

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.

- A. **For Booking of all Services of the Church**
The Dean; The Canon Residentiary
- B. **For Social Welfare and Charity**
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The Dean; The Society Chaplains; Presidents & Secretaries of Societies
- D. **For The Elderly Ministry**
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- T. **For Chaplains to Societies**
The Dean; The Canon Residentiary
- U. **For The Choir**
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- V. **For Booking of the Hall**
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- W. **For Booking of the Guest House**
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Vol. 21/1/02/2025

Our Vision:

"CHRIST FOR ALL NATIONS"

Our 2025 Theme:

"BE A BEACON OF LIGHT" – Matt. 5:16

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, 12th Jan. - Saturday, 18th Jan. 2025

Epiphany I

Theme: God's Servant and His mission

Colour: White

Dr. Dayo Omogbehin
Cathedral Warden

Mr Olawale Fasuyi
Cathedral Warden

The Ven. Ebenezer Adewole
Dean of the Cathedral

The Rt. Rev. Dr. James O. Odedeji
The Bishop, Diocese of Lagos West

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

1. SERVICES FOR SUNDAY – 12th January, 2025

A. 7.00 am HOLY COMMUNION

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

- ❖ Processional Hymn: CONH 260
- ❖ Praise & Worship
- ❖ Preparation to Penitence– **Rev. Adefope Adetujoye**
- ❖ The Epistle Acts 10:34-38a
- ❖ Gradual Hymn: CONH 413
- ❖ The Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

❖ 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 259, 184, 641, 607
- ❖ The Ablution: CONH 835
- ❖ Post Communion Prayer

❖ Thanksgiving

- i. Family Altar Thanksgiving
- ii. Monthly Thanksgiving
- iii. Those born and / or married in December
- iv. Top Beauty Centre thanking God for 35years of God’s faithfulness in business and God’s numerous blessings.

- ❖ Doxology CONH 491
- ❖ Benediction
- ❖ Notices
- ❖ Diocesan Anthem
- ❖ Withdrawal Hymn: CONH 257

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

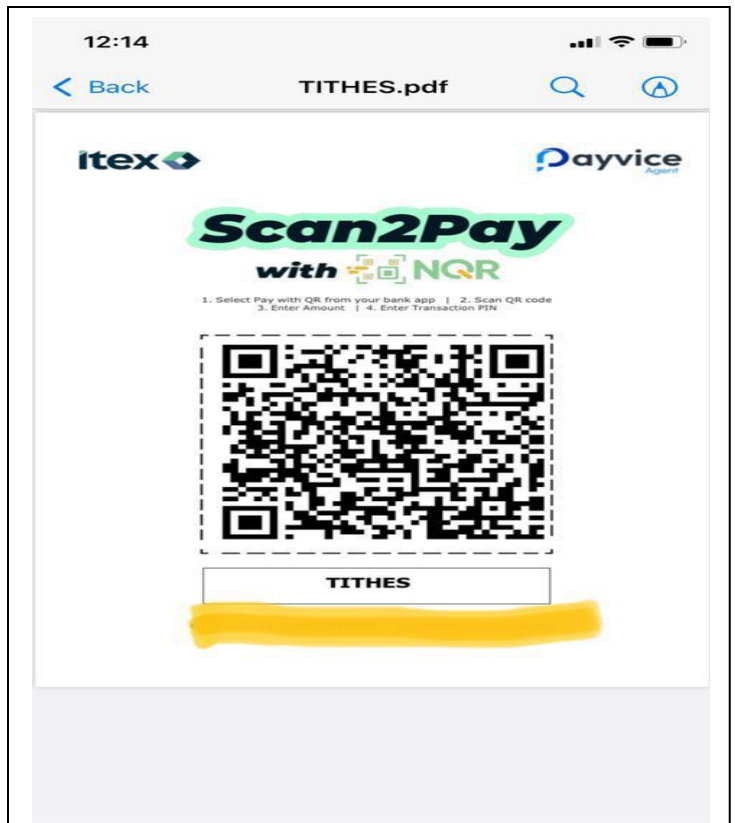
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Account Number: 1021733207
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Sort Code: 214150377.
USD Account Number - 2003086682



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25. 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 IBTC	9200212515	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.

VESTRY ELECTION 2025

This year's Vestry Meeting and Elections will hold on Sunday 23rd February, 2025 after 10.00am Service. The following Offices will be contested for:

- i. Cathedral Warden (1)
- ii. Standing Committee Members (10)

Notes:

- (a) Each Society to nominate only **ONE** Candidate per position.
- (b) Ministries are not eligible to nominate any candidate.
- (c) Three people must nominate the candidature of the Cathedral Warden and Council. The FORM must be signed by the President & Secretary of the Society and one other member.
- (d) The form for nomination is available in the Cathedral Office.
- (e) Nomination closes by 2.00pm on Monday 3rd February, 2025.

Interested persons may wish to collect **Nomination Form** from the Cathedral Office as from today, Sunday, 5th January, 2025. Only **FINANCIAL & REGISTERED MEMBERS** of AVMCC can vote or be voted for. You must have paid your **Annual Dues (N7,500)** as at 31st December, 2024.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

KINDLY TAKE CARE OF YOUR BELONGINGS IN THE CHURCH PLS

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THE CATHEDRAL WORKERS' SUMMIT
is scheduled to hold on **Saturday, January 25, 2025**. The program will commence with a Holy Communion Service at **7:00 AM**.

Participants include:

- 1. All Lay Readers
- 2. Choir Executives
- 3. All Vergers
- 4. All Altar Servers
- 5. Executives of Societies
- 6. Coordinators and Secretaries of Committees/Ministries
- 7. Sunday School Teachers
- 8. Youth Executives
- 9. All Church Workers

Lunch will be served. Registration is required.

- B. 10.00am MATTINS**
- Cantor: The Ven. Abiodun Omoyelu**
- O.T. Reading: Layreader Titi Afolabi**
- N.T. Reading: Layreader Olamide Ola**
- Preacher: The Rev. Emeka Madubuike**
- Intercessor: The Rev. Yinka Akinpeju**

- ❖ Processional Hymn: CONH 251
- ❖ Call to Worship
- ❖ Psalm 89:19-30 (*To be chanted*)
- ❖ O.T. Reading: Isaiah 42:1-9
- ❖ Hymn: CONH 573
- ❖ N.T. Reading: Matthew 3:13-17
- ❖ Apostle's Creed - Collects
- ❖ Hymn: CONH 413
- ❖ **SERMON**
- ❖ Worship Songs
- ❖ Intercession – Grace
- ❖ The Offerings Choruses
{First Fruit, Tithes, Building, Covenant Seed, Sunday Offering & All other offerings}
- ❖ **Thanksgiving:**
 - i. Family Altar Thanksgiving
 - ii. Monthly Thanksgiving
 - iii. Those born and / or married in December
 - iv. Birthday thanksgiving of Mr Oluwabusuyi Obisesan & God's numerous blessings.
 - v. 40th birthday thanksgiving of Mrs Oluwaseyitan Solaru & God's numerous blessings.
 - vi. 80th birthday thanksgiving of Mrs Olateju Akindolire, numerous God's uncommon favours & blessings.
 - vii. Thanksgiving after burial of Late Mrs Yetunde Gbodimowo & journey mercies.
- ❖ **Handover of the Harvest Flag to the next Host Society**
- ❖ Doxology CONH 491
- ❖ Benediction
- ❖ Notices
- ❖ Diocesan Anthem
- ❖ Withdrawal Hymn: CONH 882

C. EVENTS AHEAD

- 1. **FIRST FRUITS SUNDAY – Sunday, 2nd February, 2025 at 7.00am & 10.00am**
- 2. **7 HOURS OF PRAISE – organized by Agape Christian Sisters shall hold in January, 2025.**
- 3. **Rededication of Ladies, Girls Guild & Royal Gems & Vessel – Sunday, 19th January, 2025 at 2.00pm.**
- 4. **Rededication of Sunday School Teachers – Sunday, 26th January, 2025 at 10.00am Service.**
- 5. **Rededication of Ikeja Zonal Christian Mothers – Sunday, 26th January, 2025 at 2.00pm.**
- 6. **VESTRY MEETING – Sunday, 23rd Feb. 2025 after 10.00am Service**
- 7. **ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE – Wed. 5th March, 2025 at 6.00pm.**
- 8. **Collation of Mothers Union – Sunday, 16th March, 2025 at 2.00pm**
- 9. **Enrolment Service: Mothers Union – Sunday, 6th April, 2025 at 2.00pm.**
- 10. **MOTHERING SUNDAY – Sunday, 30th March, 2025.**

**D. AVMCC SPONSORSHIP OF 2025
EVENSONG BY SOCIETIES**

1. Sunday, Jan. 12, 2025 - YWCA
2. Sunday, Jan. 19, 2025 - Rededication of Royal
Gems & Vessel
3. Sunday, Jan. 26, 2025 - Rededication of Diocesan
Christian Mothers
4. Sunday Feb. 2, 2025 – Anglican Fellowship
5. Sunday Feb. 9, 2025 – Apostles of Peace
6. Sunday Feb. 23, 2025 – Vestry Meeting
7. Sunday Mar. 2, 2025 - Ambassadors of Christ
8. Sunday Mar. 9, 2025 - Agape Sisters

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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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G. 7.00am & 10.00am - YOUTH SERVICE

Cantor: The Rev. Michael Obembe
Preacher: The Rev. Michael Obembe
Theme: God's Servant and His Mission

- ❖ Processional Hymn: CONH 260
- ❖ Opening Praise
- ❖ Call to Worship
- ❖ Psalm 89:19-30
- ❖ O.T. Reading: Isaiah 42:1-9
- ❖ N.T. Reading: Matthew 3:13-17
- ❖ Apostle's Creed - Collects
- ❖ Testimonies
- ❖ Choir Ministration
- ❖ Sermon
- ❖ Intercession
- ❖ Offerings: Choruses
- (a) *First Fruits* (b) *Tithes, Building, Covenant Seed & Offering*
- ❖ Thanksgiving
- ❖ Youth Anthem
- ❖ Notices
- ❖ Prayer & Benediction
- ❖ Withdrawal Hymn: CONH 257



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21. 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.
- v. **Adult Education Programme:** This course is for young and old every Monday & Wednesday by 3.30pm at the Vining Hall.

22. INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS

OBITUARIES

1. We announce the passing into glory of our Father, Pa Raphael Babatunde Oyebola-Salami. Burial arrangements are as follows:
Service of Songs: On Wednesday, 22nd January 2025 at 44, Ferguson Osagie Street, Ayobo at 4.00pm.
Funeral Service: On Friday, 24th January, 2025 at AVMCC at 9.00am. Interment at Providence Estate, Eleyele, Ibadan.
2. We announce the passing into glory of our Mother, Mrs Christiana Olusola Yusuff of Anglican Fellowship, Choir, Medical & Men & Women of Grace. Aged: 68years.
Burial arrangements are as follows:
Wake Keep: On Thursday, 30th January 2025 at AVMCC Adetiloye Hall at 4.00pm.
Funeral Service: On Friday, 31st January, 2025 at AVMCC at 9.00am..
3. We announce the passing into glory of our Father, Mr Benjamin Olajide of YMCA. Aged: 85years
Burial arrangements are as follows:
Service of Songs: On Monday, 3rd February, 2025 at Vining Hall at 3.00pm.
Commendation Service: On Tuesday, 4th February, 2025 at AVMCC at 9.00am.
Funeral Service: On Friday, 7th & Saturday 8th February, 2025 at Ogale, Idi-Oro, Kogi State.
4. We announce the passing into glory of our Father, Mr Emmanuel Adedeji Oyeneye of Charity Band and Choir. Burial arrangements are as follows:
Service of Songs: On Wednesday, 19th February, 2025 at Vining Hall at 4.00pm.
Commendation Service: On Thursday, 20th Feb. 2025 at AVMCC at 9.00am.
5. We announce the passing into glory of our Father, Chief Clement Babatola of CUBN. Burial arrangements are as follows:
Service of Songs: On Thursday, 27th Feb. 2024 at Vining Hall at 4.00pm.
Funeral Service: On Friday, 28th Feb. 2025 at AVMCC at 9.00am.

G. 6.00 pm. FAMILY EVENING

Cantor: *The Rev. Fikayo Adenle*
Cantor: *Layreader N. Ochokwu*
Preacher: *Layreader Temitayo Gidado*
Sponsor: *YWCA*

Organist: *Mr Muyiwa Olagoke*

- ❖ Opening Hymn: CONH 134
- ❖ Call to Worship
- ❖ Praise Worship
- ❖ Lesson: Mark 1:1-13- YWCA
- ❖ Hymn: CONH 253
- ❖ Short Exhortation & Prayer
- ❖ Offerings Choruses
(a) First Fruit (b Tithes, Building, Covenant Seed & Sunday Offering
- ❖ Thanksgiving
- ❖ Closing Prayer
- ❖ Closing Hymn: CONH 131

2. SENTENCES FOR EPIPHANY I

Introductory Sentence:

To all who received Him, to them He gave power to become children of God. **John 1:12.**

COLLECT

Almighty God who anointed Jesus at His baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed Him as Your beloved Son: inspire us, Your children, who are born of water and the Spirit, to surrender our lives to Your service, that we may rejoice to be called the Sons of God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Post Communion Sentence:

I have seen and I testify that this is the Son of God. **John 1:34.**

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. PRAYER POINTS FOR TODAY – SUNDAY, 12TH JANUARY, 2025

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

- i. Pray for Most Rev. Dr. Henry Ndukuba our Primate, Most Rev. Dr. Olusina Fape our Archbishop and Olusola our Bishop that the Church of God committed to their charge will be united unto exploits and testimony.
- ii. For the Rt. Revd. Kenneth Ifemene, his family and all members of the Diocese of Ikwo.

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 Islammization agenda so that Christianity in Nigeria will never go the way of TURKEY nor NORTH AFRICA in Jesus Name. Amen.*
- ii. That Nigeria’s economy will experience divine again.
- iii. That God will preserve and frustrate every satanic agenda in Nigeria.
- iv. Every negative prophecy concerning our Nation, World and the Church universal will not see the light of the day.

C. Prayers for AVMCC Members

- i. Evil visitors chose to visit our homes for evil shall lose their bearing.
- ii. Let God break the heads of all destiny killers who are working against our joy.
- iii. Every power crippling our destiny shall be arrested.
- iv. For God to preserve all our pregnant women unto safe delivery.

D. Prayers for individual Families within the AVMCC Household

Wilkey Family, Williams Family, Wogu Family, Worgu Family, Yesufu Family, Young Family, Yesufu Family, Yusuf Family, Yusuff Family, Zamba Family.

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

- i. For Mr Oluwabusuyi Obisesan, Mr Victor Amuta, Mr Bankole Lawani, Mr Chika Okonkwo, Mrs Elizabeth Olorufemi-Ojo, Dr.Moses Anemeje, Mr Ugochukwu Onyema, Mr Adetayo Sodade, Mrs Alice Owolabi, Mr Chikodinaka Nwanjoku, Miss Olapeju Sonusi, Mrs Rita Iteghete, Mr Ugochukwu Ekegbogu, Mr Ndubuisi Odebeatu 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 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

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
- 4 “60” Inch Television
- 1 Sony XDCAM PMW-EX3 Camera for AVMCC Media
- 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

SCREENING OF THE WALLS	= 642,000
WALLPAPER & SAV SCTICKERS	= 1,130,000
VINYL FLOOR CARPET	= 84,000
Premium underlay for creche	= 469,220
	= 47,800

15. 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.

16. VACANCIES

- (a) **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.
- (b) **Company Secretary Position:** We are seeking a qualified Company Secretary to join the company. The role is Non-stipendiary and the ideal candidate will be either a practicing lawyer or a certified chartered secretary with over 10yrs of practical experience. He/She should be a member of a parish within the Anglican Diocese of Lagos West. Interested candidates should submit their CV and a cover letter to cosecapplication@gmail.com
Application Deadline: January 26, 2025. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

17. SOCIETIES, COMMITTEE'S & MINISTRIES REPORTS

This is to inform the above that the next Vestry Meeting will hold on Sunday 23rd February, 2025. Kindly send the report of your activities for the year 2024 to the Cathedral Office on or before 15th January, 2025. The report must be signed.

18. NAMES OF CURRENT PRESIDENT & SECRETARIES & THEIR PHONE NUMBERS

This is to inform all Societies that the Vestry Meeting will hold on Sunday, 23rd February, 2025. Kindly send the names of your current Presidents, Secretaries & their phone numbers to the Cathedral Office to enable us update the 2025 Vestry Report on or before 15th January, 2025.

19. ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE CHOIR

Arrangements has been made to start music classes to improve music literacy of Choristers and others who intend to join the choir. The classes would commence every Saturday. **Time** 9am – 12noon at the Chapel.

**4. THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK
SUNDAY, 12TH JANUARY, 2025**

THEME: GOD'S SERVANT AND HIS MISSION
READING: PSALM 89:19-30; ISAIAH 42:1-9;
ACTS 10:34-38A; MATTHEW 3:13-17.

Happy and glorious Sunday to each and every one of us today. We thank God for bringing us into the year 2025 and we pray it shall be a year of fruitfulness and productivity in Jesus' name.

Today is second Sunday in Epiphany. This word "Epiphany" comes from Greek roots that mean *"to show, to display", to bring out*. It is the manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles as represented by the Magi. His glory at birth was revealed to the world to show that Light has shown in the midst of darkness in order to bring many into the Kingdom of God.

A mission is an official command or a go-ahead. It is a matching order that is not negotiable, it is a commission, and the Great Commission is the instruction of the resurrected Jesus Christ to his disciples (equivalently all believers, God's servants) to spread the gospel to all the nations of the world (Matthew 28:19-20).

The Bible has a great deal to say about servanthood because the central theme of the Bible is **"the Servant of all—Jesus Christ"**. *"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many"* (Mark 10:45). When we give Jesus Christ His rightful place as Lord of our lives, His lordship will equally be expressed in the way we serve others (Mark 9:35; 1 Peter 4:10).

"A great man is different from an eminent one in that he is ready to be the servant of the society", says B. R. Ambedkar.

The best definition to explain who a servant is, is "willingness and obedience", Jesus Christ the Saviour of all performs the salvation rites for all on the platform of obedience and willingness! Full of obedience to the will of God and he is ever willing to see it fulfilled (Psalm 40:8; Matthew 26:42; John 9:4; Phil 2:6-8; Heb 10:7). He (Jesus) then set an example for all (God's servants) who will come after him.

Leveraging on the priesthood of all believers "that all humans have access to God through Christ the true high priest, and thus do not need a priestly mediator", so also all who have access to God are His servants (either male or female, without seclusion).

Hence, our text today speaks volumes of our mandate. Major things to note from our text are:

● **Fulfilling All Righteousness (Matt 3:15):** Jesus uses the word "it is proper for us" to indicate that he is inclusive! He came to be baptized (the sinless one with the sinners to fulfill God's plan of salvation, the sinless went down to the water of baptism that is the portion of the sinners), and he was empowered like every other servant needs empowerment from on high to fulfill God's mandate for them (Matt 3:16; Acts 10:38).

It is clearly stated of Jesus in Isaiah 53 that the suffering servant was to be numbered with transgressors, with that, the LORD would lay the iniquity of all on Him, and Isaiah further described him as the righteous servant of God.

Righteousness being fulfilled is the right living, good deeds, virtues, acts, and so on. This is established as Jesus went about doing good (Isaiah 42:5-7; Acts 10:38).

● **Introduces The Messiah to the World (John 1:29; 36):** The account of John on the baptism of Jesus by John records that on the arrival of Jesus, John announced... "Behold the lamb of God". This singular act of John is part of fulfilling his own God given mission, because it is the mandate given to the forerunner to introduce the Messiah (who is greater than the kings of the earth) to the world (Psalm 89:27).

Every believer is God's servant, anointed to fulfill God's will on earth (Acts 1:8). We must realize that as servants, God is our master, He has chosen us to be His messengers who will relay His desired message to the world, not with our own motive but according to His will.

Philip Doddridge penned down in the wordings of a hymn (the church of Nigeria Hymnal 575 stanzas 1 & 2)

> Ye servants of the Lord, each in his office wait,
Observant of his heavenly word, And watchful at his gate.

> Let all your lamps be bright, and trim the golden flame:
Gird up your loins, as in his sight, for awful is his name.

The mandate is God's will which every Christian is expected to fulfil. We are not placed here to do our will but to strictly do our best for the best of the Kingdom of God willingly and in perfect obedience.

DECLARATION INTO 2025

In 2025, I will walk in divine direction and favour. Every step I take will be ordered by the Lord, and doors of opportunity will open before me. By divine guidance, my steps are ordered into God's mandate for my life, bringing clarity and purpose to every decision. The light of God will shine on my path, dispelling every form of darkness. My steps are ordered by the Lord, and He shall delight in my way (Psalm 37:23).

Year 2025 shall be my year of restoration. Everything the enemy has stolen will be returned sevenfold, and new beginnings shall spring forth in every area of my life. Fresh breath from the Holy Spirit will quicken my mortal body, revitalizing my spirit, soul, and body. The Lord will restore to me the years that the swarming locust has eaten (Joel 2:25). There shall be ways in my wilderness, and from my desert shall spring up rivers of living waters, creating paths of abundance and joy (Isaiah 43:19).

In 2025, my health will spring forth speedily. Sickness and disease will be far from my abode, and I will walk in divine strength all through the year. My health will not fail, and I will enjoy vitality and wholeness in my body. No organ in my body will shut down or malfunction. My body will not be a chamber of sickness but a temple of the Holy Spirit. The Lord will increase my strength and vitality, renewing my energy for every assignment.

I shall lack no good thing in 2025. The windows of heaven will be opened over me, and I shall experience supernatural provision and abundance beyond human expectations. My gate shall be opened continually for kings and queens to bless me with the riches of their kingdoms. And my God shall supply all my needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus (Philippians 4:19). God's provision will overflow in every area of my life, eliminating every form of lack.

2025 will be a year of peace and joy for me. The peace of God will guard my heart, silencing every anxiety and fear, and I will rejoice in His goodness daily. The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard my heart and mind through Christ Jesus (Philippians 4:7). My home, relationships, and endeavours will radiate God's peace, and I will find joy in His unfailing love.

No weapon formed against me in 2025 shall prosper. I will triumph over every challenge, rising above trials with God's help; the Lord will fight for me, and I shall hold my peace (Exodus 14:14). Whoever raises an evil sword against my family shall fall by the sword, and every tongue that condemns me shall be silenced. The grace to walk through the year 2025 unhurt and uninjured rests upon me in Jesus' name. Victory shall be my portion in every battle.

In 2025, I will be fruitful in all areas of my life. My efforts will multiply, and I will enjoy the work of my hands, experiencing abundant harvests. Wherever my seed drops in 2025, it will bring forth fruits a hundredfold. My seeds will subdue the earth and establish dominion (Gen. 1:28). The Lord will make me abound in prosperity, and I will flourish in all I set my hands to do. My spiritual life will experience a fresh outpouring in 2025. I will hunger for God like never before, and His power will flow through me, making me a vessel for His glory. I receive grace to wait on the Lord for renewal of strength, and out of my heart rivers of living water will flow (John 7:38).

All of these and many more shall be my portion in 2025 and beyond in Jesus Christ's name. Amen.

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 **₦15,000**. 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 & 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.

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.

Just like our Saviour and Master, believers today have the same mandate to fulfil. The resources at Jesus disposal have been given to you and I to achieve the same purpose. The mandate to 'go ye and preach the gospel' is as valid today and even more urgent than it was then.

Unfortunately, the fire, the fervour, the zeal to preach the gospel to the poor, heal the sick, set captives free, deliver the oppressed, comfort the broken hearted and plant the kingdom of God in nations of the world and hearts of men has gone down in the church today. Jesus did it and expects his disciples to even do more (Matt 10:7-8). Are you fulfilling the mandate of the great commission?

WHAT DO WE NEED TO DO THIS WORK?

1. **CONTINUE STEADFASTLY IN THE FAITH**
2. **GENUINE CARE FOR THE FAMILY OF CHRIST**
3. **GIVING TO THE POOR AND THE FURTHERANCE OF THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST**
4. **GO INTO THE WORLD AND PREACH THE GOSPEL TO EVERY CREATURE (PRAGMATIC EVANGELISM):**
5. **DISCIPLING OTHERS THROUGH THE INSTRUMENTALITY OF THE GOSPEL AND OUR PERSONAL LIFESTYLE**
6. **HAVING UNQUENCHABLE THIRST TO FULFIL THE WILL OF GOD**

CONCLUSION

Everyone created by God came to the earth with a mandate to be fulfilled. But surprisingly, so many have come and gone without knowing why they were created. And at such they live on earth and celebrate others who discovered and also succeeded in their mandate, not knowing everyone was created to be celebrated. They remained in arena only as spectators till the end of their life. Life is worth living when you discover your assignment and go all out to accomplish it. Therefore, seek divine direction on steps to take not only to discover your mandate but also to explore every opportunity presented to you on your journey and how to fulfill them.

6. ATTENDANCE FOR PREVIOUS WEEK

January 5 – January 11, 2025

7.00 am Holy Communion	976
7.00 am Youth Service	145
7.00 am Sunday School	-
10.00 am Mattins	678
10.00 am Youth Service	213
10.00 am Sunday School	-
Tuesday Bible Study	-
Wednesday Holy Communion	132
Wednesday Universal Week of Prayer	500

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 at No 10, Bisi Ogabi Street, by Balogun off Obafemi Awolowo Way, Ikeja.

8. CATHEDRAL ROSTER

A. Cathedral Health Centre

i. Personnel on Duty this Sunday, 12th Jan., 2025

7.00a.m-10.00am: Dr. M. Akinlemibola, Dr. B. Ibadapo-Obe, Pharm. Deji Osinoiki, Pharm. (Mrs) Yomi Osinoiki, Mrs Nkiru Arah.

10.00am-2.00pm: Prof. I. Akinsete, Dr. (Mrs) Irene Okwerekwu, Pharm. Dele Ajala, Pharm. Chie Nwerri, Mrs Bola Awobiyi, Mrs Chinelo Emenike.

ii. Personnel on Duty Next Sunday 19th Jan., 2025

7.00a.m-10.00am: Dr. M. Akinlemibola, Pharm. Chie Nwerri, Dr. Olivier Akinola, Mrs Nkiru Arah.

10.00am-2.00pm: Prof. I. Akinsete, Dr. B. Ibadapo-Obe, Pharm Deji Osinoiki, Pharm. Mrs Yomi Osinoiki, Mrs Bola Awobiyi.

B. Security & Traffic Control

i. Sunday 12th Jan. - Saturday, 18th Jan. 2025

Omotola Onakoya, (**Captain**), Goke Uthman; (**Assistant Captain**), Ogunleye Adeboboye, Adeyemi Muyiwa, Segun Adeniji, Chioma Obi, Juliet Chimezie, Akinniran O. Temidayo, Rita Osibodu, Olusegun Esan, Michael Enujioke, Nwaorgu Chinedu, Okedurum Andrew, Gbenga Ojo, Ola Matins, Newman Ekwegh, Helen Adewale.

ii. Sunday 19th Jan. - Saturday, 25th Jan, 2025

Funso Fagbuyiro, (**Captain**), Helen Arhagba (**Assistant Captain**), Adeyemi Muyiwa, Goke Uthman, Helen Arhagba, Caroline Omowhara, Chukwuemeka Osaka, Bolaji Dania, Funmi Ladele, Ekwegh Lilian, Michael Enujioke, Olusegun Esan, Odanye Mojisola, John Okocha, Anthony Uwa, Afam Ogeleka.

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11. SUMMARY OF SERVICES FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Epiphany II

January 19

Theme: The Sociable and Approachable Jesus Christ

Colour: Green

7.00 am: HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant: *The Dean*

Epistle: *1 Corinthians 6:11b-20*

Layreader Raymond Agu

Gospel: *John 2:1-11*

The Ven. Azubike Ahubelem

Preacher: *The Dean*

THE YOUTH SERVICE

Venue: *The Adetiloye House*

Celebrant: *The Rev. Michael Obembe*

Preacher: *The Rev. Michael Obembe*

10.00 am: HOLY COMMUNION

LADIES CHRISTIAN CIRCLE ANNIVERSARY

Celebrant: *The Dean*

Epistle: *1 Corinthians 6:11b-20*

Ladies Christian Circle

Gospel: *John 2:1-11*

The Rev. Fikayo Adenle

Preacher: *The Dean*

2.00PM REDEDICATION OF DLW

ROYAL GEMS & VESSELS, GIRLS GUILD

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.

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.

15.

Friday, January 17, 2025 Colour: Green
7.00am Holy Communion

Theme: Warning Against Unbelief

Celebrant: The Ven. Azubike Ahubelem

Epistle: Hebrews 3:7-19 -Lay. J. Nwadiugwu

Gospel: Mark 2:13-22

Hymns: CONH 118, CONH 812, CONH 120

Preacher: The Rev. Yinka Akinpeju

Prayer Points:

- ❖ For the Rt. Revd. Prof. Prince Christian Ayim, his family and all members of the Diocese of Isuikwuato /Umunneochi.
- ❖ For the Rt. Revd. Johnson Onuoha, his family and all members of the Diocese of Arochukwu/Ohafia.
- ❖ For these members of the Cathedral who are celebrating their Birthdays today: Miss Oluwatoyin Abdulazeez, Mr Abiola Akinola, Dr. Olufunmi Ayankogbe, Mrs Janet Josiah, Mrs Kikelomo Ashogbon, Mr Uche Obiagwe, Mrs Amaka Ahua, Mr Uzoma Nwosu, Mrs Joy Achebe, Miss Chichi Osakwe, Mrs Olubisi Tugbobo, Mrs Ogechi Chukwuma-Nwaorgu, Dame Elizabeth Omene.
- ❖ For these individual Families within the AVMCC Household: Adebowale Family, Adedayo Family, Adedeji Family, Adedoja Family, Adefila Family, Adegbite Family, Adegbokun Family, Adegbola Family, Adegbonmire Family, Adegboye Family.

**9.00am Funeral Service of
Late Dr. Eric Adenrele Ainah**

6.30pm Choir Practice

Saturday, January 18, 2025 Colour: White
7.00am Holy Communion

Theme: Entering into God's Rest

Celebrant: The Rev. Adefope Adetujoye

Epistle: Hebrews 4:1-16 –Lay. Success Okeke

Gospel: Mark 2:23-3:6

Hymns: CONH 123, CONH 50, CONH 458

Preacher: The Rev. Michael Obembe

Prayer Points:

- ❖ For the Rt. Revd. Chigozirim Onyegbule, his family and all members of the Diocese of Ikwuano.
- ❖ For the Most Revd. Isaac Nwaobia, his family and all members of the Diocese of Isiala Ngwa South.
- ❖ For these members of the Cathedral who are celebrating their Birthdays today: Mr Ernest Madukwe, Mr Motunrayo Akintomide, Mr Femi Imoru, Mrs Fehintola Ogunwumi, Mr Ayotunde Ogunmoyero, Mr Niyi Okuboyejo, Barr. Azubuike Okwuedoe, Miss Oluwemimo Opanuga, Mr Chukwuebuka Dunu, Mr Oluwatosin Majekodunmi, Mr Obiora Agbasimalo.
- ❖ For these individual Families within the AVMCC Household: Adegbuyi Family, Adegoke Family, Adejoro Family, Adejumo Family, Adejuwon Family, Adejuyigbe Family, Adekanye Family, Adeeko Family, Adekoya Family, Adekunbi Family.

3.00 pm Youth Fellowship

4.00 pm Boys' Brigade and Girls' Brigade

4.00 pm Baptism

9. LIST OF CENTERS FOR HOME CELL FELLOWSHIP

S/N	NAMES	LOCATIONS	PHONE NO
1.	SIS. SUCCESS	VINING	08170342970
2.	LADY GINA OKOLO	MANGORO	08033235796
3.	SIS. AMARACHUCKWU	IKEJA	08127786418
4.		CEMENT	08038503506
5.	BARR. OKEY OGBU	IYANA PAJA	08023192145
7.	MR. I. O. ODENIRAN	OPEBI	08023096565
8.	MRS. AKINROTIMI	ABORU	08022791113 08134382592
9.	MRS. ALOFE	IJAIYE	08034857240
10.	BRO. MAYOKUN	ANIFOWOSE	08069530744
11.	SIS. OBUM OSY-ONYEKWELU	MARYLAND CRESCENT	08036684298
12.	VICTOR ADENUOYE	FAGBA	08069206291
13.	RTD. COL. C.O. AJALA	54, NEW IPAJA ROAD	08081654907
14.	CHINYERE UMEALO	OREGUN	08033052131

10. ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, January 13, 2025 Colour: Green

7.00am Holy Communion

Theme: Do not neglect the faith

Ante Communion: Layreader Elizabeth Osibajo

**Celebrant: *The Ven. Abiodun Omoyelu*
*The Rev. Michael Obembe***

Epistle: Hebrews 2:1-4– Lay. P. Oghenekaro

Gospel: Mark 1:1-13

Hymns: CONH 126, CONH 821, CONH 403

Preacher: Layreader Helen Adewale

Prayer Points:

- ❖ For the Rt. Revd. Godwin Awoke, his family and all members of the Diocese of Ngbo.
- ❖ For the Rt. Revd. Paul Amaechi Udogu, his family and all members of the Diocese of Afikpo.
- ❖ For these members of the Cathedral who are celebrating their Birthdays today: Pharm. (Mrs) Yomi Osinoiki, Mr Chibuzor Oguamanam, Mrs Margaret Akindeinde, Miss Oluchi Onuekwusi, Mrs Titilayo Idhalama.
- ❖ For these individual Families within the AVMCC Household: Zamba Family, Zang Family, Ziregbe Family, Abakwari Family, Abara-Ogbonna Family, Abare Family, Abasili Family, Abdul Family, Abdulazeez Family, Abei Family.

11.00am 80th birthday Service of Pharm. (Mrs) Abayomi Osinoiki

3.00pm STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING

6.30pm CHOIR PRACTICE

Tuesday, January 14, 2025 Colour: Green

7.00am Holy Communion

Theme: Jesus paid the price for our Salvation

Celebrant: The Rev. Adefope Adetujoye

Epistle: Hebrews 2:5-12- Lay. Bose Oloyede

Gospel: Mark 1:14-28

Hymns: CONH 124, CONH 431, CONH 596

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: Mrs Olusola Peters, Miss Chineye Anaduako, Dr. Kunle Samo, Mr Patrick Obianagha, Mrs Elizabeth Umeh, Miss Omolola Gidado, Mr Adekunle Gidado, Mrs Patricia Olagbaju, Mr Elochukwu Udochukwu, Mr Olaloluwa Akano, Mr Uchenna Ossai, Mr Caleb Okere.
- ❖ For these individual Families within the AVMCC Household: Abejide Family, Abidoeye Family, Abimbola Family, Abiodun-Abayomi Family, Abitoye Family, Aboderin Family, Abonkhina Family, Abonyi Family, Aboyim Family, Abraham Family.

9.00am 80th birthday Service of Mrs Olusola Peters

5.00pm - 6.00pm Intercessory Prayer

6.00pm BIBLE STUDY

12.

Wednesday, January 15, 2025 Colour: Green

7.00am Holy Communion

Theme: Christ is with us

Celebrant: *The Ven. Abiodun Omoyelu*

Epistle: Hebrews 2:13-18 - Lay. C. Mgbamoka

Gospel: Mark 1:29-45

**Hymns: CONH 125, CONH 723, CONH 509
CONH 455**

Preacher: *The Dean*

Prayer Point

- ❖ For the Rt. Revd. Daniel Olinya, his family and all members of the Diocese of Eha-Amufu.
- ❖ For the Rt. Revd. Christian Ugwuzor, his family and all members of the Diocese of Aba.
- ❖ For these members of the Cathedral who are celebrating their Birthdays today: Mrs Christiana Adegbuyi, Ms Chukwudumebi Okoli, Mrs Mercy Anyanwu, Mr Samuel Ayeni, Mr Chukwuma Nwaorgu, Mr Daniel Nzekwe, Mr Benson Olatunji, Mr Albert Shobola, Mrs Esther Ladipo.
- ❖ For these individual Families within the AVMCC Household: Achebe Family, Acho Family, Achodor Family, Achon Family, Achonu Family, Achonwa Family, Achonye Family, Achukwu Family, Adamolekun Family, Adebamiwa Family.

8.00am Vining Intercessor's Visitation

6.00pm PRAYER MEETING

Thursday, January 16, 2025 Colour: Green

7.00am Holy Communion

Theme: The Call to Faithfulness

Celebrant: *The Rev. Yinka Akinpeju*

Epistle: Hebrews 3:1-6 - Lay. Gina Okolo

Gospel: Mark 2:1-12

Hymns: CONH 16, CONH 641, CONH 877

Preacher: *The Ven. Dr. Benjamin Okere*

Prayer Points:

- ❖ For the Rt. Revd. Geoffrey Ibeabuchi, his family and all members of the Diocese of Umuahia.
- ❖ For the Rt. Revd. Manasses C.I. Okere, his family and all members of the Diocese of Ukwa.
- ❖ For these members of the Cathedral who are celebrating their Birthdays today: Mrs Yetunde Akinfolarin, Mrs Deborah Awunor, Miss Chinonso Oba, Otunba Olumide Talabi, Mrs Betty Ephraim, Engr. Adesina Olowu, Mr Prosper Ifezue, Olori Abioye Balogun, Mrs Anike Ojo, Mr Olatinwo Oloruntobi, Engr. John Olowu.
- ❖ For these individual Families within the AVMCC Household: Adebanjo Family, Adebayo Family, Adebayo-Anwo Family, Adebekun Family, Adebessin Family, Adebisi Family, Adebisi Family, Adebo Family, Adebogun Family, Adebola Family.

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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