YOU NEED ANY HELP?

Contact the Cathedral Office for all necessary information and the Office will direct you to the appropriate persons to help. Below are the Contact Persons.

For Booking of all Services of the Church

The Dean; The Canon Residentiary

For Social Welfare and Charity B.

The Dean; Chief (Mrs.) Grace Odukomaiya 08033247831

С For Cathedral Societies

The Dean; The Society Chaplains; Presidents & Secretaries of Societies

D. For The Elderly Ministry

The Dean; Chief (Mrs.) Ayo Akideinde - 07068610707

For The Evangelical Ministry

The Dean; The Rev. Yinka Akinpeju; Mr. Cyril Mgbamoka 07053334081

For Cathedral Missionary Society

The Dean; The Ven. Dr. Benjamin Okere; Mr Tunji Odeneye 08033163337

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For The Youth Ministry

The Dean, Rev. Michael Obembe; Chief (Mrs.) Funmi Ogunbadejo -08033025033; Miss Bolanle Joseph - 08025490166

For The Boys' & Girls Brigade; Boys' & Girls' Guild

The Dean, The Rev. Michael Obembe; Sister Seun Oyediran -07051083385; Mr Ayo Tetede - 08020691247

For The Medical Board

The Dean; The Ven. Dr. Benjamin Okere; Prof. (Mrs.) Ronke Akinsete 08023000496

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Q. For Sports Ministry

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The Dean; Rev. Michael Obembe; Dr. Oladimeji Alo;

For Cathedral Christian Mothers Matters

Mrs Mercy Adewole, 08062910315; Mrs. Folake Owolabi - 08023156546

For Chaplains to Societies T.

The Dean; The Canon Residentiary

U. For The Choir

The Dean;

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The Dean, Mrs. Tola Famade - 0803-3109378.

For Booking of the Guest House

Mr. Kehinde Akinola - 08023050022; Tobi Balogun - 08033716752

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The Ven. Abiodun Omoyelu	0806-2230010
The Ven. Azubike Ahubelem	0803-3081617
The Ven. Dr. Benjamin Chijioke Okere	0802-3270247
The Rev. Toyin Adeyeye	0806-5088064
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The Rev. Michael Obembe	0813-8137140
The Rev. Adefope Adetujoye	0803-5552146
The Rev. Oluwatomide Oso	0816-6588257
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Our Vision:

"CHRIST FOR ALL NATIONS"

Our 2024 Theme:

" FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT OF FAITH " I Tim. 6:12

IN GOD'S PRESENCE, THERE IS FULNESS OF JOY AND AT HIS RIGHT HAND, PLEASURES FOR EVERMORE. A GOOD INDICATOR OF SPIRITUAL GROWTH IS EAGERNESS TO BE IN GOD'S HOUSE FOR WORSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP. WELCOME TO HIS PRESENCE.

WEEKLY BULLETIN

Sunday, 14th April - Saturday, 20th April, 2024

EASTER II

Theme: The Church and Her Shepherds

52ND ANNIVERSARY OF GOOD SHEPHERD & 41ST ANNIVERSRY OF AMBASSADORS OF CHRIST

Colour: White

Mr Olawale Fasuyi Dr. Dayo Omogbehin Cathedral Warden Cathedral Warden

> The Ven. Ebenezer Adewole Dean of the Cathedral

The Rt. Rev. Dr. James O. Odedeji The Bishop, Diocese of Lagos West Please Take A Copy

Support God's Mission through the Covenant Seed Be A Diocesan Covenant Seeder

1. SERVICES FOR SUNDAY – 14th April, 2024

A. 7.00 am HOLY COMMUNION

52ND ANNIVERSARY OF GOOD SHEPHERD

Celebrant: The Ven. Abiodun Omoyelu

The Epistle: Good Shepherd

The Gospel: The Ven. Azubike Ahubelem
Preacher: The Rev. Michael Obembe
Intercessor: The Rev. Fikayo Adenle

Processional Hymn: CONH 388

Praise & Worship

❖ Preparation to Penitence – Rev. Adefope Adetujoye

❖ The Epistle Hebrews 13:1-21
❖ Gradual Hymn: CONH 570
❖ The Gospel: John 10:7-16

❖ SERMON

Nicene Creed & Intercession

❖ The Peace (*Let there be peace*)

❖ All Offerings: Choruses

{First Fruit, Tithes, Building, Covenant Seed, Sunday Offering & All other offerings}

The Eucharistic Prayers

❖ The Administration: CONH 48, 834, 619, 622

❖ The Ablution: CONH 828

Post Communion Prayer

***** The Anniversary:

- i. Good Shepherd Society Anthem
- ii. Rededication of Members
- iii. Good Shepherd Society, Patrons/Patronesses.

Thanksgiving:

- i. Family Altar Thanksgiving
- Birthday thanksgiving of Mrs Ngozi Aka & God's numerous blessings.
- Mr & Mrs Ifeanyi Nnaka thanking God for safety from motor accident and God's mumerous blessings.
- iv. Thanksgiving after burial of Late Chief Gabriel Osakwe (father of Mrs Nkiru Ibe of Band of Glory) and journey mercies.
- v. 1st year memorial thanksgiving of Late Mrs Ogechi Robert Obi and God's numerous blessings on the family she left behind.

❖ Doxology CONH 491(*page 9*)

- Benediction
- Notices
- Diocesan Anthem
- Withdrawal Hymn: CONH 46

AVMCC DEVELOPMENT FUND ACCOUNT

Account Name: AVMCC Development Fund
Account Number: 1021733207 Sort Code: 033154512
Branch Address, UBA Plc, 51A Adeniyi Jones Str. Ikeja.

USSD CODE: BILLER CODE: 40195

*BankUSSDCode*000*BILLER CODE+Amount#

How to use it:

*919*000*40195+1000# to give #1000 from a UBA account *737*000*40195+5000# to give #5000 from a GTB account

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AVMCC Development Fund

Bank FCMB LTD

Account Number Naira - 2003086651

Sort Code: 214150377

USD Account Number - 2003086682



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refer to page 2 of this bulletin.

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27. AVMCC BANK ACCOUNTS DETAILS					
BANK	ACCOUNT	SORT	PURPOSE		
	NUMBER	CODE			
ACCESS	0017948337	044151245 E	Building Fund Evangelical Fund		
WEMA	0120970667	035150695	Offering&		
			Thanksgiving		
GTB	0570015856	058152120	Offering&		
			Thanksgiving		
FIRST	2025018178	011151841	Harvest		
		(kindly signify t	the purpose e.g.		
Family harvest, Youth Harvest etc.)					
FIRST	2001350641	011151841	Project Support		
STANBIC 9200212515					
IBTC		221150027	First Fruits		
GTB	0007899440	058152120	Tithes		
ECO	0953002198	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	Building Fund		
ZENITH	1011097083		Covenant Seed		
FCMB	9318228020		AVMCC Choir		
WEMA			Endowment Fund		

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HARVEST NEWS 24.

All Societies should please send names of TWO representatives of their Societies on letter head to 2024 Harvest Committee (in Room 203 – Harvest Office) Or to Jide on 08152223222.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

KINDLY TAKE CARE OF YOUR **BELONGINGS IN THE CHURCH PLS**

25. TEN DAY UPPER ROOM CHAIN PRAYERS $(10^{\text{TH}} - 19^{\text{TH}} \text{ MAY}, 2024)$

<u>Theme:</u> Fight the good fight of faith – I Timothy 6:12. The 2024 Upper Room Chain Prayers organised by the Cathedral will come up between Friday the 9th of May (The Day of Ascension) and the 19th of May (The Day of Penticost). President of Societies and Co-ordinators of Ministries should check the pigeon holes for details of their letters and the schedule for the prayers. God will bless you as you commit to the unbroken prayer chain.

1ST SESSION OF THE 9TH SYNOD OF 26. **DIOCESE OF LAGOS WEST**

The 1st Session of the 9th Synod of the Diocese of Lagos West comes up as follows:

- 1. Pre-Synod Vigil Friday, 10th May, 2024 at 10.00pm
- Opening Service Thursday, 16th May, 2024 at 4.00pm.
 Meeting Sessions Friday 17TH 18TH Sat. May, 2024
- 4. Presidential Address Friday, 17TH May, 2024 at
- 5. Thanksgiving Sunday, 19TH May, 2024 at 10.00a.m.

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B. 10.00 am **MATTINS**

41ST ANNIVERSARY OF AMBASSADORS OF CHRIST

Cantor: The Ven. Abiodun Omovelu O.T. Reading: **Ambassadors of Christ** N.T. Reading: **Ambassadors of Christ Preacher:** The Rev. Adefope Adetujove **Intercessor:** The Rev. Fikayo Adenle

Processional Hymn: CONH 49

Praise & Worship

Call to Worship

* Psalm 23 (To be Chanted)

* O.T. Reading: Ezekiel 34:1-10 * Hymn: CONH 403 N.T. Reading: * John 10:7-16

* Apostle's Creed - Collects

* Hymn: **CONH 641**

* **SERMON**

Praises, Prayer - Grace

The Offerings: Choruses

{First Fruit, Tithes, Building, Covenant Seed, Sunday Offering & All other offerings}

***** The Anniversary:

- Ambassadors of Christ Anthem
- ii. Rededication of Members
- iii. Ambassadors of Christ, Patrons/Patronesses & the Church Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving:

- Family Altar Thanksgiving i.
- 50th birthday thanksgiving of Mrs Modupe ii. Adepoju and God's numerous blessings.
- 70th birthday of Lady Justinah Oyinola iii Solaru and God's numerous blessings.

Doxology CONH 491 (pg 11)

- Benediction
- **Notices**
- * Diocesan Anthem
- Withdrawal Hymn: CONH 824

C. 4.00PM. **IBADAN GRAMMAR** SCHOOL OLD STUDENT - YOUTH CHAPEL

D. **EVENTS AHEAD**

60th Anniversary of AVMCC programme: 1.

- 60th Anniversary Covenant Conference -Saturday, April, 27th at 9.00am.
- 60th Anniversary CSR Projects Commissioning -Saturday, April 27th at 1.00pm.
- 60th Anniversary Holy Communion & Thanksgiving Service - Sunday, 28th April.
- 60th Anniversary 12hrs of Praise Friday, 3rd May, 2024 at 5.00pm.
- 60th Anniversary Lecture & Launch of the Anniversary History book – Sunday, 30th June.
- Rogation Sunday Sunday, 5th May, 2024 2.
- Pentecost Sunday Sunday, 19th May, 2024 3.

Join Us in Making a Difference!

We are thrilled to announce an open invitation to join the **Traffic Control Unit of AVMCC.**

We believe that together, we can make a lasting impact in ensuring that parishioners arrive and leave the church premises with ease for every service.

As we embark on this journey, we invite individuals who share our commitment to join us as active participants. Whether you are interested in volunteering, providing expertise, or becoming a dedicated member, there are various ways you can contribute to our cause.

To join us, contact 08023153042 or 08163078569. If you have any questions or need further information, feel free to reach out to any member of the traffic control unit.

Let's come together and create positive change! Your involvement matters, and we look forward to welcoming you. Thank you for your support.

E. AVMCC SPONSORSHIP OF 2024 EVENSONG BY SOCIETIES

- 1. Sunday April 14, 2024 Band of Mercy
- 2. Sunday April 21, 2024 Band of Glory
- 3. Sunday April 28, 2024 Band of Peace
- 4. Sunday May 5, 2024 Rogation Sunday
- 5. Sunday May 12, 2024 Busy Bees
- 6. Sunday May 19, 2024 Synod Thanksgiving
- 7. Sunday May 26, 2024 Busy Bees
- 8. Sunday June 2, 2024 Harvest Launching
- 9. Sunday June 9, 2024 Charity Band

F. 7.00a.m & 10.00am - YOUTH SERVICE

Cantor: The Rev. Yinka Akinpeju Preacher: The Rev. Yinka Akinpeju

Theme: The Church and Her Shepherds

- Processional Hymn: CONH 49
- Opening Praise & Worship
- Call to Worship
- ❖ Psalm 23

❖ O.T. Reading: Ezekiel 34:1-10
 ❖ Hymn: CONH 570
 ❖ N.T. Reading: John 10:7-16

- ❖ Apostle's Creed Collects
- Testimonies
- Choir Ministration
- Sermon
- Intercession
- Offerings: Choruses
- (a) First Fruits (b) Tithes, Building, Covenant Seed & Offering
- ❖ Youth Anthem
- Notices
- Prayer & Benediction
- Withdrawal Hymn: CONH 824





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22. CHRISTIAN MOTHERS

- All women prayer meeting {Cathedral Deanery} Every 1st Thursday of the Month. <u>Venue</u>: The AVMCC Main Sanctuary. <u>Time</u>: 5.00pm-6.00pm.
- ii. Bible Study for Christian Mothers Every 1st Monday of the month at 5.00pm.
- iii. Fasting & Prayer for Christian Mothers Every last Monday of the month at 5.00pm.
- iv. All Sunday School Children from ages 5years upward meeting every last Sunday between 7.00am 9.00am.
- v. <u>Adult Education Programme:</u> This course is for young and old every Monday & Wednesday by 3.30pm at the Vining Hall.

23. INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS

A. OBITUARIES

 Final burial ceremony of Late Rev. Canon Michael Obembe (Father of The Rev. Michael Obembe of AVMCC).
 Burial arrangements are as follow:

<u>Wake-Keep:</u> On Thursday, 18th April, 2024 at Filani Lane,beside Asaolu house, Oniyo Est. Efon Alaaye, Ekiti State at 4.00pm

<u>Funeral Service:</u> On Friday, 19th April, 2024 at St. Paul's Anglican Church, Idagba, Efon Alaaye, Ekiti State at 10.00am. Reception follows at the same venue.

We announce the passing into glory of our Father, Barr.
 Ikenna Victor Onwusika of Anambra Anglican Fellowship.
 Burial arrangements are as follow:

<u>Service of Songs:</u> On Friday, 19th April, 2024 at Vining Hall at 4.00pm.

 We announce the passing on to Glory of Chief Timothy Adebanjo Fasuyi, (Father of our Cathedral Warden Mr. Olawale Fasuyi).

Burial arrangements are as detailed below:

Night of Tributes - Monday 15th April , 2024. Vining Hall, AVMCC, GRA- Ikeja @ 4.00pm. Service of songs - Tuesday 16th April, 2024. 1 Badagry Street Off Adeniyi Jones Ikeja (Akora Estate) 5.00pm Christian Wake Keeping - Friday 19th April 2024 Pre-Varsity Education Centre Ireti Ayo, Ijebu-Jesa Road, Ilesha @ 5.00pm.

Funeral Service - Saturday 20th April 2024 @ Holy Trinity Ang Cathedral, Omofe, Ilesha @ 10.00am.

iv. We announce the passing into glory of our Mother, Mrs Mercy Aruofor of Band of Grace Society). Aged: 95years Burial arrangements are as follow:

<u>Service of Songs:</u> On Wednesday, 17th April, 2024 at Vining Hall at 4.00pm

Funeral Service: On Thursday, 18th April, 2024 at AVMCC at 9.00am.

 We announce the passing into glory of our Mother, Mrs Adebisi Oshunbiyi of Charity Band). Aged: 89years Burial arrangements are as follow:

<u>Wake-Keep:</u> On Thursday, 2nd May, 2024 at Vining Hall at 4 00nm

<u>Funeral Service:</u> On Friday, 3rd May, 2024 at AVMCC at 9.00am.

vi. We announce the passing into glory of our Mother, Mrs Bosede Balogun of Band of Grace). Aged: 89years Burial arrangements are as follow:

<u>Service of Songs:</u> On Tuesday, 25th June, 2024 at Vining Hall at 4.00pm

Commendation Service: On Wednesday, 26th June, 2024 at AVMCC at 9.00am.

G. 6.00 pm. FAMILY EVENING

Cantor: The Rev. Michael Obembe Preacher: The Rev. Fikayo Adenle

Sponsor: Band of Mercy
Organist: Mr Muyiwa Olagoke

Processional Hymn: CONH 29

Call to WorshipPraise Worship

❖ Lesson: Luke 24:13-35 - **Band of Mercy**

Hymn: CONH 641
 Short Exhortation & Prayer
 Offerings Choruses

(a) First Fruit (b Tithes, Building, Covenant Seed & Sunday Offering

Thanksgiving

Closing Prayer

❖ Withdrawal Hymn: CONH 131

2. SENTENCES FOR EASTER II

Introductory Sentence

I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep!. **John 10:11.**

Collects for the Week:

God of peace, Who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, that great Shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make us perfect in every good work to do Your will, and work in us that which is well-pleasing in Your sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

Post Communion Sentence

Jesus said, I have come so that they may have life and have it more abundantly" Alleluia. **John 10:10.**

TOWARDS THE NEW CATHEDRAL THE COLLECT:

Heavenly Father we acknowledge the fact that without You, we can do nothing, for except You build, those who are building are doing it in vain. Empower us to build to Your glory and honour O Lord. Provide for us unto overflowing and over abundance. Make way where there seems to be none, silence every spirit of Sanballat and Tobiah and fill us with the anointing of Zerubbabel unto a glorious timely and speedy completion for with You there is no abandoned project. All of these and many more mercies and grace we ask for in the mighty name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

3. LET THERE BE PEACE (ADAPTED)

Let there be PEACE shared among us
Let there be Peace in our hearts
May NOW your Peace sweep this church
Cause us O Lord to Arise
Give us a fresh understanding
Of Brotherly Peace that is Real
Let there be Peace shared among us
Let there be Peace.

4. PRAYER POINTS FOR TODAY – SUNDAY, 14TH APRIL 2024

A. Prayers for the Anglican Communion and for Christian Denominations and Organizations

- Pray for Most Rev. Dr. Henry Ndukuba our Primate, Most Rev. Dr. Olusina Fape our Archbishop and Olusola our Bishop that trusting God in every situation shall be their delight as they shepherd the sheep.
- ii. For the Rt. Revd. Benson Chukwunweike, his family and all members of the Diocese of Awgu-Aninri.

B. Prayer for Nigeria & the World

- i. Pray that the Lord of Host in His mercies will on account of His elects and remnants in Nigeria frustrate every raging from the pit of hell and all evil counsels, gang-ups and schemes in form of Boko Haram, Herdsmen and Islamnization agenda so that Christianity in Nigeria will never go the way of TURKEY nor NORTH AFRICA in Jesus Name. Amen.
- ii. That many more in Nigeria shall come to the knowledge of the TRUTH accepting Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour.
- iii. That the mercy of God prevail upon Nigeria.
- iv. For Christ to reign all over the world.

C. Prayer for AVMCC

- i. That God bless our home.
- ii. That God remember the barren.
- iii. That God protect the widows.
- iv. That God defend the orphans.
- v. That we and our children be for signs and wonders.

D. Prayers for individual Families within the AVMCC Household

Mojekwu Family, Molobe Family, Molokwu Family, Momoh Family, Monday Family, Moneke Family, Monwuba Family, Morgan Family, Moronike Family, Moses Family.

E. Prayers for all our members who are having their Birthdays and/or other Anniversaries today:

- i. For Mrs Ngozi Aka, Engr. Adebayo Adeyemo, Mrs Lydia Haruna, Mr Anieto Mbanefo, Mr Uche Ezeagu, Mrs Olayemi Oyedeji, Mr Adeboboye Ogunleye, Mrs Ronke Ogunde, Mrs Phoenix Osinuga, Mrs Nwabufo Olikezie, Miss Opeyemi Elegbe, Mr Ifeoma Maduakor, Mr Obiasulu Obi, Mr Okechukwu Okafor, Mr Olanrewaju Onadeko who are celebrating their birthdays today.
- ii. For those having their Wedding Anniversaries or any other positive Anniversaries today.
- **F. Prayers for the following people:** Miss Anna Idehen, Mrs. Gladys Odedairo, Mrs. Beatrice Akinola, Mrs Roseline Anyadikwa, Mr Samuel Chukwudum.
- **G. Prayers For:** The barren, the pregnant, spinsters, bachelors, the jobless and the homeless among us that God will open a book of remembrance covering them all and help them speedily to the shame of the devil, removing their reproaches.





COVENANT SEED

20. **AVMCC CHURCH NEEDS**

Dear Parishioners,

Be encouraged to pick one or more of the items listed below to mark your birthday, wedding anniversary and other occasions of joy. Do endeavour to get in touch with the WARDENS for specifications or monetization.

Development of our landed properties

Painting of the Adetiloye & Vining halls

Sound System Overhaul (Mixer, Amp etc) N1.8m

400 Plastic Chairs for the Halls

- 80 Plastic Tables for the Halls
- 2 Hiace Buses
- 1 Coaster Bus
- 2 Money Counting Machine
- 2 Desktop Computer System
- 6 "86" LG Television
- 4 "32" Television
- 2 Dispenser, 2 DVD Player & 2 TV (for AVMCC Creche)
- 40 Sewing Machines @ N80,000 each for Diocesan Vocational Centre, City of God, Ipaja.

MURAL & CREATIVE PAINTING OF A MODERN CRECHE AND PLAYGROUP = 642,000 SCREEDING OF THE WALLS = 1,130,000 WALLPAPER & SAV SCTICKERS = 84,000 EDUCATIVE/PLAYTIME SAV FLEX = 169,000 FLOOR SYNTHETICS (TURF) = 765,000 VINYL FLOOR CARPET = 469,220 Premium underlay for crèche = 47,800

21. ICT LOUNGE:

Kindly patronize the AVMCC ICT LOUNGE at Adetiloye House (Ground Floor), which opens at 9.00am - 5.00pm on Monday to Friday, for your: Typing, Printing, Photocopy, Scanning, Bulk SMS, Laminating, Tinted Permit, Internet Work, Binding, Scratch Cards (Jamb, WAEC, NECO etc) and Computer Training. *Contact: Call/Whatsapp* 07063214646.

15. FIRST FRUIT – LEV. 23:10-11; DEUT. 26:1-10

- 1. Your first salary on a new job.
- 2. The first profit from a new line of business
- For those already working, it is the first salary in the year.
- When promoted to another level, the difference between your former salary and the new one.
- 5. To the aged with no pension, it is your first allowance from your
- For Landlords and Landladies, the rent for the first month in the year is your first fruit.
- For students, the poor, the jobless, it is your first gift in the year. TEST GOD WITH IT, TASTE AND SEE THAT THE LORD IS GOOD -Mal. 3:10, Ps. 34:8 Acct NO - STANBIC IBTC - 9200212515- First Fruits Ex 22:29 "Thou shalt not delay to offer the first of thy ripe fruits, and of thy liquors: the firstborn of thy sons shalt thou give unto me" Deut 12:6 "And thither ye shall bring your burnt offerings, and your sacrifices, and your tithes, and heave offerings of your hand, and your vows, and your freewill offerings, and the firstlings of your herds and

Deut 16:16 "Three times in a year shall all thy males appear before the Lord thy God in the place which he shall choose; in the feast of unleavened bread, and in the feast of weeks, and in the feast of tabernacles: and they shall not appear before the Lord empty": 2 Chron 7:12 "And the Lord appeared to Solomon by night, and said unto him, I have heard thy prayer, and have chosen this place to myself for an house of sacrifice"

16. NOTICE TO DECORATORS AND SANCTUARY USERS FOR EVENTS

To preserve the furniture, fittings and fixtures within the sanctuary, the Church will not allow the use of nails, tacks, staple pins or any other items capable of damaging or defacing the furniture for purposes of installing decorations. Stand-alone decorative items must be used without exception. Decorators and users will be penalized for any damages observed.

The Wardens.

17. ANNOUNCEMENT

Notices and Thanksgiving must get to Church Office not later than Thursday of the week.

18. AVMCC CLINIC

Specialist/Consultant Clinic days.

Parishioners are hereby informed that the AVMCC Clinic will start operating Specialist/Consultant Clinic days in the clinic in the following areas.

(1) Cardiology (2) Urology (Prostate etc)

(3) Gynaecology (4) Neurology

Members or members relative who desire the above specialized health needs should go to the Clinic to Register with their name, phone number and special area of need.

19. CONFIRMATION CLASS

Kindly join the class every Saturday at Tent Church @ 5.00pm. Kindly register with Rev. Adefope Adetujoye. Thank you.

AVMCC DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING CLASS: Has started. Parishioners can till join on Saturday, at 1st Floor, Vining House. Everyone who wants to live for and serve the Lord Jesus Christ. It is commanded and Jesus spoke 'Go therefore and make Disciples of all Nations.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK SUNDAY, 14^{TH} APRIL, 2024

THEME: THE CHURCH AND HER SHEPHERDS **READING: PSALM 23; EZEKIEL 34:1-10;**

HEBREWS 13:1-21; JOHN 10:7-16.

To start, a shepherd is generally someone who guides and protects their flock. In the context of the church, the shepherd is often a pastor or priest, and their flock is the congregation. The shepherd is responsible for providing spiritual guidance and support to the congregation, as well as helping to ensure that the church is a safe and welcoming place for all.

From our texts, we see the outline of responsibilities of Shepherds and also the flock, also from other parts of the scripture we see such, and for example Apostle Paul closes his letter to the Thessalonians and gives them instructions on how to cultivate a healthy church. His first and primary concern was to describe the expectations and responsibilities of how a pastor is to relate to the congregation and how the congregation is to relate to the pastors. Paul writes: "We ask you, brothers, to respect those who labour among you and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, and to esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves." (1 Thessalonians 5:12-13)

The Shepherd's Responsibility

The Shepherd is called by God to care for the sheep of the congregation. From I Thess. 5:12-13 he has three responsibilities in his calling.

He is responsible to

- 1. Labour
- 2. Oversee
- 3. Admonish the congregation.
 - 1. **Labour:** The priests/pastors of the church are called to labour diligently. The word here for labour describes great effort and exertion to the point of sweat and exhaustion. He is responsible for preaching, teaching, caring, admonishing, counselling and so much more. The priest has a high calling to diligently minister in the church and work hard (Acts 20:18-20). Every priest must have a servant's heart ready to pour out his life night and day for the sake of the Gospel (1 Thess. 2:9).

- 2. **Oversee:** The priests/pastors also have the responsibility to oversee the congregation and the ministry. Paul says they are "over you in the Lord." According to God's design, the priest has authority in the church to preside, lead or direct the ministries in the way he sees will best accomplish the mission of the church. He must act as faithful representatives. This is what it means to be over others "in the Lord." The authority of the priest/pastor is not self-proclaimed. He only has the authority to lead as the Word of God directs.
- 3. Admonish: Shepherds are also called to admonish. or give instruction, the congregation. This instruction is given for the purpose of correcting, and sometimes warning people (Tit 1:9). The shepherd must speak directly and frankly with those in his congregation. Since he loves his congregation, he should admonish them to follow the Lord wholeheartedly. He must speak "thus sayeth the Lord" and if he is a good shepherd will always point his congregation back to the Word of God exhorting them not to obey him, but rather to obey the Lord.

The Sheep's Responsibility

The sheep, or congregation, also have responsibilities in the church designed by God. They are called by God to relate to their pastors and elders in a particular manner that would bring honour to the Lord. Also, from I Thess. 5: 12-13 they have three responsibilities toward their leaders: 1. Respect their leaders 2.Esteem their leaders 3.Submit to and be at peace with their leaders.

- 1. **Respect:** The congregation is called to understand clearly what God expects of their pastors and as a result they are to respect them. This means that they are to appreciate that God has given them a real human shepherd to watch over and care for their souls (Heb. 13:17). Respect should extend to attitudes and words spoken. It is common for people to be unkind, critical, or indifferent toward their pastors. This is not honouring to the Lord.
- 2. **Esteem:** The sheep are also to "esteem them highly in love because of their work." The congregation must have a loving attitude toward all their pastors. They must keep in mind what work they have been called to do. This might mean overlooking some of your pastors' shortcomings. Pastors are not perfect and are also on the journey of sanctification, just like the congregation.

C. Cathedral Youth Chapel Regular Weekly Programmes

- . Strictly Feminine Every 3rd Saturday of the month.
- ii. Just 4 Guys Every 3rd Saturday of the month at 3.00p.m
- iii. Youth Fellowship every Saturday by 3.00pm.

Sunday: 7.00am. & 10.00am. Services

Venue: Youth Chapel (2nd Floor, Adetiloye House) **Strictly Feminine** – **Co-ord** –**Sola Aladesawe** - **08135431392. Just 4 Guys Co-ord.** – **Okechukwu Ofoegbu** - **08064463886**

D. Elderly Ministry

All Senior Citizens are welcome every first and second Tuesday of each month from 11.00 am to 1.00pm.

- i. Medical Check-up in the Clinic; Spiritual Talks; Games /Exercises and Handicrafts in the Vining Hall.
- Please send names of sick and shut-in Elders to the Coordinator Elderly Ministry or the Cathedral office for visitation.

iii. 2024 Bible Quiz Book – (1) EPHESIANS (II) ANGLICANISM

E. Evangelical Ministry

i. Monthly Meeting

- (a) 1st & 3rd Monday of the Month at 1st Floor, Vining House by 6.00pm.
- (b) 2nd Saturday has been shifted to 3rd Saturday.

ii. Home Fellowships:

All Parishioners and their friends are encouraged to attend a Home Fellowship of their Choice and convenience near their homes or work places. Please check the list of Home Fellowship Centres.

iii. Visitation:

Do you know any Parishioner who needs to be visited by the Church? Please send the name and address to the Evangelical Ministry, the Intercessors or the Dean for a follow-up.

F. Prisons & Hospital Ministry

(a) Hospital Visitation every 3^{rd} and last Sundays of the month. (b) Prison visitation every 2^{nd} Thursday of the month (c) Meeting comes up every 2^{nd} Sunday of the month after 10.00a.m Service at the Church gallery. For more information, call (08033136370 and 08036695837).

G. Intercessory Ministry

This Group meets for prayers every Tuesday from 5.00pm to 6.00pm. They visit the sick and all those needing spiritual support and prayers etc after 7.00am Midweek Communion service every Wednesday. Please avail yourself of the services of this group as and when required.

H. Men & Women of Grace Fellowship

- 1. Are you a widower or a widow?
- 2. Are you aware of the existence of above fellowship for widowers and widows?
- 3. If yes to no. 1, Are you a registered member of the fellowship?
- 4. Kindly pick and complete a registration form to register or update your data.

Identify with one and other via care, love and support by fellowshipping of God's grace every last Thursday of the month at 11.00am.

For the fellowship's objectives, registration form and other information, visit the church office or call 08023125243.

D. AVMCC Guest House

Stay within a Christian environment, also visit the restaurant for tasty and affordable meals all located at the 3rd Floor of Vining house within the Church complex. Laundry services are also available. Contact us on 09158070000 and 09158060000.

E. Admission to DLW Vocational Center, City of God, 10 Majiyagbe Layout, Ipaja.

The form for DLW Vocational Center is out. The programme includes (*Catering, Clothing & Fashion, I.T. Computer, Textile Design, Photography, Shoe & Leather work, Barbing & Hairdressing*). Kindly note that registration forms are available in all Archdeaconry Headquarters and the Dean's Office.

F. Lagos Anglican Dioceses Bible College, Lagos Admission to Lagos Anglican Bible College (LABICO) for 2024 Calendar year is ongoing. Please obtain your form at the Church Office or contact: 08033083851. Admission form is N3.000.

G. Babington Macaulay Junior Seminary, IkoroduThe forms for the above school are out at the rate of **N20,000**. Payment should be made into **Zenith Bank Plc:** Babington Macaulay Junior Seminary **Account No 1015133015.** Collect your own at the Cathedral Office and submit at the school. **Examination Date:** Saturday, 1st June, 2024. Interview on Saturday 8th June, 2024 at 8.00am.

H. Admission to Anglican Girl's College, Ketu-Ijanikin
The form for the school is out at the rate of N10,000.00.
Payment should be made into Wema Bank Account
No.0120980406. Account Name: Anglican Girl's College, KetuIjanikin. Forms can be obtained from the Cathedral Office,
please fill and submit to the school.

i. Admission to Lagos Anglican Schools

- Anglican Comp. High School, College Road, Ipaja,
- Anglican Girls Grammar School, Surulere,
- CMS Grammar School, Bariga
- Bishop Howells Memorial Grammar School, Bariga
 The forms for the above schools are out at the rate of N15,000.
 Payment should be made into Union Bank Acct N0 0002516850. Account Name: Lagos Anglican Schools Management Board and Collect the form at the Cathedral Office and submit to the school of your choice.

14. MINISTRIES & FELLOWSHIPSA. Children's Ministry

Parents are requested to send their children to the Sunday School with Bibles, Note Books & Biros. Please instruct your children to remain in the Sunday School and not wander about looking for things to buy. Children are better and safer in the Sunday School.

B. COUNSELLING MINISTRY

Prospective couples are counselled in the ministry after which they are referred to the priest assigned to them for the concluding part of the Counselling session.

Counsellees from overseas (with evidence) who intend to spend a short period in the country for their wedding, undergo crash programmes because of their time limitations. 3. Submit & Be at Peace: The third responsibility of the congregation is to submit to and be at peace with church leaders. Since the pastors are "overseers" and have authority, the congregation must be willing to submit, obey and be peaceable. Being peaceable with your leaders, means that the congregation is quick to eliminate conflict, strife, and discord and promote harmony so that the church can be effective in fulfilling its mission.

In conclusion, we all desire to have a healthy church. An unhealthy church is a black eye to the glory of the Lord and brings shame on the Gospel. We can be sure that Satan desires more than anything to destroy the Church. He will attempt to put animosity between church leaders and the congregation.

The responsibilities that God has given both to pastors and the congregation are difficult. Without the power of the Holy Spirit and much prayer, it would be impossible to accomplish our Lord's directives. We must all be aware of what the Lord expects of each of us and encourage one another for the Lord's sake.

HYMN FOR DOXOLOGY - (CONH 491)

- 1. Let Your blessings, Lord, attend us, As we go out of this place, And abiding in Your presence Basking in Your joy and grace.
- Let us in Your sight find favour
 In all on which our hands lay
 Make Your face Lord shine upon us
 As You lead us on our way.
- 3. May Your heavenly peace surround us Turn our darkness into light, Give us strength, now and forever So, to live within Your might.
- God, our compassionate Father, Look upon us with mercy Let Your Name receive our praises Now and for eternity. Amen.

6. ATTENDANCE FOR PREVIOUS WEEK

April 7 – April 13, 2024

F	
7.00 am Holy Communion	878
7.00 am Youth Service	202
7.00 am Sunday School	378
10.00 am Mattins	600
10.00 am Youth Service	145
10.00 am Sunday School	231
Tuesday Bible Study	89
Wednesday Holy Communion	123
Wednesday Prayer Meeting	78

7. MEETINGS THIS WEEK

The following Societies will meet immediately in the Church after service:

- ♣ Anglican Fellowship
- **♣** Ambassadors of Christ Society
- **4** Apostles of Peace
- **♣** Busy Bees Society
- **♣** Band of Mercy Executive
- **4** Charity Band
- **♣** Christian Family Society
- **♣** Christian Household Society
- **♣** Christian Morning Star
- Light of the World
- **↓** Lords Labourers Fellowship
- **♣** Y.M.C.A
- **♣** Y.W.C.A.

8. CATHEDRAL ROSTER

A. Cathedral Health Centre

i. Personnel on Duty this Sunday, 14th April, 2024

7.00a.m-10.00a.m: Dr. B. Ibidapo-Obe, Dr. M. Akinlemibola, Pharm Chie Nwerri, Mrs Nkiru Arah, Mrs A. Amah-Jerry.

10.00am-2.00pm: Dr. Arinze Onubogu, Pharm. Dele Ajala, Mrs Bola Awobiyi, Mrs Chinelo Emenike.

ii. Personnel on Duty Next Sunday 21st April, 2024

7.00a.m-10.00a.m: Dr. M. Akinlemibola, Dr. B. Ibidapo-Obe, Pharm Chie Nwerri, Pharm. Y. Olorunsola, Mrs Gina Okolo

7.00am-2.00pm: Dr. Mrs Irene Okwerekwu, Pharm. Ranti Adedeji, Mrs Olufunke Olatunji, Mrs E. Osibajo.

B. Security & Traffic Control

i. Sunday 14th April - Saturday, 20th April, 2024
Funso Fagbuyiro, (Captain), Helen Arhagba
(Assistant Captain), Adeyemi Muyiwa, Goke
Uthman, Juliet Chimezie, Helen Arhagba, Caroline
Omowhara, Kene Obimma, Chukwuemeka Osaka,
Bolaji Dania, Funmi Ladele, Ekwegh Lilian, Michael
Enujioke, Olusegun Esan, Jemerigbe Helen I, Odibo
Fanny Efe, Odanye Mojisola.

ii. Sunday 21st April - Saturday, 27th Apr. 2024
Bolaji Dania (Captain), Ogunleye Adeboboye,
(Assistant Captain), Ayo Tetede, Dare Sigbeku, Juliet
Chimezie, Omotola Onakoya, Akinniran O. Temidayo,
Rita Osibodu, Olusegun Esan, Michael Enujioke,
Segun Openiyi, Nwaorgu Chinedu, Okedurum
Andrew, Gbenga Ojo.

11. SUMMARY OF SERVICES FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Easter III April 21

Theme: Understanding Spiritual Things

Colour: White

7.00 am: HOLY COMMUNION

LORD'S VESSEL ANNIVERSARY

Celebrant: The Dean

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Lord's Vessel

Gospel: John 11:17-27

The Rev. Fikayo Adenle

Address: The Dean

THE YOUTH SERVICE

Venue: The Adetiloye House
Celebrant The Rev. Michael Obembe
Preacher: The Rev. Michael Obembe

10.00 am: HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant: The Dean

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Layreader Cyril Mgbamoka

Gospel: John 11:17-27

The Rev. Fikayo Adenle

Address: The Dean

6.00 pm: EVENSONG

Cantor: The Rev. Yinka Akinpeju

Psalm: 18:1-32 Lesson John 21:1-14

Preacher: The Rev. Fikayo Adenle

12. BANNS OF MARRIAGE

We publish the Banns of Marriage between the persons under-listed: If anyone knows any just cause in law why the persons listed may not be joined together in Holy Matrimony, he should declare it immediately.

3RD NOTICE:

Mr Olumayowa Oshadare & Miss Oluwakemi Ojo

13. NOTICES

A. Visitors and New Comers

We welcome Visitors and New Comers to Archbishop Vining Memorial Church Cathedral, Ikeja. We pray that the joy of the Lord will be yours today and always. You are requested to please move to the Lady's Chapel after the service where our Evangelical Team is waiting to attend to you.

B. Library:

The Cathedral Library opens daily:

Monday – Friday - 8.00am to 5.00pm

Closed on Saturday & Sunday.

We request everyone to make use of this opportunity.

C. Vining Bookshop

Kindly patronize the Bookshop at Adetiloye House, which opens at 9.00am-5.00pm Tuesday to Friday, 10.00am-4.00pm on Saturdays and 9.30am-2.00pm on Sundays.

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Friday, April 19, 2024 Colour: White

7.00am Holy Communion

Theme: Perfect love casts away fear Celebrant: *The Ven. Abiodun Omoyelu*

Epistle: 1 John 4:7-21 - Lay. Olabisi Onayemi

Gospel: Matthew 4:12-17

Hymns: CONH 18, CONH 608, CONH 551

Preacher: The Ven. Azubike Ahubelem

Prayer Points:

❖ For the Rt. Revd. Daniel Nkemjika Olinya, his family and all members of the Diocese of Eha-Amufu.

- For these members of the Cathedral who are celebrating their Birthdays today: Rev. Canon Abiodun Okunnuga, Mr Paul Ihejirika, Mr Ifeanyi Ogudiegwu, Engr. Chuks Ikedinma, Mrs Funmilayo Gbadeyan, Mrs Chinelo Nwobodo, Mrs Omotoyosi Odukomaiya-Adeyemi, Miss Helen Oluwakoya, Mrs Motunrayo Osinoiki, Miss Uchechi Adiele, Miss Daniel Chibunwannem, Miss Silver Nwanekezi, Mr Abiola Egbedeyi, Prof. Yinka Egbedeyi.
- ❖ For these individual Families within the AVMCC Household: Nnodimele Family, Nnonyelum Family, Nordiana Family, Nse Family, Nsirimobi Family, Nubi Family, Nwabudo Family, Nwabueze Family, Nwabufo Family, Nwabuike Family.

4.00pm Service of Songs for

Late Barr. Ikenna Onwusika

6.00pm Choir Practice

Saturday, April 20, 2024 Colour: White

7.00am Holy Communion Victory by Faith

Celebrant: The Ven. Dr. Benjamin Okere Epistle: 1 John 5:1-5 - Lay. Nathan Eze

Gospel: Matthew 4:18-25

Hymns: CONH 125, CONH 821, CONH 428
Preacher: The Rev. Oluwafikayomi Adenle
Praver Points:

- For the Rt. Revd. Geoffrey Ibeabuchi, his family and all members of the Diocese of Umuahia.
- For these members of the Cathedral who are celebrating their Birthdays today: Mrs Omoriyeba Atiba, Mr Eyitayo Ekwejunor, Mr John Adeshina, Mr Samuel Iwuji, Mr Olukoyejo Omotoso, Mrs Peace Nwankwo, Mr Peter Olowojoba, Barr. Kenechukwu Ezekwo.
- For these individual Families within the AVMCC Household: Nwabunezi Family, Nwachukwu Family, Nwadigo Family, Nwadike Family, Nwadioke Family, Nwadiugwu Family, Nwagba Family, Nwaergu Family, Nwafor Family, Nwafor-Orizu Family.

8.00am Royal Gems & Vessels Seminar

12noon Wedding

Mr Olumayowa Oshadare & Miss Oluwakemi Ojo

3.00 pm Youth Fellowship

4.00 pm Boy's Brigade & Girls Brigade

4.00 pm Baptism

9. LIST OF CENTERS FOR HOME CELL FELLOWSHIP

S/N	NAMES	LOCATION	PHONE NO
	Mr. Cyril		
1.	Nwannunu	Egbeda	08033480112
	Mrs. Georgina	Oko-Oba GRA	
2.	Bamigboye	Scheme 1	08023414415
	Obum Osy-	Maryland	
3.	Onyekwelu	Crescent	08036684298
4.	Victor Adenuoye	Fagba	08069206291
5.	Lady Gina Okolo	Mangoro Ikeja	08033235796
		College Road,	
6.	Ugochi Osinigwe	Ogba	08092147012
	Rtd. Col. C. O.	54, New Ipaja	
7.	Ajala	Road	08081654907
	Mrs. Ebele S.		
8.	Okere	Ajao Estate	08023270247
	Chukwuemeka		
9.	Ejiofor	Dopemu	07030463556
		Toyin Street,	
10.	Adekoya M. O.	Ikeja	
11.	Olusunkanmi King	Maryland	
12.	Chinyere Umealo	Oregun	08033052131
13.	Ada Obi	Cement	08062074465
14.	Obi Divine	Cement	08062074465
	Mrs. Udoka		
15.	Omoniyi	Fagba	08023082792
	Mayokun		
16.	Ogedengbe	Anifowose	08069530744
	Gbadeyan		
17.	Ademola	Alagbole /Akute	08171373722
18.	Chinyere Okpara	Adealu	08035792201
19.	Umeadi Juliana	Dopemu	08057474558
20.	Bro. I.O Odeniran	Opebi	08023096565
	Umeadi	Dopemu Road,	
21.	Christopher	Agege	08055901853
22.	Tochi Anyalewechi	Oke-Ira, Ogba	
	Mrs Teju		
23.	Akindolire	Ogudu, GRA	08175160830
24.	Mr Tunji Odeneye	Gbagada	08033163337
	Mr Makinde		
25.	Ogunleye	Omole Phase 2	08033078004
	Barr. F. Okey		
26.	Ogbu	Iyana-Ipaja	08023192145
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10. ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, April 15, 2024 **Colour: White**

7.00am **Holy Communion** Theme: **Righteousness**

Ante Communion: Layreader Joy Nwadiugwu

Celebrant: The Rev. Yinka Akinpeju

The Rev. Michael Obembe

Epistle: I John 2:28-29 - *Lay. P. Enwezor*

Gospel: **Matthew 1:1-17**

Hymns: CONH 116, CONH 461, CONH 455 Preacher: Lavreader Oluremi Onabolu

Prayer Points:

For the Rt. Revd. Engr. Sosthenes I. Eze, his family and all members of the Diocese of Enugu North.

- For these members of the Cathedral who are celebrating their Birthdays today: Mr Michael Enujioke, Mr Azubike Ikejiaku, Mr Ucheoma Anyalewechi, Nnabuife, Ms Olamide Ola, Mr Olatunji Olaniyan, Miss Marvelous Umukoro, Mr Kennedy Omoruyi, Mr Segun Labiyi, Mr Emmanuel Onu, Mrs Felicia Sodade, Mr Anthony Ejikeme, Dr. Johnson Oyedokun, Mr Chukwuma Nwakozor, Mr Godwin Okereke, Mr Lucas Olaniyan, Mr James Oghenekaro, Simisoluwa Adeosun.
- For these individual Families within the AVMCC Household: Mozie Family, Muoka Ogun Family, Muritala Family, Musa-Anas Family, Museo Family, Mwantok Family, Nden Family, Ndu Family, Nduh Family, Nduka Family.

4.00pm **Night of Tributes for** Late Chief Timothy Adebanjo Fasuvi - Vining Hall

Tuesday, April 16, 2024 **Colour: White**

7.00am **Holy Communion** Theme: **Generous Love**

Celebrant: The Ven. Abiodun Omoyelu

1 John 3:1-12- Lay. O. Obisesan **Epistle:**

Gospel: **Matthew 3:7-12**

Hymns: CONH 118, CONH 596, CONH 706

Preacher: The Rev. Adefope Adetujoye

Prayer Points:

- For the Rt. Revd. Godwin Anyigor Awoke, his family and all members of the Diocese of Ngbo.
- For these members of the Cathedral who are celebrating their Birthdays today: Chief (Mrs) Ayodele Akideinde, Mrs Rhoda Tuyo, Chief Mrs Rosalina Adeoba, Mrs Adedotun Oyegunle, Mr Gabriel Ogbewele, Master Okechukwu Johnboskor, Miss Peace Akira, Mrs Elizabeth Adepoju, Mrs Feyikola Olasimbo, Mrs Chinyere Ebiliekwe, Mrs Prisca Chine, Lady Justina Nzegwu, Engr, Ifeanyi Ezennaka, Mr Julius Fadahunsi, Miss Amen Emmanuel-Nwoye, Mr Daniel Ariama, Mr Adeniyi Oke, Mrs Christiana Kupoluyi.
- For these individual Families within the AVMCC Household: Ndukauba Family, Ndukwe Family, Ndulue Family, Nebedum Family, Nebonta Family, Nelson Family, Ngini Family, Ngonadi Family, Nicholas Family, Ninis Family.
- 70th birthday of Mrs Dotun Oyegunle & numerous blessings.

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5.00pm - 6.00pm **Intercessory Prayer** 6.00pm **BIBLE STUDY**

Wednesday, April 17 2024 **Colour: White**

7.00am **Holy Communion** Theme: **Expressed Love**

Celebrant: The Ven. Azubike Ahubelem

Epistle: 1 John 3:13-24 – Lay. Oluwatosin

Faloyin

Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

Hymns: CONH 124, CONH 65, CONH 431

CONH 867

Preacher: The Dean

Prayer Point

For the Rt. Revd. Paul Amaechi Udogu, his family and all members of the Diocese of Afikpo.

- For the Rt. Revd. Aloysius Agbo, his family and all members of the Diocese of Nsukka.
- For these members of the Cathedral who are celebrating their Birthdays today: Miss Grace Agiddi, Mrs Modupe Ogundele, Mr Olayiwola Awakan, Mrs Modupe Ogunleye, Mrs Glory Peters, Mrs Caroline Sikuade, Engr. (Mrs) Edith Tetede, Barr. Victor Onukwue, Miss Omobolaji Osisanva.
- For these individual Families within the AVMCC Household: Niyi Family, Njelita Family, Njimezi Family, Njoku Family, Nkemidilim Family, Nkereuwem Family, Nkwoji Family, Nlemadim Family, Nlewedim Family, Nmezi Family.

8.00am **Vining Intercessor's Visitation**

4.00pm Service of Songs for

Late Mrs Mercy Arufor- Vining Hall

6.00pm PRAYER MEETING

April 18, 2024 Colour: White Thursday,

7.00am **Holy Communion Test the Spirits** Theme:

Celebrant: The Rev. Adefope Adetujoye

Epistle: I John 4:1-6 – Lav. I. Ogundiran

Gospel: **Matthew 4:1-11**

Hymns: CONH 16, CONH 884, CONH 835

Preacher: The Rev. Fikayo Adenle

Prayer Points:

- For the Rt. Revd. Dr. Christian Onyeka Onyia, his family and all members of the Diocese of Nike.
- For the Rt. Revd. Chijioke Augustine Aneke, his family and all members of the Diocese of Udi.
- For these members of the Cathedral who are celebrating their Birthdays today: Mr Mosadoluwa Adebiyi, Mr Charles Belolise, Mr Anthony Okame, Miss Chioma Ezebelu, Miss Chijioke Chukwu, Mrs Philomena Ogbechie, Mrs Angela Okonji, Mr Ibhaze Uduehi, Miss Dumebi Obimma, Mrs Ifeoma Matthew, Mrs Adora Uzochukwu, Miss Anjolaoluwa Salami, Mrs Titilola Olufade. Oluwatodimu Adeosun.
- For these individual Families within the AVMCC Household: Nmoh Family, Nnabuenyi Family, Nnabuife Family, Nnadi Family, Nnadozie Family, Nnahasi Family, Nnaji Family, Nnebe Family, Nnebedum Family, Nnamani Family..

Funeral Service for 9.00am **Late Mrs Mercy Arufor**

WISDOM / TRUTH FOR THE CHURCH AND THE CONTRACTORS

1. Father in the name of Jesus Christ, let Your Spirit of wisdom hover over the site and take charge of every thought and activity.

Then wrought Bezaleel and Aholiab, and every wise hearted man, in whom the Lord put wisdom and understanding to know how to work all manner of work for the service of the sanctuary, according to all that the Lord had commanded (Exod 36:1)

2. Father in the name of Jesus Christ, fill us with wisdom, understanding, knowledge and all kinds of skills needed to build to Your glory.

And I have filled him with the spirit of God, in wisdom, and in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship, (Exod. 31:3)

3. Father in the name of Jesus Christ, saturate the entire atmosphere as we build with wisdom that descend from above.

This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish (James 3:15).

4. Father in the name of Jesus Christ, let Your fear permeate the heart of everyone that will touch this project.

There is none greater in this house than I; neither hath he kept back anything from me but thee, because thou art his wife: how then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God? (Exod. 39:9)

5. Father in the name of Jesus Christ, we pray that everyone will hand this project with truth and integrity of heart

And he left all that he had in Joseph's hand; and he knew not ought he had, save the bread which he did eat. And Joseph was a goodly person, and well favoured. (Gen. 39:6)

SPEEDY COMPLETION, NO DELAY

1. Father in the name of Jesus Christ, frustrate every mischievous plan to wreak havoc on any member/worker to cause a delay on the project.

That Sanballat and Geshem sent unto me, saying, Come, let us meet together in some one of the villages in the plain of Ono. But they thought to do me mischief (Nehemiah 6:2).

2. Father in the name of Jesus Christ, empower and make me a man to further the refurbishment of Your church. When Sanballat the Horonite, and Tobiah the servant, the Ammonite, heard of it, it grieved them exceedingly that there was come a man to seek the welfare of the children of Israel (Nehemiah 2:10).

3. Father in the name of Jesus Christ, let Your divine hand be upon this project for unique supernatural speed.

And the hand of the Lord was on Elijah; and he girded up his loins, and ran before Ahab to the entrance of Jezreel (1Kgs 18:46).

4. Father in the name of Jesus Christ, stir up the hearts of people in high places to support and work for this project and not against it.

Then I came to the governors beyond the river, and gave them the king's letters. Now the king had sent captains of the army and horsemen with me (Nehemiah 2:9).

5. Father in the name of Jesus Christ, fill the hearts of every worker on the site, that no one will be an agent of delay.

So built we the wall; and all the wall was joined together unto the half thereof: for the people had a mind to work (Nehemiah 4:6).

REVIVAL AND MIRACLE SEASON

1. Father in the name of Jesus Christ, wrought wonders that will proclaim Your majestic power in our midst this season.

Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you, as I said unto Moses (Josh 1:3).

2. Father in the name of Jesus Christ, let Your presence be present always to heal and deliver anytime we gather.

"And it came to pass on a certain day, as he was teaching, that there were Pharisees and doctors of the law sitting by, which were come out of every town of Galilee, and Judaea, and Jerusalem: and the power of the Lord was present to heal them" (Luke 5:17)

3. Father in the name of Jesus Christ, go before your church and miraculously make a way, and supply every need of this project.

I will go before thee, and make the crooked places straight: I will break in pieces the gates of brass, and cut in sunder the bars of iron: And I will give thee the treasures of darkness, and hidden riches of secret places, that thou mayest know that I, the LORD, which call thee by thy name, am the God of Israel (Isaiah 45:2-3).

4. Father in the name of Jesus Christ, do the miraculous as the work of the Cathedral kicks off, honour your word and your name.

Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert (Isaiah 43:19).

5. Father in the name of Jesus Christ, we decree that at every gathering, You will send Your Word to us in power.

Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? (Acts 2:37)

SHUTTING THE MOUTH OF SANBALLAT AND TOBIAT GERSHEM

1. Father in the name of Jesus Christ, disappoint every plan of the enemy over this project, show your strength and power to do the impossible.

And it came to pass, that when all our enemies heard thereof, and all the heathen that were about us saw these things, they were much cast down in their own eyes: for they perceived that this work was wrought of our God (Nehemiah 6:16).

2. Father in the name of Jesus Christ, shut up every satanic agent assigned to weaken the hands of the Church.

Then the people of the land weakened the hands of the people of Judah, and troubled them in building, And hired counsellors against them, to frustrate their purpose, all the days of Cyrus king of Persia, even until the reign of Darius king of Persia (Ezra 4:4-5).

- 3. Father in the name of Jesus Christ, close every legal, policy, or religious door opened to attack this project. Now when the copy of king Artaxerxes' letter was read before Rehum, and Shimshai the scribe, and their companions, they went up in haste to Jerusalem unto the Jews, and made them to cease by force and power. Then ceased the work of the house of God which is at Jerusalem. So it ceased unto the second year of the reign of Darius king of Persia (Ezra 4:23-24).
- 4. Father in the name of Jesus Christ, as far as this work is concerned, raise a standard against everyone who will stand as enemy.
 - then I will be an enemy unto thine enemies, and an adversary unto thine adversaries (Exodus 23:22).
- 5. Father in the name of Jesus Christ, do not hold your peace before, during and after this project, let praises and Thanksgiving be our testimonies at the end of the day. For Zion's sake will I not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp that burneth (Isaiah 62:1).

REFURBISHMENT PRAYER INTRODUCTION

Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain (Psalm 127:1).

Prayer is the key in any kingdom assignment. As we finally commence the Cathedral refurbishment project, it is important for every member of the Cathedral (and non-members) to be mobilized in prayer.

The following are scriptural prayer points that God has commanded us to pray at our personal prayer time, family altar, every ministry or society time of prayer and fellowship.

Please let us be committed and dedicated to these prayers.

THANKSGIVING

Heavenly Father, we give You thanks for You are so good to us. Your love and mercy towards us in this Cathedral are boundless and immeasurable. We are extremely grateful. Especially, for the commencement of the refurbishment of the Cathedral. You are always working things out for our good, and we trust that this time You will also come through for us. Help us to rest in the truth that You are our Creator and that there nothing impossible for You. Thank You loving and faithful Father, for who You are in Jesus Christ name. Amen.

ABUNDANT PROVISION

- 1. Father in the name of Jesus Christ, open the floodgate of abundant provisions that will be enough to start and complete the work within the record time.
 - And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work (2 Corinthians 9:8).
- 2. Father in the name of Jesus Christ, bless and make every member a channel of blessing
 - And they received of Moses all the offering, which the children of Israel had brought for the work of the service of the sanctuary, to make it withal. And they brought yet unto him free offerings every morning (Exod 36:3).
- 3. Father in the name of Jesus Christ, let the love of your house fill our hearts to give in abundance as the work goes on.

And they spake unto Moses, saying, the people bring much more than enough for the service of the work, which the Lord commanded to make (Exod 36:5).

- 4. Father in the name of Jesus Christ, we decree that we shall never experience lack and paucity of fund till the work is completed
 - And Moses gave commandment, and they caused it to be proclaimed throughout the camp, saying, let neither man nor woman make any more work for the offering of the sanctuary. So, the people were restrained from bringing (Exod 36:6).
- 5. Father in the name of Jesus Christ, release the grace to enjoy constant access to divine treasury.
 - For the stuff they had was sufficient for all the work to make it, and too much (Exod 36:7).