluyi, Miss Morenike Doherty, Mrs. Subusola Adebanjo, Mrs. Adebisi Bolajoko Thomas, Miss Morenike Oniwinde, Miss Erioluwa Lawal, Miss Chidiogo Christiana Abattan, Mr. Oladapo Fadahunsi, Master Adeoluwa Adetokunbo Odunayo Ojora.

Wedding Anniversary Intercession:

- (i) Mr. & Mrs. Uchenna Nwobodo, 1st Wedding Anniversary
- (ii) Mr & Mrs. John Ikpo, 7th Wedding Anniversary.
- (iii) Mr & Mrs. C.R. Okechukwu
- (iv) Mr & Mrs. O.A. Wey

Memorial Intercession:

- (i) Mrs. Georgina Adeyinka Duggan, CPA, 9 years' mind.
- (ii) Mrs. Dorcas Ibijoke Aisida, 31 years' mind.

Family Intercession:

Families of Rt.Revd. Ifedola, Senasu Gabriel Okupevi, B.A (Hons), M.A, Late Most Revd. Humphrey Bamisebi Olumakaiye,Ph.D,FICT, Most Revd. Dr. Ephraim Adebola Ademowo,Ph.D, FNAL,OON, Most Revd. Dr. Olusegun Okubadejo, Ph.D,FCIPA, FICT,CPA, Very Revd. Adebola Ojofeitimi,Ph.D, Late Very Revd. Samuel Hugh Akinsope Johnson, Late Very Revd. T.A.J. Oluwole,CPA, Late Very Revd. Dr. 'Yinka Omololu,CPA, Revd. Adebayo Adeyemi-Cole, Ven. Godwin Oludotun Otubanjo, Late Ven. Muyiwa Oyewole, Ven. Henry Adelegan, Ven. Uchenna Ubadinobi, Revd. Canon Emmanuel Fadipe, Revd. Canon Kunle Dina, Revd. Olawole Faloye, Revd. Olukayode Oyebode, Revd. Dr. Oluwaseun Adeyemi, Revd. Henry Mooh, Mr. Jide Claudius-Cole, Mr. Olumide Owolabi.

Prayer for Businesses

FCMB Group Plc, Ibot Exclusive Events, Pee Mart Cuisine, Wajufot Services Ltd., Pearce-Dawodu and Co. Printing, Lenox Heights Ltd., Purple Scents Ltd, Quintus Projects Ltd, Favoured One Catering Services, F.O. Fagbohungbe & Co, Come On Naija, Holala Catering, Vegs and Foods Farm, 3D Food Chains Ltd, Bucknor and Grandels Ltd, Joke Stores Nig. Ltd, Capri-Gem Integrated Services Limited, Drinks on Toks, Treadytech9ja IT Solutions

SUNDAY 31/12/2023 - MEETINGS

9.00 a.m. There will be a meeting of The Koinonia.

11.00 a.m. -1.00 p.m. Clinic

CALL ON ANY DOCTOR OR NURSE IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

8.00 p.m. PRAISE AND WORSHIP 10.30 p.m. WATCH NIGHT SERVICE

ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY 01/01/2024 Colour: WHITE Day 01

The Naming and Circumcision of Jesus

Bible in a year: Genesis 1,2; Matthew 1

8.00a.m. Holy Communion 10.00 a.m. Choral Mattins

Points for Prayer

- The Most Revd. Henry Chukwudum Ndukuba, Archbishop, Metropolitan and Primate, Church of Nigeria Anglican Communion.
- The Revd. Kingsley Ufomaefe Oruma.
- 32nd Wedding Anniversary of The Revd. and Mrs. Christian Ajoku.
- The Bishop of the Diocese of La Iglesia Anglican de Mexico

Birthday Intercession:

Mr. David Akinfolarin Adeyeye, Mr. Edwin Wankwai Din, Mrs. Henrietta Morenike Ogbodu(nee Modupe-Davies), Mrs. Sola Phillips, Mr. George Olu Claudius Babalola, Mr. Ebenezer Obiora Lancy Oramadike, Mr. Charles Agama, Mr. Harold Anyanwu, Mr. Akintunde Akinsanya, Mrs. Oluwaseyi Adetutu Ajakaiye, Engr. Olamide Ekisola, Miss Alero Abiodun Martins, Mr. Chukwudi Tochukwu Mefo, Miss Ugochi Mbadiwe, Miss Nneoma Mbadiwe, Mr. Sola Olowu.

Wedding Anniversary Intercession:

Mr & Mrs. S.G. Abimbola, 43rd Wedding Anniversary.

Memorial Intercession:

- (i) Hon. Justice Samuel Oluremilekun Okunribido, 18 years' mind.
- (ii) Mr. Emmanuel Ifeanyichukwu Odina, 24 years' mind.
- (iii) Mr. Akinlaja Akinwunmi Otuyalo, 43 years' mind.

TUESDAY – 02/01/2024 Colour: WHITE Day 02

Bible in a year: Genesis 3,4; Matthew 2

6.45a.m. Holy Communion

Celebrant: Revd. Henry Mooh Epistle: Ephesians 4: 1-16 Gospel: John 6: 1-14

- Points for Prayer
- His Excellency, Bola Ahmed Tinubu, President, Federal Republic of Nigeria.
 36th Wedding Anniversary of Ven. & Mrs. Michael Hunkanrin
- 28th Wedding Anniversary of The Revd. Canon and Mrs. Raphael Oladapomoye Gbenle.
- ❖ Ven Nathaniel Ahavomi Oke
- The Bishop of the Diocese of Ondo, The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion Ondo Province)

Birthday Intercession:

Engr. Gbola Sobande(70), Mrs. Modupe Aleshinloye-Williams, Mrs. Abiodun Olamide Adekoya, Miss Olapeju Onigbogi, Mrs. Mimi Ade-Odiachi, Miss. Aderinsola Ajayi, Miss Omotara Peters, Master Chijindu Stephen Odineka.

Wedding Anniversary Intercession:

Mr & Mrs. Michael Kola Adeoje, 12th Wedding Anniversary.

Memorial Intercession:

- (i) Mrs. Victoria Iyabode Adeniji, 7 years' mind.
- (ii) Miss Yvonne Oluebube Ahuchaogu, 12 years' mind.
- (iii) Mr. Edward Akinwunmi Doherty, 30 years' mind.
- (iv) Pa Jacob Bartholomew Aboaba, 46 years' mind.

6.45 a.m. Altar Call: Family of Late Edward Akinwunmi Doherty, 30 years' mind.

2.00 p.m. 70th Birthday Thanksgiving - Engr. Gbola Sobande

WEDNESDAY - 03/01/2024 Colour: WHITE Day 03

Bible in a year; Genesis 5,6 Matthew 3

6.45 a.m. Holy Communion

Celebrant: The Provost
Epistle: Ephesians 4: 17-37
Gospel: John 6: 15-27

Points for Prayer

- Mrs. Angela Ebere Ndukuba, President, Women's and Girls' Organization, Church of Nigeria.
- ❖ Hon. Justice Adedayo Oyebanji (Diocesan Chancellor
- The Bishop of the Diocese of Ontario (Canada)

Birthday Intercession:

Oloye Olanireti Olabisi Eri-Oluwa Lucas, Mr. Folarin Adewunmi, Mrs. Muriel Adeyeye, Miss Jada Abadere Wadiri, Miss Tolu Ayo-Vaughan, Mr. Akitoye Shodeinde.

❖ Wedding Anniversary

Dr Kehinde & Mrs. Folake Ajayi, 48th Wedding Anniversary.

❖ Memorial Intercession:

- (i) Mr. Ademola Abayomi Odunsi, 3 year's mind
- (ii) Mr. Oladipo Davidson Olumide, 7 years' mind
- (iii) Mr. Ademola Taiwo, 8 years' mind
- (iv) Pa Victor Adegboyega Olubi-Bereke DaCosta,14 years' mind.
- (v) Mrs. Grace Folorunso Olaomo, 23 years' mind,
- (vi) High Chief Omoniyi Gbonegun, 30 years' mind.
- (vii) Mr. Samuel Oladipo Adama Aboyade-Yebovi, 33 years' mind.
- (viii) Mrs. Omobowale Kehinde, 52 years' mind.

5.00 p.m. Bible Study and Prayer Meeting

THURSDAY 04/01/2024 Colour: WHITE Day 04

Bible in a year: Genesis 7,8; Psalm 1,2

6.45 a.m. Holy Communion

Celebrant: Revd. Dr. Oluwaseun Adeyemi

Epistle: Ephesians 5: 1-20 Gospel: John 9: 1-12, 35-38

Points for Prayer

- Mrs. Remi Tinubu, Wife of the President of Nigeria.
 - The Revd. Joseph Onosohwo Okwigbedi.
- ❖ The Bishop of the Diocese of Oregon The Episcoal Church (Province 8).

❖ Birthday Intercession:

Mrs. Ebunoluwa Abiola Taiwo, Mr. Adeyemi Oladele Abe, Miss Uche Nwokoma, Miss Yewande Funmilola Doherty, Mrs. Kofoworola Mobee (nee Laniyan), Ms. Abiodun Abeke, Dr. Mrs. Joan Oluchi Kanma-Okafor, Dr. Olayiwola Olatawura, Mr. Adetokunbo Adeyemi, Mr. Antonio Jason Adegbite Omolaso Adefolu.

6.00 p.m. Fasting and Prayer at home with your family.

FRIDAY - 05/01/2024 Colour: WHITE Day 05

Bible in a year: Genesis 10-11; Matthew 4

6.45 a.m. Celebrant: Canon Residentiary

Epistle: Ephesian 6: 10-20 Gospel: John 11: 17-27, 38-44

Points for Praver

- The Most Revd. Dr. Ali Buba Lamido, Dean Church of Nigeria.
- 10th Wedding Anniversary The Ven. and Mrs. Abiodun Olalekan Popoola.
- The Bishop of the Diocese of Eastern Oregon The Episcopal Church (Province 8)

Birthday Intercession:

Mrs. Fola Olumide(80), Mrs. Stella Modupe Sagoe, Mr. Alexander Olasiji George, Mr. Bodunrin Enitan Adewole, Mr. Olurotimi Adeoye Dasaolu, Master Johnson Tiwalade Adelana, Mr. Michael Dare Wright, Mr. Ayo Debayo-Doherty, Miss Tasenitoluwa Ogundipe-Thomas, Master Onaopemiposi Agagu, Mrs. Abimbola Adeyemo(nee Macaulay), Miss Tamara Amobi, Mrs Ekuah Abudu, Master Olayiwola Oniwinde, Mr. Bolaji Olooku.

Wedding Anniversary:

- (i) Mr. & Mrs. Bamidele Phillips, 16th Wedding Anniversary
- (ii) Dr & Mrs. R.J.A. Agbaike, 22nd Wedding Anniversary
- (iii) Dr & Mrs. Bode Oyewole, 39th Wedding Anniversary

Memorial Intercession:

- (i) Engr. F.A.O. Phillips, CPA, 16 years' mind.
- (ii) Mr. Olutosin Olumide Thompson, 34 years' mind.
- (iii) Mrs. Georgianna Taiwo Olowole, 44 years' mind.

11.00 a.m. 80th Birthday Thanksgiving Service of Mrs. Fola Olumide

5.00 p.m. "Begin the Year with the Lord" Prayer Meeting

SATURDAY 06/01/2024

Colour: WHITE Day 06
The Epiphany of our Lord

Bible in a year: Genesis 12,13; Matthew 5

7.45a.m. Holy Communion

Celebrant: Revd. Olawole Faloye Epistle: Ephesians 3: 1-12 Gospel: Matthew 2: 1-12

Points for Prayer:

- His Excellency Hamzat, Vice President of Nigeria.
- The Revd. Amos Okechukwu Ubesie
- Mrs. Aderinsola Oluwatoyin Olajana.
- The Bishop of the Diocese of Orlu The Church of Nigeria Anglican Communion, Owerri Province)

Birthday Intercession:

Olori Victoria Kofoworola Akintoye, Mr. Abayomi Martins, Mr. Olurotimi Adeyinka, Mrs. Oluwafunmilola Oluwayomi, Mrs. Ebube Gloria Aniakor, Mrs. Ayoka Olamide Dekalu, Miss Akpo Uyeh, Miss Ebube Oyedum, Mr. Oluwagbemiga Mabogunje.

Wedding Anniversary:

Arc. & Prof. (Mrs) Benibo David-West

❖ Memorial Intercession:

- (i) Mrs. Gladys Erekosime, 20 years' mind.
- (ii) Mr. Olujimi Debayo-Doherty, 20 years' mind.
- (iii) Mrs. Kehinde Akinbobola, 21 years' mind.
- (iv) Mrs. Juliet Abeke Wey, 47 years' mind

8.00 a.m. Diocesan Mega Prayer Convocation/Power for the Year at Our Saviour's Church, TBS, Lagos

Bible Study Outline

THEME: GOD'S CHILDREN AS PILGRIMS TO THE HEAVENLY KINGDOM:

SUB-THEME: Living the Victorious Life 4 **TOPIC:** Victory over Death and the power of Hell

MANIFESTATION OF GOD'S REIGN ON EARTH

TEXTS: 1Cor 15:50-57

AIMS:

i. to study the concept of death and hell

ii. to expound the criteria for the Christians' victory over death and the power of hell.

INTRODUCTION

Death is the irreversible cessation of all vital functions especially as indicated by permanent stoppage of the heart, respiration, and brain activity. Hell is a place regarded in various religions as a spiritual realm of evil and suffering, often depicted as a place of perpetual fire beneath the earth where the wicked are punished after death. Victory over death and the power of Hell means overcoming the world, sin and satan while on earth. Since death is the reward for sin and worldliness through obedient to the dictates of satan, the pilgrims to heavenly kingdom therefore need total victory in other to avoid the second death in Hell fire.

STUDY GUIDE

- 1. Explain in your understanding, the meaning of Death and Hell. Rom 6:23; Heb 7:23
- 2. How do you understand death in the life of the righteous and unrighteous? Rev 21:3-4, 7-8; Rev 20:15
- 3. What is the end of Death and Hell? Rev 22:23 and what is the eternal destiny of the righteous in Christ?
- 4. What are the criteria for winning the battle over eternal death and the power of Hell? Rom 6:12; 8:10-11; 1Cor 15:54

CONCLUSION: As today marks the end of this year, let us make a wise choice as to where we would spend our eternity. We are all sojourners and pilgrims in this world. Our permanent home is in heaven. We are bound to leave one day to eternity through death. Remember; to the righteous, death is a means to eternal life, while to the unrighteous, death is a means to hell and eternal suffering. Therefore, be wise today to choose righteous livelihood. Happy New Year in advance.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: The righteous conquers Death, but Death conquers the unrighteous.

MEMORY VERSE: 1Cor 15:55 "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?"

SPIRITUAL TONIC FOR THE WEEK

ISAIAH 45: 2&3

I will go before you and will level the mountains; I will break down gates of bronze and cut through bars of iron. I will give you hidden treasures, riches stored in secret places, so that you may know that I am the LORD, the God of Israel, who summons you by name.

Everlasting God, thank You for Your presence with me throughout the journey of this year, You are my help and stronghold; uphold me that I may not fall, be my strength and defense as I cross over to a new year, give me Your heavenly treasures and riches. Pull down the gates of limitations and remove all obstacles from my ways in Jesus' mighty name. Amen.



10. Free Will

The condition of man since the fall of Adam is such that he cannot turn and prepare himself by his own natural strength and good works for faith and for calling upon the name of the Lord. Hence we have no power to do good works which are pleasing and acceptable to God, unless the grace of God through Christ goes before us so that we may have a good will, and continues to work with us after we are given that good will.

11. The Justification of Man

We are accounted righteous before God solely on account of the merit of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ through faith and not on account of our own good works or of what we deserve. Consequently the teaching that we are justified by faith alone is a most wholesome and comforting doctrine. This is taught more fully in the homily on Justification.

TITHE:

Remember to pay your Tithe*

(into Cathedral Zenith Bank Account Number)

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(The tithe is a tenth of all our increase)

'You shall tithe all the yield of your seed that comes from the field, year by year' Deut. 14:22.

SUSTENTATION

Please pay your Sustentation/Church Dues (for the upkeep of the Church to: First Bank: 2000519164 (Kindly indicate the following: Name & Sustentation No) 157, BAMGBOSE BUILDING PROJECT

Please pay all donations toward the project into Cathedral Access Bank Account Number: 0773948851

PAYMENT INTO CHURCH'S ACCOUNTS

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FOR YOUR OFFERINGS AND OTHER DONATIONS. GOD BLESS YOU.

WOMEN'S CORNER NOTICES CLOSED FOR THE YEAR

Payment of Sacrifice

- Women's and Girls' Organisations

May God bless and prosper you as you give monthly towards Women's work in the Diocese. Thank you for giving to the Lord. Kindly make cheques payable to Womens' & Girls' Organisations, Diocese of Lagos.

THIS	MONTH	IN THE	HISTORY	OF THE	CATHED	RAL - DE	CEMBER
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NEEDS OF THE CATHEDRAL

Donations are vital to the Cathedral's future, and your gift will make a difference.

Kindly donate towards the purchase of any of the items

listed below. Thank you.

- i. Risograph Printing Machine @ N5.5m
- ii. Toyota Coaster Bus @ N105m
- iii. Cisco 350X-24 MP Switch for CCTV cameras @ \$1500
- iv. Transformer and Tape Guide for the Lift car in the Cathedral House @ \$3000
- v. D-link Switch DGS-1210-28P @ NGN230K
- vi. IP Camera @ NGN1,196,000
- vii. One 1.5 hp Airconditioners @ N220,000 each
- viii. Three 2 hp Airconditioners @ N300,000 each (1 DONATED)
- ix HP all in- one desktop computer "Intel core i7 16gb ram 1TB ssd \(\frac{\text{\text{\text{\text{P}}}}{1,650,000.00}\) (PAID FOR)

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SUNDAY 07/01/2024

Stewards on Duty: **Group A** Colour: **WHITE** 7.15 a.m. **HOLY COMMUNION (SAID)**

Theme: **GENERAL INTRODUCTION: FULL RESTORATION**

Celebrant: **Ven. Henry Adelegan**N.T. Reading: I Peter **5:** 6-11 **People's Warden**

Gospel: Matthew 6: 25-34 Ven Henry

Adelegan

Address: The Provost
Prayer: Provost's Warden
Thanksgiving at the Altar
- Monthly Thanksgiving

- December Birthday Thanksgiving

9.00 a.m. There will be a meeting of The Koinonia.

9.15 a.m COMBINED CHORAL MATTINS AND SUNG EUCHARIST

Theme: **GENERAL INTRODUCTION: FULL RESTORATION**

Cantor: Revd. Henry Mooh

Celebrant: Revd. Dr. Oluwaseun Adeyemi

Responses

Communion Setting:

Sermon: The Provost

O.T. Reading: Joel **2**: 18-27 **Torch Bearers**N.T. Reading: I Peter **5**: 6-11 **Torch Bearers**Gospel: Matthew **6**: 25-34 **Revd. Dr.**

Oluwaseun Adeyemi

Prayer: Ven. Uchenna Ubadinobi Thanksgiving at the Altar - Monthly Thanksgiving

- December Birthday Thanksgiving

after Communion

Service

There will be the General Monthly Meeting of the **Cathedral Ladies League** at the Lagos Anglican Diocesan Seminary.

(ii) The Executive Committee Meeting of the **Cathedral Ladies Armour Bearer** will take place at the Lagos Anglican Diocesan Seminary.

11.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m. Clinic

CALL ON ANY DOCTOR OR NURSE IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

WELCOME

A warm welcome to this and every worship in this Cathedral. Whether you have come from far or near, may you find real joy and inspiration in this service. We are very happy to see you and hope that you will come again.

GENERAL NOTICES

1. Last Sunday of the Year:

_Today is the last Sunday of the year 2023. We thank God for His love and mercies to us all as individuals and as a church. May we continue to worship Him in Spirit and in truth all the days of our lives.

2. BEGIN THE YEAR WITH THE LORD WITH THREE DAYS FASTING AND PRAYERS.

Theme: Full Restoration Text: Joel 2:25-26 Date:

*Day 1: Thursday 4th January, 2024 - At home, with your family at 6pm.

This is expected to create family bonding as we start the year.

Photographs of families fellowshipping together should be taken and forwarded to **09093456776** (WhatsApp)

*Day 2: Friday 5th January, 2024 - Parish Prayer meeting at 5 pm

*Day 3: Saturday 6th January, 2024 -DIOCESAN MEGA PRAYER CONVOCATION/POWER FOR THE YEAR at Our Saviour's Church TBS, Lagos at 8am

* Ministering: The Rt Revd Ifedola Senasu Gabriel Okupevi and The Rt Revd Dr Williams O. Aladekugbe, Bishop, Ibadan North Diocese

3. Appreciation:

All Clergy and their families express profound and unreserved gratitude to all parishioners for the gifts and goodwill extended to them during the festive period of Christmas. Your source of prosperity will never run dry.

4. Floral Decoration:

Our flowers for New Year's Day and New Year's Sunday have been placed by **Sir Gbolahan Ayodele** in memory of his parents, **Mr. Jibolu Gbadebo Ayodele,CPA** and **Mrs. Ethel Omotola Ayodele,CPA**. We pray for the peaceful repose of the souls of the departed and ask for God's grace, protection and mercy on the children and all the members of the Ayodele family.

5. <u>Birthday Present for Jesus:</u>

Our birthday gifts for Jesus for the year 2023 can be given from **25th December** till **6th January 2024** (Feast of Ephiphany) for a project that will be determined later. May we all receive good gifts from the Lord in 2024 and beyond.

2024 Vestry Meeting and Election comes up Sunday, February 25, 2024. To vote at the Election, a voter must be a financial member of the Cathedral and must be on the sustentation list as having subscribed a minimum of **N5,000 in 2023.** The congregation is hereby reminded to make payment on or **before 31st December 2023.** Pay into Cathedral Church of Christ, **First Bank Account No. 2000519164.**

7. 2024 Confirmation

Confirmation Preparatory Classes will start on **Sunday, 14th January, 2024.** Classes will hold at 9.15 a.m. every Sunday, thereafter at the Ayo Rosiji Hall, Cathedral House. Candidates must be at least 13 years old. Interested candidates are to register with Revd. Henry Mooh.

8. Bulletin Sponsorship:

Our bulletin for today has been sponsored by **the Fetuga Family** in memory of their late husband, father and grandfather **Omooba Abiodun Oyinade Fetuga,CPA** who died five (5) years ago on 29th December, 2018. May the soul of the faithful departed, continue to rest in peace and may God's blessings,mercies and protection be always upon his children and children's children. Amen.

9. Home Call:

We announce the home call of **Mrs. Olayinka Ajayi-Bembe (nee Preston-Holder)** on Tuesday, 26th December, 2023. She was 76 years. The family can be visited at 40 Simpson Street, Ebute-Metta, Lagos *Funeral arrangements are as follows:*

Thursday, 18th January, 2024 at 5.00 p.m. Christian Wake-keep

Friday, 19th January, 2024 at 12.00 noon. Funeral Service here, at the Cathedral. May her gentle soul rest in perfect peace.

10. (a) Fellowship Hour - Sunday 31/12/2023

We thank **the Fetuga Family** who hosts the Fellowship Hour after 7.15 a.m. and 9.15 a.m. Services in in memory of their late Husband, Father and Grandfather, **Omoba Abiodun Oyinade Fetuga, CPA**, who died 5 years ago on 29th December, 2018.

(b) Fellowship Hour Booking: January - February 2024

Sunday, 14/01/2023 - Vacant after 7.15 a.m. and 9.15 a.m. Services Sunday, 28/01/2023 - Vacant after 7.15 a.m. and 9.15 a.m. Services Sunday, 11/02/2023 - Vacant after 7.15 a.m. and 9.15 a.m. Services Sunday, 25/02/2023 - Vacant after 7.15 a.m. and 9.15 a.m. Services

(c) Fellowship Hour - Parishioners who are not the main hosts of the Fellowship Hour but who wish to celebrate any events in their lives or who will like to simply contribute to the 'community spirit of the Cathedral are encouraged to do so by providing fruits, cakes, muffins, etc. Such parishioners should please contact Omoba Adegbola Ademola.

(d) Advance Bookings - Fellowship Hour 2023

The following dates are available for booking for *Fellowship Hour on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of 2024.* Please indicate your preferences on first come first served.

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		7.15 a.m.	9.15 a.m.	
Sunday	10/3/2024	Vacant	Vacant	
Sunday	24/3/2024	Booked	Booked	
Sundays	14&28/4/2024	Vacant	Vacant	
Sundays	12&26/5/2024	Vacant	Vacant	
Sunday	9 & 23/6/2024	Vacant	Vacant	
Sundays	14&28/7/2024	Vacant	Vacant	
Sundays	11&25/8/2024	Vacant	Vacant	
Sundays	8&22/9/2024`	Vacant	Vacant	
Sunday	13 &27 /10/2024	Vacant	Vacant	
Sunday	10&24/11/2024	Vacant	Vacant	
Sunday	8&22/12/2024	Booked	Booked	



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WELFARE SUB-COMMITTEE

Parishioners should please inform either the Welfare Sub-Committee - Mrs. Ayo Shodipo-Olabode 0802 787 2516; Mr. Akin Martins - 0802 316 0305 or Mrs Mary Ojutiwon (Provost's Secretary) - Tel No. 08053322557 of any one that has not been present in the Church for some time (young or old) either due to illness or any other reason whatsoever and who needs to be given Communion at home.

SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICE UNIT (SWSU)

The SWSU Panel wishes through this medium, to appreciate all those who are helping the needy through the Unit (SWSU) in cash and kind. God Almighty will bless and enrich you more in Jesus name. Amen.

(a) Sponsorship:

Our Social Welfare Service Unit is seeking sponsorship for the following. Part payments will be gratefully appreciated.

- **1.** Adereti Esther Oluwatimilehin (19 years) needs the sum of N1,083,995 for her University Education. She got an admission into Lagos State University for 5 years at N216,799 per session.
- Mr. Jimoh Aleem a Secondary School student needs a sum of N900,000 for a 6 years level of education at N50,000 per term.

- **Master Daniel Elijah (10 years)** needs the sum of N900,000 for his Secondary School Education at N50,000 per term.
- **4.** <u>Miss Ikuomola Oluwanifemi Blessing (13 years)</u> needs the sum of N900,000 for her Seconday School Education at N50,000 per term.
- **Master Iremide Ejionome (3 years)** needs the sum of N1,308,000 for his hearing aid. He is a cerebral palsy child.
- **6.** Mrs. Bimbo Durosimi-Etti (50 years) need the sum of N4,901,000 for a hip replacement surgery.
- 7. Mrs. Akinbode Felicia Titilayo (64 years) and a widow who was diagonised with Brain tumor, enlarged brain organ, blood clot and untreated hypertension seeks assistance for N2.5 million to undergo the surgery.
 - (b) The members of the Social Welfare Service Unit would appreciate the donation of fairly used clothes, shoes for both young and old, and also food items like Rice, Gari, Beans, Provisions, etc.

PRAYER FOR THE YEAR

Eternal Father, the only God of wonders and possibilities, Your power is beyond compare, with You there is no impossibility, we acknowledge before You our feebleness; if Your power will not be our power we are doomed to failure: Grant, O Lord, that each day of our lives, this year and beyond, will be a reflection of Your wondrous power, level the mountains and break down gates of bronze before us to make possible every impossibility that lies ahead. We beseech You also to visit our land with Your unfailing help, cut through the bars of iron to deliver to us the treasures and riches stored in secret places, in Your mercy redeem and reestablish our Nation; and accomplish for Your Church what only You can accomplish to the praise and honour of Your one and only Son Jesus Christ our Lord and Redeemer. Amen

Theme for the year: "WITH GOD ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE

TEXT: MATTHEW 19:26 HYMN FOR THE YEAR ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE TO HIM

- All things are possible to him
 That can in Jesus' name believe;
 Lord, I no mote thy truth blaspheme,
 Thy truth I lovingly receive;
 I can, I do believe in thee;
 All things are possible to me.
- The most impossible of all Is that I e'er from sin should cease; Yet shall it be; I know it shall; Jesus, look to thy faithfulness! If nothing is too hard for thee, All things are possible to me.
- 3. Though earth and Hell the word gainsay, The word of God can never fail; The Lamb shall take my sins away, 'Tis certain, though impossible; The thing impossible shall be, All things are possible to me.
- When thou the work of faith hast wrought, I here shall in thine image shine, Nor sin in deed or word or thought; Let men exclaim and fiends repine,

They cannot break the firm decree; All things are possible to me.

Thy mouth, O Lord, to me hath sworn
That I shall serve thee without fear,
Shall find the pearl which others spurn,
Holy and pure and perfect here;
The servant as his Lord shall be;
All things are possible to me.

6 All things are possible to God,
To Christ, the power of God in man,
To me, when I am all renewed,
When I in Christ am formed again,
And witness, from all sin set free,
All things are possible to me.

ATTENDANCE FOR LAST WEEK FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT - 24/12/2023

7.15 a.m. Holy Communion (Youtube 335/Facebook 166 views).... 170
9.15 a.m. Choral Mattins (Youtube 272/Facebook 163 views).... 322
11.15 a.m. Sung Eucharist (Youtube 272/Facebook 163 views).... 155

Week-Day Services - Saturday - Friday

•	HC		HC
Saturday 16/12/2023	9	Wednesday 20/12/2023	16
Monday		Thursday	40
18/12/2023 Tuesday	-	21/12/2023 Friday	10
19/12/2023	7	22/12/2023	13
5.00 p.m.	Christmas Eve	- 24/12/2023.	80
7.30 a.m.	Christmas Day	- 25/12/2023.	270
10.00 a.m.	Christmas Day	- 25/12/2023.	400

COMING EVENTS (DECEMBER 2023)

4-6/1/2024 - Beginning the Year with the Lord -Three Days Fasting and Prayers.

SOUL FOOD 53/2023 FOLLOWING IN THE PATH OF HIS LIGHT

"I have come into the world as a light so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness." John 12:46

Jesus is the Light of the world. He came to light up the world. He boldly affirms this as follows: "I have come into the world as a light so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness." (John 12:46) John, in his gospel account, established the same truth, saying: "In Him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. (John 1:4&5). This fulfilled the age-long prophecy of Isaiah of the coming of the light into the world.

From Scripture, we understand that since the Fall, thick darkness has enveloped the world due to man's sin, and the eyes of every soul born into this sinful world are shrouded in a deep blackness of spiritual ignorance, but Jesus appeared to put paid to the work of darkness. Regrettably, the Scripture notes the unwelcoming attitude of humanity to His Light. John says: "The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. He was in the world, and though the world was made through Him, the world did not recognise Him. He came to that which was His own, but His own did not receive Him. (John 1:9-11) And so it is imperative that we are sensitised again with what we should do with God's provision of this eternal Light.

To "follow in the path of His Light" is to adhere to the teachings and practices of Jesus Christ - the Light of the world. By doing so, we can embody a way of life that aligns with His values. Matthew announces: "The people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death, a light has dawned." (Matthew 4:16) The light of truth has illuminated our lives, and we have been blessed with its enlightenment. Therefore, we must choose to follow in the path of this light, for it is the only way to please

God and attain eternal salvation. Moreover, this path is also the way to attract others towards Christ. 1 John 1:7 says: "If we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, His Son, purifies us from all sin."

John the Apostle identifies brotherly love as a means to follow in the path of His light in 1 John 2: 9-11. He says: "Anyone who claims to be in the light but hates a brother or sister is still in the darkness. Anyone who loves their brother and sister lives in the light, and there is nothing in them to make them stumble. But anyone who hates a brother or sister is in the darkness and walks around in the darkness. They do not know where they are going because the darkness has blinded them." To walk in the path of His light, we must commit to living by ethical teachings that prioritise love, compassion, forgiveness, and humility and following Jesus' ministry of service to others, particularly the marginalised and needy.

By doing what is right and loving through grace-empowered good works, we are following in the path of His light, and God's love shines through us. Jesus told His followers: "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light

to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven" (Matthew 5:14-16).

Paul urges believers thus: "So then, let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armour of light. Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarrelling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires" (Romans 13:11-14). The world is shrouded in darkness - a darkness of spiritual ignorance, moral corruption, suffering, and despair. We yearn for the light of God's presence. Isaiah calls us to action and awakening: "Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you. See, darkness covers the earth, and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the Lord rises upon you, and his glory appears over you. Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn." (Isaiah 60:1-3) The time for action is now.

We cannot claim to be Christians and distance ourselves from the Light of Christ. John tells us: "If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth." (1 John 1:6). Paul also says: "For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true) and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord" (Ephesians 5:8-9).

We are called to be "lights of the world" (Matthew 5:14), sharing the message of love and salvation with others. We can take comfort in the knowledge that "the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it" (John 1:5). And we rejoice that "God, who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ" (2 Corinthians 4:6). Because He has shone His light in our hearts, we can illuminate our world with His light!

As we embark on a new year, may His light and love guide us towards enlightenment and salvation, empowering us to make a positive impact on the world.

Have a blessed week!

The one who serves among you,

Very Revd. Adebola Ojofeitimi,PhD Provost

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