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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, 11th August - Saturday, 17th Aug. 2024

TRINITY XI

Theme: **Greatness in the Kingdom of God**

51ST ANNIVERSARY OF LORD'S LABOURERS

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Dr. Dayo Omogbehin
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Mr Olawale Fasuyi
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Dean of the Cathedral

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The Bishop, Diocese of Lagos West

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1. SERVICES FOR SUNDAY – 11th August, 2024

A. 7.00 am HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant: The Rev. Adefope Adetujoye
The Epistle: Layreader Chijioke Onuma
The Gospel: The Rev. Fikayo Adenle
Preacher: The Rev. Yinka Akinpeju
Intercessor: The Ven. Abiodun Omoyelu

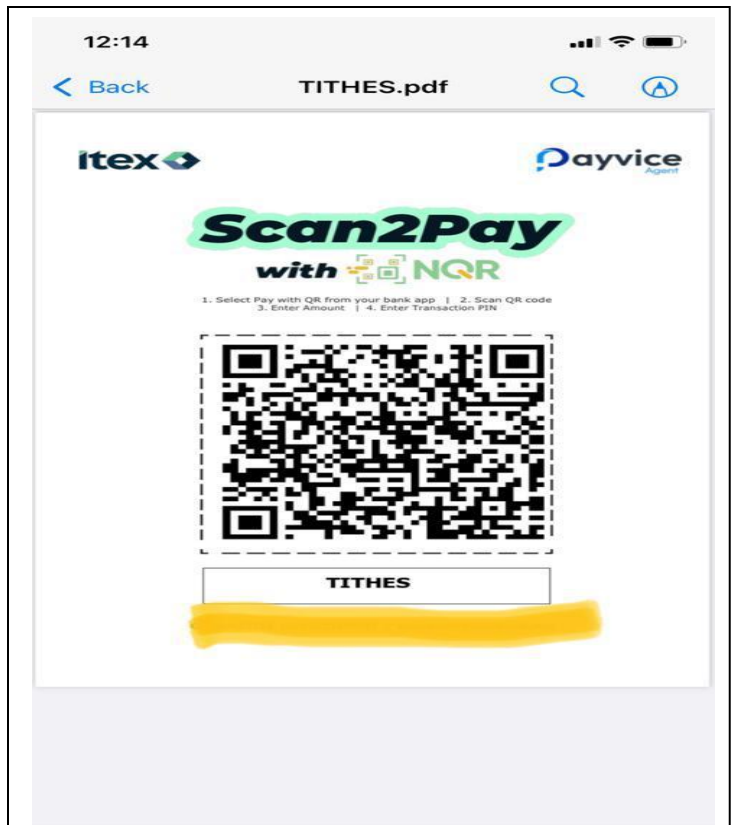
- ❖ Processional Hymn: CONH 116
- ❖ Praise & Worship
- ❖ Preparation to Penitence – **The Ven. Dr. B. Okere**
- ❖ The Epistle II Corinthians 5:14-6:2
- ❖ Gradual Hymn: CONH 461
- ❖ The Gospel: John 17:20-26
- ❖ **SERMON**
- ❖ Nicene Creed & Intercession
- ❖ The Peace (*Let there be peace*)
- ❖ All Offerings: Choruses
- {First Fruit, Tithes, Building, Covenant Seed, Sunday Offering & All other offerings}**
- ❖ The Eucharistic Prayers
- ❖ The Administration: CONH 397, 60, 50, 828
- ❖ The Ablution: In Christ Alone (*pg 18*)
- ❖ Post Communion Prayer
- ❖ **Thanksgiving:**
 - i. Family Altar Thanksgiving
 - ii. Family Harvest*as indicated..... (page 22)*
 - iii. 1st year birthday of Miss Nicol Odibo, 42nd year birthday of Mrs Fanny Odibo & numerous blessings.
 - iv. Birthday thanksgiving of Miss Anuoluwapo Adeniyi & God's numerous blessings.
 - v. Thanksgiving after burial of Late Lady Bridget Nkiru Ikokwu (Mother of Mr Ivy Ikokwu of FOH) and journey mercies.
- ❖ Doxology CONH 491(*page 18*)
- ❖ Benediction
- ❖ Notices
- ❖ Diocesan Anthem
- ❖ Withdrawal Hymn: CONH 120

WE WELCOME ALL OUR FIRST TIMERS IN JESUS NAME. WE REQUEST THAT YOU PLEASE MOVE TO THE LADY'S CHAPEL AFTER THE SERVICE WHERE OUR EVANGELICAL TEAM IS WAITING TO ATTEND TO YOU. REMAIN BLESSED AND RAPTURABLE.

AVMCC DEVELOPMENT FUND ACCOUNT

Account Name: AVMCC Development Fund
Account Number: 1021733207 **Sort Code:** 033154512
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Sort Code: 214150377.
USD Account Number - 2003086682



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27. AVMCC BANK ACCOUNTS DETAILS

<u>BANK</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NUMBER</u>	<u>SORT CODE</u>	<u>PURPOSE</u>
ACCESS	0017948337	044151245	Building Fund Evangelical Fund
WEMA	0120970667	035150695	Offering & Thanksgiving
GTB	0570015856	058152120	Offering & Thanksgiving
FIRST	2025018178	011151841	Harvest (kindly signify 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	057150314	Covenant Seed
FCMB	9318228020		AVMCC Choir
WEMA	0122245798	035150695	Endowment Fund

For the New Cathedral Development Account details please refer to `page 2 of this bulletin.

24.**HARVEST NEWS****THEME - HARVEST OF GOOD FAITH****– Matthew 17:20****A. Family Harvest for today, Sunday, 11th Aug, 2024**

7.00am: Mr Stanley Achonwa & Family, Mr Nosike Okoli & Family, Mrs Uchenna Ezuma & Family, Mr Ifeatu Onwuasoanya & Family, Mr Nosike Okoli & Family, Sir. Ikechukwu Nwankwo & Family, Mr Akinyele Adeniyi & Family, Mr Mallinson Ukatu & Family.

10.00am: Mr Maxwell Enyioko & Family, Mr Sunday Ubani & Family.

B. Family Harvest for Sunday, 18th August, 2024

7.00am: Mr Onyechi Orakwe & Family, Barr. Abel Osuji & Family.

10.00am: Dr. Japhet Olugbogi & Family, Pharm Lai Opayemi & Family, Mazi Sam Ohuabunwa & Family.

C. Society Harvest for - Sunday 18th August. 2024

10.00am: Christian Household Society, Light of the World & Ladies Progressive League

D. 2024 Harvest activities are as stated below. Please block the dates in your calendar.

a. Family Harvest	-	June- Nov 2024
b. Clergy Harvest	-	June – Nov 2024
c. Society Harvest	-	June – Nov 2024
d. Area & Diaspora Harvest	-	June – Nov. 2024
e. Youth Harvest	-	Aug 25 th ,2024
f. Corporate Harvest	-	Sept 15 th 2024
g. Professional Harvest	-	Sept. 15 th ,2024
h. National Harvest	-	Sept. 29 th ,2024
i. All Women's Harvest	-	Oct. 13 th ,2024
j. All Ministries Harvest	-	Oct. 13 th 2024
k. Adult Harvest	-	Oct. 27 th ,2024
l. Church Leaders Harvest	-	Nov. 10 th , 2024
m. Senior Citizen Harvest	-	Nov. 10 th , 2024
n. Bishop's Harvest	-	Dec. 1 st ,2024
o. Flag Handover	-	Jan. 12 th 2025

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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GOD IN MY LIFE SERIES

Sunday, 18th August, 2024 at 4.00pm.

**Speaker: Chief (Dr). John Odeyemi.FCA;
MFR**

B. 10.00am MATTINS**51ST ANNIVERSARY OF LORD'S LABOURERS**

Cantor: The Ven. Abiodun Omoyelu

O.T. Reading: Lord's Labourers

N.T. Reading: Lord's Labourers

Preacher: The Ven. Luyi Akinwande

Intercessor: The Rev. Fikayo Adenle

❖ Processional Hymn: CONH 121

❖ Praise & Worship

❖ Call to Worship

❖ O.T. Reading: Isaiah 49:1-6

❖ Te Deum Laudamus

❖ N.T. Reading: John 17:20-26

❖ Apostle's Creed – Collects

❖ Hymn: CONH 461

❖ **SERMON**

❖ Praises, Prayer - Grace

❖ All Offerings: Choruses

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

❖ **The Anniversary:**

i. Lord's Labourers Fellowship Anthem

ii. Rededication of Members

iii. Lord's Labourers, Patrons/Patroness & The Church Thanksgiving

❖ **Thanksgiving:**

i. Family Altar Thanksgiving

ii. Family Harvest*as indicated..... (page 22)*

iii. Society Harvest: **Ladies Christian Circle & Lord's Labourers Fellowship**

iv. 2nd year birthday of Master Favour Nwabueze & God's numerous blessings.

v. 70th birthday thanksgiving of Mrs Funmilola Akinbobola & God's numerous blessings.

vi. 75th birthday thanksgiving of Mrs Lola Olanrewaju Ogun, 2nd birthday of her grandson and God's numerous blessings.

vii. YWCA thanking God for a successful completion of their maiden edition of their programme (Domesticating our Young Girls to be All Rounders and Complete) and numerous blessings.

❖ Doxology CONH 491 (*pg 18*)

❖ Benediction

❖ Notices

❖ Diocesan Anthem

❖ Withdrawal Hymn: CONH 120

C. EVENTS AHEAD

1. **Diocesan Women's Conference at the City of God, Ipaja from 29th – 31th August, 2024.**

2. **Youth Week Programme (page 9) & Harvest – Sunday, 25th August, 2024.**

3. **15th Edition of DLW Choral Competition – Sunday, 25th August, 2024 at 2.00pm.**

4. **Intersociety Bible Quiz Competition – 1st Phase – Sunday, 1st Sept. 2024 at 2.00pm. (see page 9)**

5. **Corporate & Professional Harvest – Sunday, 15th September, 2024**

6. **National Harvest- Sunday, 29th Sept. 2024.**

7. **Intersociety Hymn Singing – Sunday, 6th Oct, at 4.00pm.**

**D. AVMCC SPONSORSHIP OF 2024
EVENSONG BY SOCIETIES**

1. Sunday Aug 11, 2024 - Good Samaritan
2. Sunday Aug. 18, 2024 - God in my Life
3. Sunday Aug. 25, 2024 – Youth Harvest
4. Sunday Sept. 1, 2024 – Society Bible Quiz
5. Sunday Sept. 8, 2024 – Good Shepherd
6. Sunday Sept. 15, 2024 - Ladies Christian Circle
7. Sunday Sept. 22, 2024 - Ladies Christian League
8. Sunday Sept. 29, 2024 - National Harvest

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E. ANNOUNCEMENT

This is to inform parishioners and other users of our facilities, that may need to have services at the Tent church or reception ceremonies at any of our halls, that decorations must be done the day prior to the event, and must be concluded by 10pm. This is for security reasons amongst others.

Thank You.

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F. ANNOUNCEMENT

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

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

Cantor: The Rev. Michael Obembe
Preacher: The Rev. Michael Obembe
Theme: Greatness in the Kingdom of God

- ❖ Processional Hymn: CONH 121
- ❖ Opening Praise
- ❖ Call to Worship
- ❖ Psalm 119:113-128
- ❖ O.T. Reading: Isaiah 49:1-6
- ❖ N.T. Reading: John 17:20-26
- ❖ 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 120



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19. CHRISTIAN MOTHERS

- i. All women prayer meeting {Cathedral Deanery} Every 1st Thursday of the Month. Venue: The AVMCC Main Sanctuary. Time: 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.

20. INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS

(a) OBITUARIES

- i. The death is announced of Mr Isaac Olusegun Bartels (husband to Mrs Victoria Bartels of Christian Morning Star Society) Aged 72 years. Burial arrangements are as follows:
Wake keep Service: 15th August 2024 at No 8 Otunba Adenuga Street, Silva Estate, El Shaddai bus stop, Idimu @ 5pm
Funeral mass 16th August, 2024 @ Holy Cross Cathedral, Catholic Mission Street, Lagos @10am. Reception after interment at TBS Banquet Hall, TBS, Lagos.
- ii. We announce the passing into glory of our Father Prince Adeyinka Gbadebo. Aged: 83years. Burial arrangements are as follows:
Wake Keep Service: On Wednesday, 28th August, 2024 at 1, Gbadebo Close, off Adebowale Street, Ojodu, Berger, Lagos by 4.00pm.
Funeral Service: On Friday, 30th August, 2024 @AVMCC by 9.00am.
- iii. We announce the passing into glory of our Mother Mrs Modupe Falade of Ladies Christian Circle. & Charity Band. Burial arrangements are as follows:
Service of Songs: On Wednesday, 4th Sept. 2024 at Family Residence, Lagos by 4.00pm.
Wake Keep Service: On Thursday, 5th Sept, 2024 at Vining Hall by 5.00pm.
Funeral Service: On Friday, 6th Sept, 2024 @AVMCC by 9.00am. Outing thanksgiving on Snday, 8th September, 2024 at 10.00am.

(b) VACANCIES

- i. Maintenance Officer: Is urgently needed. 5 years working experience in reputable Construction Firm Registered Builder (NIDB) B.Tech in or HND in Building Interested persons to submit their application to the Cathedral Office or or before 31st August, 2024.
- ii. Office Assitant is urgently required at a company in Adeniyi Jones, Ikeja. Interested persons to call: 08033348405
- iii. Teachers are also needed at Destiny Moulder Primary & Nursery School, AVMCC, GRA - Ikeja. Interested persons to submit their applications to the Cathedral Office.
- iv. Supervisor, Servers & Cleaner are urgently required at a Secretariat Membership company at Ikeja. Interested persons to call: 08033083144

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G. 6.00 pm.

FAMILY EVENING

Cantor: *The Rev. Yinka Akinpeju*
Cantor: *Layreader Uzor Ejikeme*
Preacher: *Layreader Joy Nwadiugwu*
Sponsor: *Good Samaritan*
Organist: *Mr Muiyiwa Olagoke*

- ❖ Processional Hymn: CONH 770
- ❖ Call to Worship
- ❖ Praise Worship
- ❖ Lesson: Isaiah 49:1-13- *Good Samaritan*
- ❖ Hymn: CONH 397
- ❖ Short Exhortation & Prayer
- ❖ Offerings Choruses
(a) First Fruit (b Tithes, Building, Covenant Seed & Sunday Offering
- ❖ Thanksgiving
- ❖ Closing Prayer
- ❖ Withdrawal Hymn: CONH 421

2. SENTENCES FOR TRINITY XI

Introductory Sentence

God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, and He has entrusted us with the message of reconciliation. **II Corinthians 5:19.**

Collects for the Week:

Almighty God, who called Your Church to witness that You were in Christ reconciling men to Yourself, help us to proclaim the Good News of Your love, that all who hear it may be reconciled to You; through Him who died for us and rose again and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.

Post Communion Sentence

You are the light of the world, a city set on a hill cannot be hid. **Matthew 5:14.**

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.

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4. PRAYER POINTS FOR TODAY – SUNDAY, 11TH AUGUST, 2024

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

- i. Pray for Most Rev. Dr. Henry Ndokuba our Primate, Most Rev. Dr. Olusina Fape our Archbishop and Olusola that all the sheep committed to their charge shall be rapturable none missing, none left behind by God’s grace and mercy.
- ii. For the Rt. Revd. Dr. Peter Oludipe, his family and all members of the Diocese of Ijebu.

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 Islamization agenda so that Christianity in Nigeria will never go the way of TURKEY nor NORTH AFRICA in Jesus Name. Amen.*
- ii. That the knowledge of God shall fill the earth and that Nigeria shall not be left out.
- iii. Let the power of God break asunder every plan and agenda of the devil over Nigeria.
- iv. That the God of peace shall not forsake us in Nigeria.

C. Prayer for AVMCC

- i. That God shall frustrate evil agenda of the devil over His church.
- ii. The gate of hell shall not overcome the church.
- iii. God shall provide for the needs of His people and that no one shall lack anything good.

D. Prayers for individual Families within the AVMCC Household

Alukanna Family, Aluko Family, Aluko-Arowolo Family, Aluko-Obafemi Family, Amade Family, Amadi Family, Amaechi Family, Amah Family, Amah-Jerry Family, Amaikwu Family.

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

- i. For Mrs Olayinka Akinsete, Mr Emmanuel Ani, Chief Gibson Eboh, Mr Idowu Ayininuola, Mrs Chizoba Ezeonyido, Miss Ezinne Osueke, Mrs Babaranti Olumuyiwa, Mrs Belinda Nnadi 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.



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AVMCC HARVEST ACCOUNT

17. 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
- 2 “60” inch Television
- 2 “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
VINYL FLOOR CARPET	= 469,220
Premium underlay for creche	= 47,800
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ABLUTION HYMN

IN CHRIST ALONE

1. In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
this Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All,
here in the love of Christ I stand.
2. In Christ alone! who took on flesh
Fulness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones he came to save:
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied -
For every sin on Him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.
3. There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain:
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave he rose again!
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine -
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath.
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

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.
2. 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.
4. God, our compassionate Father,
Look upon us with mercy
Let Your Name receive our praises
Now and for eternity. Amen.

5. THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK SUNDAY, 11TH AUGUST, 2024

THEME: GREATNESS IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD

**READING: PSALM 119:113-126; ISAIAH 49:1-6;
11 CORINTHIANS 5:14-6:2; JOHN 17:20-26.**

Introduction

In the Bible, greatness is often counterintuitive to worldly notions of power, prestige, and authority. Greatness in the biblical context is more about character, humility, servanthood, and a deep relationship with God. Here are some key aspects of biblical greatness. Also, Greatness in the Kingdom of God is a recurring theme in the teachings of Jesus, particularly in the Gospels.

The following are what constitutes greatness in this context:

1. **Servanthood:** Jesus emphasized that true greatness comes from serving others. In Matthew 20:26-28, He said, "Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave—just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."
2. **Humility:** Humility is a central characteristic of greatness in the Kingdom of God. Jesus highlighted this in Matthew 18:4, saying, "Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven."
3. **Love:** Loving God and others is the greatest commandment and a hallmark of greatness in God's Kingdom. Jesus taught that the greatest commandments are to "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind" and "Love your neighbor as yourself" (Matthew 22:37-39).
4. **Obedience to God's Will:** Following God's commandments and living according to His will is a sign of greatness. In Matthew 5:19, Jesus said, "Anyone who breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven."

5. **Faithfulness:** Being faithful in little things and in responsibilities is crucial. In Luke 16:10, Jesus stated, "Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much."

To become great in the Kingdom of God, Jesus and other biblical teachings outline several key principles and actions:

1. **Serve Others:** Embrace a life of servanthood. Jesus taught that the greatest among His followers would be those who serve others. In Matthew 20:26-28, He said, "Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave—just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."
2. **Be Humble:** Practice humility in all aspects of life. Jesus highlighted the importance of humility in Matthew 18:4, "Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven." Additionally, James 4:10 says, "Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up."

3. **Love God and Others:** Make love the cornerstone of your actions. Jesus identified the greatest commandments as loving God with all your heart, soul, and mind and loving your neighbour as yourself (Matthew 22:37-40). This love should be genuine, selfless, and sacrificial.

4. **Obeys God's Commandments:** Live obeying God's will. Jesus emphasized the importance of obedience in John 14:15, "If you love me, keep my commands." This includes following His teachings and living according to biblical principles.

5. **Practice Forgiveness:** Forgive others as God has forgiven you. In Matthew 6:14-15, Jesus said, "For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins."

6. **Seek Righteousness:** Pursue a life of righteousness and integrity. In Matthew 5:6, Jesus said, "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled." Strive to live in a way that reflects God's holiness and justice.

7. **Have Faith and Trust in God:** Cultivate a deep and unwavering faith. Jesus taught the importance of faith in passages like Mark 11:22-24, "Have faith in God... whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours."

8. **Bear Spiritual Fruit:** Show evidence of your faith through good works and character. In John 15:8, Jesus said, "This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples."

9. **Make Disciples:** Share the Gospel and help others grow in their faith. Jesus commissioned His followers to make disciples of all nations in Matthew 28:19-20, "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you."

10. **Deny Yourself and Carry Your Cross:** Embrace self-denial and be willing to endure hardship for Christ's sake. In Luke 9:23, Jesus said, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me."

By embodying these principles, you align yourself with the values of the Kingdom of God and can aspire to true greatness as defined by Jesus.

In conclusion, becoming great in the Kingdom of God involves embracing a life characterized by servanthood, humility, love, obedience to God's commandments, forgiveness, righteousness, faith, bearing spiritual fruit, making disciples, and self-denial. These principles reflect the teachings of Jesus and the broader biblical narrative, which prioritize inner transformation and alignment with God's will over worldly measures of success and power. By living according to these values, you cultivate a life that honours God and demonstrates true greatness in His Kingdom.

C. Cathedral Youth Chapel Regular Weekly Programmes

- i. 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.
- ii. 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 – (I) EPHESIANS**

(II) ANGLICANISM

Quiz competition will take place on Tuesday, 6th

August, 2024 in the Vining Hall at 10.00am

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 3rd and last Sundays of the month. (b) Prison visitation every 2nd Thursday of the month (c) Meeting comes up every 2nd 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. 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.*

F. 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.

G. 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.

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, Ketu-Ijanikin. 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 & FELLOWSHIPS

A. Children's Ministry

Parents are requested to send their children to the Sunday School with Bibles, Note Books & Birs. 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.

Counselees 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.

2024 YOUTH WEEK PROGRAMME

	<u>Programme</u>	<u>Time:</u>
1.	Sunday, 18 th August, 2024 Theme: Blast from the Past Venue: Youth Chapel	7am & 10am
2a.	Monday, 19 th August, 2024 Theme: Launching your business in the digital era Venue: Youth Chapel	10.00a.m
b.	Open Mic Monday – Beyond the Surface Venue: Main Church	6.00pm
3.	Tuesday, 20 th August, 2024 Theme: Bible Study Venue: Main Church	6.00pm
4.	Wednesday, 21 st August, 2024 Theme: Prayer Meeting Venue: Main Church	6.00pm.
5.	Thursday, 22 nd August, 2024 Theme: Excursion	8.00am
6.	Friday, 23 rd August, 2024 Theme: Drama Concert Venue: Youth Chapel	5.00pm
7.	Saturday, 24 th August, 2024 Theme: Choir Concert Venue: Youth Chapel	4.00pm
8.	Sunday, 25 th August, 2024 Theme: Youth Harvest Venue: Main Church	7.00am & 10.00am

2024 AVMCC INTERSOCIETY BIBLE QUIZ COMPETITION

The Annual intersociety Bible Quiz is here again !
The books and areas of study are:

1. **Anglicanism**
2. **History of AVMCC**
3. **The books of Ruth and Zechariah in the Old Testament (NKJV)**
4. **The Epistle to the Romans in the New Testament. (NKJV)**
5. **2024 Bible study Outline (January to June)**

All societies must participate as this is a SPIRITUAL ACTIVITY. Deuteronomy 11: 18-19 "Therefore you shall lay up these words of mine in your heart and in your soul, and bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. 19. You shall teach them to your children, speaking of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.)

The first phase of the competition comes up on **Sunday, 1st September by 2pm, and the second phase comes up on Sunday 20th October by 2pm.**

All societies will be represented by three members each and should indicate their interest either through their society Chaplains or Contact: **Rev. ADETUJOYE.**

6. ATTENDANCE FOR PREVIOUS WEEK

August 4 – August 11, 2024

7.00 am Holy Communion	764
7.00 am Youth Service	131
7.00 am Sunday School	356
10.00 am Mattins	634
10.00 am Youth Service	145
10.00 am Sunday School	154
Tuesday Bible Study	89
Wednesday Holy Communion	124
Wednesday Prayer Meeting	67

7. MEETINGS THIS WEEK

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

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

* Christian Morning Star meeting today in the church premises after Mattins.

8. CATHEDRAL ROSTER

A. Cathedral Health Centre

i. Personnel on Duty this Sunday, 11th August, 2024

7.00a.m-10.00am: Dr. M. Akinlemibola, Pharm Deji Osinoiki, Pharm Mrs Yomi Osinoiki, Mrs Nkiru Arah, Mrs A. Amah-Jerry.

7.00am-2.00pm: Dr. (Mrs) Irene Okwerekwu, Prof. I. Akinsete, Pharm. Dele Ajala, Sis. Nike Adefila, Mrs Chinelo Emenike, Mrs E. Osibajo.

ii. Personnel on Duty Next Sunday 18th August, 2024

7.00a.m-10.00am: Dr. M. Akinlemibola, Dr. B. Ibidapo-Obe, Pharm Deji Osinoiki, Pharm Mrs Yomi Osinoiki, Mrs Gina Okolo.

7.00am-2.00pm: Dr. Arinze Onubogu, Pharm. Dele Ajala, Pharm. Y. Olorunsola, Mrs Bola Awobiyyi, Mrs E. Osibajo, Mrs Olufunke Olatunji.

B. Security & Traffic Control

i. Sunday 11th August - Saturday, 17th August, 2024

Bolaji Dania (**Captain**), Ogunleye Adeboboye, (**Assistant Captain**), Ayo Tetede, Dare Sigbeku, Juliet Chimezie, Omotola Onakoya, Akinniran O. Temidayo, Rita Osibodu, Olusegun Esan, Michael Enujioké, Segun Openiyi, Nwaorgu Chinedu, Okedurum Andrew, Gbenga Ojo.

ii. Sunday 18th August - Saturday, 24th August, 2024

Oyebanji Toba (**Captain**), Helen Arhagba, (**Assistant Captain**), Segun Adeniji, Chioma Obi, Caroline Omowhara, Juliet Chimezie, Funso Fagbuyiro, Kene Obimma, Chukwuemeka Osaka, Funmi Ladele, Ekwegh Lilian, Michael Enujioké, Olusegun Esan, Enujioké Michael, Odibo Fannv Efe. Odanve Moisola.

11. SUMMARY OF SERVICES FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Trinity XII

August 18

Theme: The Christian As Sheep Amongst Wolves

Colour: Green

7.00 am: HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant: The Dean

Epistle: Romans 8:26-30

Layreader Bolaji Dania

Gospel: Matthew 10:16-22

The Rev. Fikayo Adenle

Address: The Dean

THE YOUTH SERVICE

Venue: The Adetiloye House

Celebrant: The Rev. Michael Obembe

Preacher: The Rev. Michael Obembe

10.00am: HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant: The Dean

Epistle: Romans 8:26-30

Layreader Helen Adewale

Gospel: Matthew 10:16-22

The Rev. Fikayo Adenle

Address: The Dean

4.00pm: GOD IN MY LIFE

**Speaker: Chief (Dr). John Odeyemi.FCA;
MFR**

12. BANNING OF MARRIAGE

We publish the Banning 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 Damilola Bamigbade & Miss Bidemi Dada

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.

Friday, August 16, 2024 Colour: Green
7.00am Holy Communion
Theme: Be reconciled with God

Celebrant: The Ven. Abiodun Omoyelu
Epistle: Genesis 33:1-20–Lay. Olamide Ola
Gospel: John 4:43-54
Hymns: CONH 18, CONH 590, CONH 587
Preacher: The Rev. Fikayo Adenle

Prayer Points:

- ❖ For the Most Revd. Alexander Ibezim, his family and all members of the Diocese of Awka.
- ❖ For the Rt. Revd. Dr. Owen Nwokolo, his family and all members of the Diocese on the Niger.
- ❖ For these members of the Cathedral who are celebrating their Birthdays today: Mrs Chisomaga Osuji, Mazi Sam Ohuabunwa, Miss Onyekachi Alozie-Nsirimobi, Mr Stanley Achonwa, Mr Joe Ugwumadu, Mr Chijioko Okeke, Mrs Modupe Sigbeku, Mr Godfrey Mbaneme, Mr Gbenga Olajimbiti, Miss Chisom Osuagwu.
- ❖ For these individual Families within the AVMCC Household: Anya Family, Anyadiegwu Family, Anyadikwa Family, Anyakora Family, Anyalewechi Family, Anyanechi Family, Anyanefo Family, Anyanti Family, Anyanwu Family, Apantaku Family.

6.00pm Choir Practice

Saturday, August 17, 2024 Colour: Green
7.00am Holy Communion
Theme: The unruly nature of the uncircumcised heart

Celebrant: The Rev. Yinka Akinpeju
Epistle: Genesis 34:1-24 –Lay. Nathan Eze
Gospel: John 5:1-18
Hymns: CONH 1079, CONH 461, CONH 1242
Preacher: The Rev. Michael Obembe

Prayer Points:

- ❖ For the Rt. Revd. Ndubuisi C. Obi, his family and all members of the Diocese of Nnewi.
- ❖ For the Rt. Revd. Dr. Samuel Ezeofor, his family and all members of the Diocese of Aguata.
- ❖ For these members of the Cathedral who are celebrating their Birthdays today: Mr Chiagozie Kenneth, Miss Flora Ofulue, Mr Florish Ofulue, Mr Bolarinwa Adeyoye, Mrs Ernestina Amusan, Barri. Chukwuemeka Egwin, Mr Babajide Ogunmoyero, Mrs Adebukunola Ogunmoyero, Mrs Chinonye Uduji, Mrs Gloria Young, Mrs Gloria Elemo.
- ❖ For these individual Families within the AVMCC Household: Ara Family, Arah Family, Ardel Family, Are Family, Aregbesola Family, Areo Family, Arhagba Family, Arigbede Family, Arikenbi Family, Ariyibi Family.

4.00 pm Youth Fellowship
4.00 pm Boys' Brigade and Girls' Brigade
4.00 pm Baptism

14.

9. LIST OF CENTERS FOR HOME CELL FELLOWSHIP

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

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10. ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, August 12, 2024 Colour: Green

7.00am Holy Communion

Theme: Led by God

Ante Communion: Layreader Funmi Alo

Celebrant: *The Ven. Azubike Ahubelem*
The Rev. Michael Obembe

Epistle: Genesis 31:1-23 – *Lay. T. Akindolire*

Gospel: John 3:1-21

Hymns: *CONH 234, CONH 1014 (I)*
CONH 458

Preacher: *Layreader Cyril Mgbamoka*

Prayer Points:

- ❖ For the Most Revd. Dr. Michael Fape, his family and all members of the Diocese of Remo.
- ❖ For the Rt. Revd. Michael Adebayo, his family and all members of the Diocese of Yewa.
- ❖ For these members of the Cathedral who are celebrating their Birthdays today: Mr Amen Omoragbon, Mrs Edith Nwachukwu, Mrs Ogochukwu Obi, Mr Samuel Oghenevieze, Arc. Olumuyiwa Adeyemi, Mr Olubukola King, Mrs Helen Oloniniyi, Mrs Kelechi Osueke, Mrs Chinonso Igwe.
- ❖ For these individual Families within the AVMCC Household: Amam-Okeke Family, Amanambu Family, Amanchukwu Family, Amarikwa Family, Amatu Family, Amisu Family, Amobi Family, Amucheazi Family, Amuchie Family, Amusan Family.

12.00noon Social Welfare Ministry

3.00pm Standing Committee Meeting

6.00pm Choir Practice

Tuesday, August 13, 2024 Colour: Green

7.00am Holy Communion

Theme: God's Protection

Celebrant: *The Rev. Michael Obembe*

Epistle: Genesis 31:24-55 – *Lay. Success Okeke*

Gospel: John 3:22-36

Hymns: *CONH 126, CONH 598, CONH 452*

Preacher: *The Rev. Adejoke Adetujoye*

Prayer Points:

- ❖ For the Rt. Revd. Dr. Babatunde Adeyemi, his family and all members of the Diocese of Badagry.
- ❖ For the Rt. Revd. B.C. Akinpelu Johnson, his family and all members of the Diocese of Lagos Mainland.
- ❖ For these members of the Cathedral who are celebrating their Birthdays today: Mrs Stella Rufus, Mr Raphael Nwani, Mr Chukwuemeka Ezeokoye, Mrs Grace Obah, Mrs Uche Oborogu, Mr Olayiwola Opayemi, Miss Ireoluwa Olowoniyi, Engr. Nathaniel Oporum, Prof. Adebowale Omole, Miss Omotoyosi Soyinka, Miss Faith Usman, Engr. Femi Agbaniyaka.
- ❖ For these individual Families within the AVMCC Household: Amushan Family, Amuta Family, Amuzie Family, Anadu Family, Anaduaka Family, Anaduako Family, Anakor Family, Ananaba Family, Andrew Family, Aneke Family.

5.00pm - 6.00pm Intercessory Prayer

6.00pm BIBLE STUDY

12.

Wednesday, August 14, 2024 Colour: Green

7.00am Holy Communion

Theme: Call on God First

Celebrant: *The Rev. Fikayo Adenle*

Epistle: Genesis 32:1-21 – *Lay. D. Imarhiagbe*

Gospel: John 4:1-26

Hymns: *CONH 124, CONH 847, CONH 846*
CONH 473

Preacher: *The Dean*

Prayer Point

- ❖ For the Rt. Revd. Nathaniel Oladejo Ogundipe, his family and all members of the Diocese of Ifo.
- ❖ For the Rt. Revd. Samuel Oludele Ogundej, his family and all members of the Diocese of Egba West.
- ❖ For these members of the Cathedral who are celebrating their Birthdays today: Mr Muyiwa Amusan, Mr Chiedozi Nonyelu, Mr Olumide Shobayo, Mr Adesoji Adesanya, Engr. Sunday Osoba, Mrs Feyikemi Odeyemi, Mr Oladapo Olaseni, Miss Eniola Oguntoyinbo, Mr Olukayode Adegbuyi, Mrs Abosede Akinsanya.
- ❖ For these individual Families within the AVMCC Household: Anekwe Family, Anemeje Family, Angulu Family, Ani Family, Anubuali Family, Anieto Family, Anifowoshe Family, Anigbogu Family, Anikwe Family, Anikwenwa Family.

8.00am Vining Intercessor's Visitation

6.00pm PRAYER MEETING

Thursday, August 15, 2024 Colour: Green

7.00am Holy Communion

Theme: A Life-Changing Encounter

Celebrant: *The Rev. Yinka Akinpeju*

Epistle: Genesis 32:22-32 – *Lay. E. Randle*

Gospel: John 4:27-42

Hymns: *CONH 125, CONH 835, CONH 878*

Preacher: *The Ven. Dr. Benjamin Okere*

Prayer Points:

- ❖ For the Rt. Revd. Dr. Akinwande Atere, his family and all members of the Diocese of Awori.
- ❖ For the Rt. Revd. Dr. Babatunde Ogunbanwo, his family and all members of the Diocese of Ijebu South West.
- ❖ For these members of the Cathedral who are celebrating their Birthdays today: The Ven. David Agboola, The Rev. Kayode Fasogbon, Mr Ndubisi Obiabaka, Mrs Janet Omotola Afolabi, Mr Chukwuebuke Azike, Mr Obi Azuru, Miss Chioma Agbasimalo, Mr Ikechukwu Chikezie, Miss Dabelu Obimma, Mr Izuchukwu Ede, Mrs Nkiru Okoli, Miss Oluwakemi Otun, Mr Samuel Ede.
- ❖ For these individual Families within the AVMCC Household: Animasahun Family, Anionwu Family, Anisiobi Family, Anoliefo Family, Anolue Family, Anozie Family, Anthony Family, Anukaenyi Family, Anuma Family, Anwo Family.
- ❖ *85th birthday of Mrs Janet Omotola Afolabi today.*

13.

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).

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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).

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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).*

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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).

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