#### YOU NEED ANY HELP?

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

For Booking of all Services of the Church

The Dean; The Canon Residentiary

В. For Social Welfare and Charity

The Dean; Chief (Mrs.) Grace Odukomaiya 08033247831

C For Cathedral Societies

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

D. For The Elderly Ministry

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

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

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The Dean; The Rev. Yinka Akinpeju, Mr. Tunji Odeneye 08033163337;

For The Youth Ministry

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

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The Dean, The Rev. Fikayo Adenle; Sister Seun Oyediran - 07051083385; Mr Ayo Tetede - 08020691247

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The Dean; The Canon Residentiary

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

For Booking of the Guest House

Mr. Kehinde Akinola - 08023050022; Tobi Balogun - 08033716752

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The Ven. Abiodun Omoyelu	0806-2230010	The
The Ven. Azubike Ahubelem	0803-3081617	
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The Rev. Yinka Akinpeju	0802-4060758	
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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, 5th Jan. - Saturday, 11th Jan. 2025

Christmas II

Theme: The Glory Awaiting The Repentant **Nation** 

Colour: White

Dr. Dayo Omogbehin Cathedral Warden

Mr Olawale Fasuvi 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 - 5<sup>th</sup> January, 2025

A. 7.00 am HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant: The Diocesan

Epistle: Layreader Uzor Ejikeme The Gospel: The Rev. Fikayo Adenle

Preacher: The Diocesan Intercessor: The Dean

Processional Hymn: CONH 157

Praise & Worship

Preparation to Penitence - Dean

The Epistle Rev. 21:22-22:1-5

Gradual Hymn: **CONH 163** 

The Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12; 19-23

SERMON

Nicene Creed & Intercession

(Let there be peace) The Peace

Procession of Elements: CONH 598

All Offerings: Choruses

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

The Eucharistic Prayers

The Administration: CONH 602, 461, 160, 607

The Ablution: **CONH 638** 

Post Communion Prayer

Thanksgiving

i. New Year Thanksgiving

ii. Monthly Thanksgiving

iii. Those born and / or married in December

iv. Annual family thanksgiving of Otunba & Dr (Mrs) Olayiwola Taylor and God's numerous blessings.

v. 60<sup>th</sup> birthday thanksgiving of Mr Humphrey Opara & God's numerous blessings.

Doxology **CONH 491** 

Benediction

**Notices** 

Diocesan Anthem

Withdrawal Hymn: CONH 677

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.

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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 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2025 after 10.00am Service. The following Offices will be contested for:

i. Cathedral Warden

ii. Standing Committee Members (10)

#### Notes:

- (a) Each Society to nominate only <u>ONE</u> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2025.

Interested persons may wish to collect **Nomination** Form from the Cathedral Office as from today, Sunday,5<sup>th</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2024. Thank you.

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### **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

KINDLY TAKE CARE OF YOUR BELONGINGS IN THE CHURCH PLS

SOCIETIES, COMMITTEE'S & MINISTRIES REPORTS
This is to inform the above that the next Vestry
Meeting will hold on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2025.
Kindly send the report of your activities for the year
2024 to the Cathedral Office on or before 15<sup>th</sup>
January, 2025. The report must be signed.

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

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

#### 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 will commence on Saturday, January 11, 2025. <u>Time</u> 9am – 12noon at the Chapel.

B. 10.00am HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant: The Diocesan Epistle: Layreader

Epistle: Odukomaiva

The Gospel: The Rev. Fikayo Adenle

Grace

Preacher: The Diocesan Intercessor: The Dean

- Processional Hymn: CONH 164
- Praise & Worship
- Preparation to Penitence The Dean
- ★ The Epistle Rev. 21:22-22:1-5
- Gradual Hymn: CONH 163
- The Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12; 19-23
- **♦ SERMON**
- Nicene Creed & Intercession
- The Peace (Let there be peace)
- ❖ Procession of Elements: CONH 602
- All Offerings: Choruses

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

- The Eucharistic Prayers
- The Administration: CONH 462, 596, 159, 608
- The Ablution: CONH 638
- \* Post Communion Prayer
- \* Thanksgiving
  - i. New Year Thanksgiving
  - ii. Monthly Thanksgiving
  - iii. Those born and / or married in December
  - iv. 50<sup>th</sup> birthday thanksgiving of Yeye Otunba Olajumoke Adekoya & God's numerous blessings on the Adekoya Family.
- Doxology CONH 491
- Benediction
- Notices
- Diocesan Anthem
- Withdrawal Hymn: CONH 878

#### C. EVENTS AHEAD

- Alpha and Omega Prayer (14days) 24<sup>th</sup> Dec.
   7<sup>th</sup> January, 2025 at 6.00am daily.
- 2. 7 HOURS OF PRAISE organized by Agape Christian Sisters shall hold in January, 2025.
- 3. Universal Week of Prayer Monday 6<sup>th</sup> Sat. 11<sup>th</sup> January, 2025 at 6.00pm daily. (see page 18)
- HÁRVEST HANDOVER next Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2025 at 10.00am.
- 5. Rededication of Ladies, Girls Guild & Royal Gems
- & Vessel Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> January, 2025 at 2.00pm.
- 6. Rededication of Ikeja Zonal Christian Mothers
  - Sunday, 26<sup>rd</sup> January, 2025 at 2.00pm.
- 7. VESTRY MEETING Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb. 2025 after 10.00am Service
- 8. ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE Wed. 5<sup>th</sup> March,



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## DE. AVMCC SPONSORSHIP OF 2025 EVENSONG BY SOCIETIES

- 1. Sunday, Jan. 5 2025 Evangelical & Clergy Family
- 2. Sunday, Jan. 12, 2025 YWCA
- 3. Sunday, Jan. 19, 2025 Rededication of Royal

Gems & Vessel

4. Sunday, Jan. 26, 2025 - Rededication of Diocesan

**Christian Mothers** 

- 5. Sunday Feb. 2, 2025 Anglican Fellowship
- 6. Sunday Feb. 9, 2025 Apostles of Peace
- 7. Sunday Feb. 23, 2025 Vestry Meeting
- 8. Sunday Mar. 2, 2025 Ambassadors of Christ
- 9. Sunday Mar. 9, 2025 Agape Sisters

#### F. 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.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT

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

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

Celebrant: The Rev. Michael Obembe Preacher: The Rev. Michael Obembe

Theme: The Glory Awaiting the Repentance Nation

- Opening Hymn: CONH 164The Preparation to Penitence
- \* The Epistle: Rev. 21:22-22:1-5
- Opening Praise
- The Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12, 19-23
- Nicene Creed
- The Peace
- Offertory: Praises
- (a) First Fruits (b) Tithes, Building, Covenant Seed & Sunday Offering
- The Eucharistic Prayers
- The Administration: Worship Songs
- Ablution Hymn: CONH 638
- Post Communion Prayer
- Exhortation/ Intercession
- Thanksgiving
- Youth Anthem





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#### 18. CHRISTIAN MOTHERS

- All women prayer meeting {Cathedral Deanery} Every 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the Month. <u>Venue</u>: The AVMCC Main Sanctuary. <u>Time</u>: 5.00pm-6.00pm.
- ii. Bible Study for Christian Mothers Every 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

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### 19. INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS OBITUARIES

- We announce the passing into glory of our Mother, Mrs Yetunde Gbodimowo of Band of Mercy. Burial arrangements are as follows:
   <u>Wake Keep Service</u>: On Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at Vining Hall at 4.00pm.

   <u>Funeral Service</u>: On Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> January, 2025 at AVMCC at 9.00am.
- We announce the passing into glory of our Father, Pa Raphael Babatunde Oyebola-Salami. Burial arrangements are as follows:
   <u>Service of Songs:</u> On Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2025 at 44, Ferguson Osagie Street, Ayobo at 4.00pm.

   <u>Funeral Service:</u> On Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2025 at 8.00am. Reception at Providence Estate,

Eleyele,

Ibadan.

- We announce the passing into glory of our Father, Mr Benjamin Olajide of YMCA. Aged: 85years
   Burial arrangements are as follows:
   <u>Service of Songs:</u> On Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb. 2025 at Vining Hall at 3.00pm.
   <u>Commendation Service:</u> On Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2025 at AVMCC at 9.00am.
   Funeral Service: On Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> & Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2025 at Ogale, Idi-Oro, Kogi State.
- 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, 19<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2025 at Vining Hall at 4.00pm.
   Commendation Service: On Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> 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, 27<sup>th</sup> Feb.
  2024

G. 6.00 pm. EUCHARIST WITH ANOINTING

Celebrant: The Rev. Michael Obembe
Preacher: The Rev. Yinka Akinpeju
Sponsor: Clergy Family & Evangelical

Ministry Members

Organist: Mr Sina Oyeneye
Processional Hymn: CONH 30

Preparation to Collect

The Epistle: Rev. 21:22-22:1-5
 The Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12, 19-23

Sermon

Nicene Creed, Intercession to Peace

Offerings CONH 827

(a) First Fruits (b) Tithes, Building, Covenant Seed

### Sunday Offering

\* Eucharistic Prayer

Communion: CONH 608Ablution Hymn: CONH 419

Post Communion Prayer

Prayer & Benediction

Notices

♦ Withdrawal Hymn: CONH 131

## 2. SENTENCES FOR CHRISTMAS II Introductory Sentence

Glory to Christ who is preached among the nations and believed on, in the world.

1 Timothy 3:16.

#### Collect for the Week:

Eternal God, Who by the shining of a star led the wise men to the worship of Your Son: guide by His light the nations of the earth, that the whole world may behold Your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### **Post Communion Sentence**

For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. **Titus 2:11**.

## 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

### 3. PRAYER POINTS FOR TODAY – SUNDAY, 5<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2025

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

- Pray for Most Rev. Dr. Henry Ndukuba our Primate, Most Rev. Dr. Olusina Fape our Archbishop and Olusola our Bishop for grace to hear from the Lord on daily basis in line with God's mandate in their episcopacy.
- ii. For the Rt. Revd. Godfrey Ekpenisi, his family and all members of the Diocese of Ika.

#### B. Prayer for Nigeria & the World

- i. Pray that the Lord of Host in His mercies will on account of His elects and remnants in Nigeria frustrate every raging from the pit of hell and all evil counsels, gang-ups and schemes in form of Boko Haram, Herdsmen and Islamnization agenda so that Christianity in Nigeria will never go the way of TURKEY nor NORTH AFRICA in Jesus Name. Amen.
- ii. Pray that the Lord shall silence every rumour of war in the world especially in those countries where they are not at rest as at today.
- Pray for the political leaders in our country that fear of God shall overshadow them.
- iv. Pray for the states and regions proned to security challenges in our country.

#### C. Prayer for AVMCC

- Pray for those who are waiting on God for favour in our midst
- ii. Pray for grace of God and divine help for all members of AVMCC.
- Pray that the joy of the Lord will be our portion in AVMCC.

### D. Prayers for individual Families within the AVMCC Household

Udero Family, Udo Family, Udochukwu Family, Udoh Family, Udoji-Achebe Family, Uduehi Family, Uduji Family, Udukife Family, Ufodike Family, Ufomba Family.

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

- For Miss Mojoyinolaoluwa Adelusi, Mrs Adefunke Odumosu, Miss Anulika Onwuazor, Madaiki Danladi Joseph, Mrs Olufunke Adeyanju, Miss Victoria Chidindu 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





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#### AVMCC HARVEST ACCOUNT

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#### 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
- 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 = 642,000

SCREEDING OF THE WALLS = 1,130,000

WALLPAPER & SAV SCTICKERS = 84,000

VINYL FLOOR CARPET = 469,220 Premium underlay for crèche = 47,800

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### 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.

#### 2025 UNIVERSAL WEEK OF PRAYER

Date: Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> January, 2025 Venue: First Baptist Church Olowu

Worship Leader: Methodist Priest Intercessors Ven. Abiodun Omoyelu Preacher: Ven. Ebenezer Adewole

Date: Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> January, 2025 Venue: Bola Memorial Ang. Church, Ikeja Worship Leader: First Baptist Church, Olowu, Ikeja

Intercessors Rev. Dr. Olurotimi Taiwo Preacher: Very. Rev. O.E. Daramola

Date: Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> January, 2025 Venue: Archbishop Vining Mem. Church

Cathedral

Worship Leader: St. Peter's Anglican Church, Alausa

Intercessors Rev. Dr. Dele Ajayi
Preacher: Rev. Dr. K.S. Ogokunle

Date: Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> January, 2025

Venue: St. Leo's Catholic Church, Toyin, Ikeja Worship Leader: St. Luke's the Physician, LASUTH, Ikeja

Intercessors Ven. G.A. Fawole

Preacher: Rev. Canon Opeyemi Ibikunle

Date: Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> January, 2025 Venue: Methodist Church, Opebi, Ikeja

Worship Leader: Strong Tower Baptist Church, Opebi

Intercessors Rev. Fatoki Sunday
Preacher: Rev. Uche G. Ukasoanya

Date: Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> January, 2025

Venue: Anglican Church of Ascension, Opebi, Worship Leader: Ebenezer African Church, Opebi. Ikeja

Intercessors Rev. P.O. Okunlola

Preacher: Rev. Fr. Emmanuel Omoroke, SMMM

Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> January – Thanksgiving in every church

#### 16. VACANCY

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.

### 4. THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, 5<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2025

THEME: THE GLORY AWAITING THE REPENTANT NATION

READING: PSALM 147:12-20; ISAIAH 60:1-6; REVELATION 21:22-22:1-5; MATTHEW 2:1-12; 19-23.

#### Introduction

All glory, honour and majesty to our God who has given us the privilege to witness the first Sunday in the year, 2025. May His name be praised forever in Jesus name. Amen. We are called to live a life that brings glory to God, therefore in our daily endeavours this new year, let us live to glorify God. Glorifying God is not merely an act of worship; it is a lifestyle of surrender, obedience, and devotion. When we glorify God, we acknowledge His sovereignty, majesty, and love. We recognize that He is the source of all life, wisdom, and blessing.

The theme for today's meditation is the glory awaiting the repentant nation. Taking a look at our nation and our world today we see the weight of economic uncertainty hanging heavy over our world today, we witness the devastating effects of inflation, unemployment, and global instability. Many feel trapped in a cycle of poverty and despair, struggling to provide for their families and build a secure future. But amidst these challenging times, a beacon of light of hope shines, the promise of a glorious future for those who turn to God. One of our text today from the book of Revelation, paints a breath-taking picture of the New Jerusalem, a city of radiant glory awaiting the repentant nation. The city is described as:

#### A. City without need

Revelation 21:22-27 paints a picture of the New Jerusalem, a city unlike any we can imagine. This city, the ultimate destination for the redeemed, is a place of unparalleled abundance and divine presence. It is a city without need, a city where God Himself is the source of all that is good.

#### 1. No Temple Needed:

i. <u>The Old Order Passes:</u> In the Old Testament, the temple was the centre of worship, the place where God's presence was believed to dwell. But in the New Jerusalem, there is no temple. This signifies a radical shift in our understanding of God's presence.

ii. God Dwells Among His People: "And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it." (Revelation 21:22) In Christ, God has reconciled humanity to Himself, and His Spirit now dwells within believers (1 Corinthians 3:16). The New Jerusalem is a manifestation of this intimate union, where God's presence permeates every aspect of life.

#### 2. Illuminated by Divine Glory:

i. <u>No Need for Sun or Moon:</u> "And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof." (Revelation 21:23) This imagery emphasizes the surpassing glory of God, which eclipses the need for any created light source.

#### 3. A City for All Nations:

- i. A Global Community: "And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it." (Revelation 21:24) The New Jerusalem is a city for all people, from every nation and tongue. This vision transcends earthly boundaries and speaks to God's universal love and inclusivity.
- ii. A Reflection of God's Kingdom: This diverse community foreshadows the ultimate fulfilment of God's kingdom, where people from every tribe and nation will worship Him together (Revelation 7:9).

#### 4. Abundant Life and Resources:

- i. <u>Gates always open:</u> "And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there." (Revelation 21:25) This symbolizes the constant access to God's presence and the continuous flow of His blessings.
- ii. <u>The River of Life:</u> "And there shall be no more sea." (Revelation 21:1) The absence of the sea, often associated with chaos and danger, signifies a world transformed and brought under God's perfect control.
- iii. The Tree of Life: "And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations." (Revelation 22:1-2) The tree of life symbolizes eternal life and abundant provision, offering healing and nourishment to all who partake.

#### B. A River of Life

Revelation 22:1-2 describes a city overflowing with life and vitality. This passage introduces two powerful symbols: the River of Life and the Tree of Life, both pointing to the abundant grace and eternal life found in God's presence.

#### 1. The River of Life: A Source of Eternal Life

- i. <u>A Constant Flow:</u> "And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb." (Revelation 22:1) This river, flowing from the very source of life God Himself and the Lamb, Jesus Christ symbolizes the continuous outpouring of God's grace and the Holy Spirit.
- ii. <u>Life-giving waters:</u> This is not just any water, but the "water of life." This echoes Jesus' promise in John 7:38, "Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him." This water represents the life-giving presence of God, quenching the deepest thirsts of the soul and bringing spiritual refreshment.
- iii. <u>Purity and Clarity:</u> The river is described as "clear as crystal," emphasizing its purity and transparency. This speaks to the sinless and perfect nature of God's love and the unhindered flow of His grace in the New Jerusalem.

#### 2. The Tree of Life: Abundant Provision and Healing

i. <u>Life-sustaining fruit:</u> "On this side and on that side of the river was the tree of life, which bore twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit every month; and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations." (Revelation 22:2) This echoes the tree of life found in the Garden of Eden (Genesis 2:9), a symbol of eternal life and abundance

#### **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.

#### D. AVMCC Guest House

Stay within a Christian environment, also visit the restaurant for tasty and affordable meals all located at the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 & Biros. Please instruct your children to remain in the Sunday School and not wander about looking for things to buy. Children are better and safer in the Sunday School.

#### B. COUNSELLING MINISTRY

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

Counsellees from overseas (with evidence) who intend to spend a short period in the country for their wedding,

- ii. <u>Continuous Provision:</u> The tree bears fruit "every month," signifying a constant supply of life-giving nourishment. This speaks to the inexhaustible nature of God's grace and the unending blessings that await His people in eternity.
- iii. <u>Healing and Restoration:</u> The leaves of the tree are "for the healing of the nations." This highlights the complete restoration of all things in the New Jerusalem. Not only will physical and spiritual needs be met, but all the wounds inflicted by sin and suffering will be healed.

#### 3. A Reign of Righteousness

Revelation 22:3-5 paints a picture of a new reality, where the curse of sin is broken and God reigns supreme. This passage highlights the eternal reign of God, the intimate fellowship with Him. and the complete eradication of darkness.

#### 1. The End of the Curse.

- i. <u>Broken Curse:</u> "And there shall be no more curse." (Revelation 22:3) This powerful statement signifies the complete reversal of the curse that entered the world through sin (Genesis 3:17). Sin, with its accompanying pain, suffering, and separation from God, will be no more.
- **ii.** A New Creation: This echoes the promise of Isaiah 35:1, "The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose." The curse that brought decay and destruction will be replaced with a new creation, where life flourishes and all things are made new.

#### 2. The Presence and Reign of God.

- i. <u>God's Dwelling Place:</u> "The throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him." (Revelation 22:3) This emphasizes the intimate presence of God in the New Jerusalem. God will dwell with His people, and they will serve Him in worship and adoration.
- ii. <u>Beholding God's Face:</u> "And they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads." (Revelation 22:4) This speaks to the ultimate fulfilment of the human longing to know God. To "see his face" signifies a level of intimacy and communion beyond human comprehension. It represents a state of perfect knowledge, love, and unity with God.

#### 3. An Eternal Reign of Light

- i. <u>Eternal Day:</u> "And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever." (Revelation 22:5) The absence of night symbolizes the continuous presence of God's glory, illuminating every aspect of life.
- ii. A Reign without end: "They shall reign for ever and ever." (Revelation 22:5) This speaks to the eternal nature of God's kingdom and the everlasting reign of the redeemed with Christ. It signifies a future where joy, peace, and eternal life will know no end.

#### Conclusion:

The vision of the New Jerusalem is not merely a distant dream. It is a powerful reminder of God's ultimate purpose to restore all things to their intended glory. This vision calls us to repent, not only of our personal sins, but also of the systemic injustices that perpetuate economic inequality and suffering.

Let us live as citizens of this coming kingdom, striving for an economy that reflects God's values, an economy of abundance, justice, and sustainability. Let us be agents of change, a beacon of light, working to build a world where every person has the opportunity to live with dignity and flourish. For the hope of the New Jerusalem is not just for individuals, but for nations that turn to God with repentant hearts and seek to build a just and

equitable society

#### 6. ATTENDANCE FOR PREVIOUS WEEK December 29 - January 4, 2025

7.00 am Holy Communion 687

7.00 am Youth Service

7.00 am Sunday School 10.00 am Mattins 598 10.00 am Youth Service 10.00 am Sunday School **Tuesday Watchnight Service** 2.045 Wednesday New Year Day 879

**Wednesday Prayer Meeting** 

#### **MEETINGS THIS WEEK**

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

- Band of Peace Society
- Ascension Fellowship
- Christian Brothers Society
- Ambassadors of Christ Executive
- Y.W.C.A. Executive
- Agape Christian Sisters
- Sons & Daughters of Eabaland
- Band of Light Executive
- Lords Labourers Fellowship

#### 8. CATHEDRAL ROSTER

#### A. Cathedral Health Centre

i. Personnel on Duty this Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> Jan., 2025 7.00a.m-10.00am: Dr. Olivier Akinola, Dr. M. Akinlemibola, Pharm. Chie Nwerri, Mrs Nkiru Arah, Mrs A. Amah-Jerry.

10.00am-2.00pm: Dr. Arinze Onubogu, Pharm. Ranti Adedeji, Mrs Olufunke Olatunji, Sis. Boladuro Ajibola.

ii. Personnel on Duty Next Sunday 12th Jan., 2025 7.00a.m-10.00am: Dr. M. Akinlemibola, Dr. B. Ibidapo-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.

#### Security & Traffic Control B.

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> Jan. - Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> Jan. 2025 i. Oyebanji Toba (Captain), Helen Arhagba, (Assistant Captain), Segun Adeniji, Chioma Obi, Caroline Omowhara, Funso Fagbuyiro, Chukwuemeka Osaka, Funmi Ladele, Ekwedh Lilian, Michael Enujioke, Olusegun Esan, Enujioke Michael, Odanye Mojisola, John Okocha, Anthony Uwa, Afam Ogeleka.

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> Jan. - Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> Jan, 2025 ii. Omotola Onakoya, (Captain), Goke Uthman; (Assistant Captain), Ogunleye Adeboboye, Adeyemi Muyiwa, Segun Adeniji, Chioma Obi, Juliet Chimezie, Akinniran O. Temidayo, Rita Osibodu. Michael Oluseaun Esan. Okaduri Enuitaka Niwaarau Chinadu

11. SUMMARY OF SERVICES FOR NEXT SUNDAY **Epiphany I** January 12

Theme: God's Servant and His Mission

Colour:White

7.00 am: **HOLY COMMUNION** 

> Celebrant: The Dean Acts 10:34-38a Epistle:

> > Layreader Ada Ejikeme

Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

The Rev. Fikayo Adenle

Preacher: The Dean

THE YOUTH SERVICE

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

10.00 am: **MATTINS** Cantor: The Dean O.T. Reading: Isaiah 42:1-9

Layreader Titi Afolabi

N.T. Reading: Matthew 3:13-17

Lavreader Olamide Ola

Preacher: The Dean

6.00 pm: **FAMILY EVENING** 

Cantor: The Rev. Fikayo Adenle Layreader N. Ochokwu Cantor:

29 Psalm:

Mark 1:1-13 Lesson:

Preacher: Layreader Temitayo Gidado

#### 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

#### **Visitors and New Comers** Α.

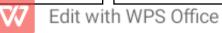
We welcome Visitors and New Comers to Archbishop Vining Memorial Church Cathedral, Ikeja. We pray that the joy of the Lord will be yours today and always. You are requested to please move to the Lady's Chapel after the service where our Evangelical Team is waiting to attend to you.

#### 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, January 10, 2025 Colour: White

7.00am Holy Communion
Theme: God Speaks through His Son
Celebrant: The Ven. Abiodun Omoyelu

Epistle: Hebrews 11:1-3 -Lay. Edith Cookey

Gospel: John 6:1-14

Hymns: CONH 16, CONH 788 (I), CONH 824

Preacher: The Rev. Michael Obembe

**Prayer Points:** 

- For the Rt. Revd. Ikechukwu Egbuonu, his family and all members of the Diocese of Oji River.
- \* For the Rt. Revd. Benson Chukwunweike, his family and all members of the Diocese of Awgu-Aninri.
- For these members of the Cathedral who are celebrating their Birthdays today: Mr Ugonna Okeke, Mr James Ajayi, Mrs Folake Akinola, Mr Michael Mimiko, Mr Tunde Bamgbade, Mr Oluwajimi Olowu, Miss Oluwatosin Olawuwo, Sir Charles Iheagwam, Mr Uchechukwu Don-Samuel, Miss Modupeola Sanu.
- For these individual Families within the AVMCC Household: Utomakili Family, Uwa Family, Uwadueke Family, Uwasomba Family, Uwodo Family, Uzebu Family, Uzo Family, Uzochukwu Family, Uzoechi Family, Uzoh Family.

9.00am Funeral Service for

Late Mrs Yetunde Gbodimowo

6.00pm UNIVERSAL WEEK OF PRAYER

Saturday, January 11, 2025 Colour: White

7.00am Holy Communion

Theme: The Supremacy of Christ
Celebrant: The Rev. Adefope Adetujoye
Epistle: Hebrews 1:4-14 - Lay. B. Dania

Gospel: John 6:15-27

Hymns: CONH 121, CONH 509, CONH 120

Preacher: The Rev. Fikayo Adenle

**Prayer Points:** 

- For the Rt. Revd. Engr. Sosthenes Eze, his family and all members of the Diocese of Enugu North.
- For these members of the Cathedral who are celebrating their Birthdays today: Mrs Helen Fashina, Mrs Comfort Ihemadu, Mrs Stella Iroabueke, Mrs Elizabeth Sorinmade, Mrs Ayotunde Ajayi, Mr Mudiaga Owhe, Mrs Eugenia Okafor, Mr Somtochukwu Chukwukelu.
- For these individual Families within the AVMCC Household: Uzoho Family, Uzoigwe Family, Uzoh-Njoku Family, Uzor Family, Uzundu Family, Victor-Osho Family, Vincent Family, Wale-Adegbite Family, Wande Family, Wey Family.

11.00am 80<sup>th</sup> birthday Service of Mrs Abayomi Osinoiki

3.00 pm Youth Fellowship

4.00 pm Boys' Brigade and Girls' Brigade

4.00 pm Baptism

6.00pm UNIVERSAL WEEK OF PRAYER

# FELLOWSHIP

9. LIST OF CENTERS FOR HOME CELL

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	ОРЕВІ	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 6, 2025 Colour: White

6.00am Alpha & Omega 7.00am **Holy Communion** Search for Jesus daily Theme:

Ante Communion: Layreader Patricia Enwesor Celebrant: The Ven. Abiodun Omoyelu

The Rev. Yinka Akinpeju

Ephesians 3:1-12 - Lay. B. Onayemi Epistle:

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

Hymns: CONH 16, CONH 419, CONH 867 Preacher: Lavreader Kike Akinvemi

**Praver Points:** 

- \* For the Rt. Revd. Victor Ebipade Okporu, his family and all members of the Diocese of Western Izon.
- For the Rt. Revd. Ebenezer Saiki, his family and all members of the Diocese oof Akoko-Edo.
- For these members of the Cathedral who are celebrating their Birthdays today: Miss Ebunoluwa Adesanya, Mr Abiodun Akinjayehu, Mrs Alice Owolabi, Miss Sandra Ibeneme, Mrs Blessing Mgbemena, Mrs Enitan Obe, Mr Jonathan Odia, Mr James Ononiwu, Mrs Agnes Williams.
- \* For these individual Families within the AVMCC Household: Ugah Family, Ugbah Family, Ugbechie Family, Ugbor Family, Ugochukwu Family, Ugoji Family, Ugwoke Family, Ugwu Family, Ugwuanya Family, Ugwuegede Family.

6.00pm **UNIVERSAL WEEK OF PRAYER** 

Colour: White Tuesday, January 7, 2025

6.00am Alpha & Omega 7.00am **Holy Communion** 

**Pray Everyday** Theme:

Celebrant: The Ven. Dr. Benjamin Okere For the Epistle: Psalm 5:1-5 - Lay. R. Agu

John 2:1-11 Gospel:

Hymns: CONH 124, CONH 803 (II), CONH 1240

Preacher: The Rev. Adefope Adetujoye

**Prayer Points:** 

- \* For the Rt. Revd. Felix Olorunfemi, his family and all members of the Diocese of Etsako.
- For the Rt. Revd. Festus Nwafili, his family and all members of the Diocese of Ndokwa.
- For these members of the Cathedral who are celebrating their Birthdays today: The Rev. Emeka Madubuike, Engr. Obanifemi Aluko, Dr. (Mrs) Adekemi Adeyemo, Mrs Oluwatoyin Olabiyi, Engr. Felicia Agubata, Mrs Ogechi Oparaugo-Asonye, Barr. F. Okey Ogbu, Mr Abiodun Olowoniyi, Miss Olamide Onayemi, Mrs Olabisi Onayemi, Mr Victor Dairo.
- For these individual Families within the AVMCC Household: Ugwumadu Family, Ugwunaya Family, Ukadigwu Family, Ukadike Family, Ukaegbu Family, Ukatu Family, Ukeje Family, Uko Family, Ukoh Family, Ukoha Family.

5.00pm - 6.00pm Intercessory Prayer

6.00pm UNIVERSAL WEEK OF PRAYER Wednesday, January 8, 2025 Colour: White

**Holy Communion** 7.00am

Theme: **Deliverance from Destruction** Celebrant: The Ven. Azubike Ahubelem

For the Epistle: Psalm 5:6-12 - Lay. T. Akindolire

Gospel: John 4:46-54

Hymns: CONH 125, CONH 770, CONH 428

**CONH 932** 

Preacher: The Dean

**Prayer Point** 

\* For the Rt. Revd. (Dr) Blessing Erifeta, his family and all members of the Diocese of Sapele.

- \* For the Rt. Revd. Prof. Sam Ike, his family and all members of the Diocese of Enuqu.
- For these members of the Cathedral who are celebrating their Birthdays today: Chief Sanya Jegede, Engr. Lucien Bagbonon, Mrs Abimbola Omotoso, Mrs Sandra Ikwudinma, Mr Sunday Odia, Mrs Evelyn Opayemi, Mr Okey Ilo.
- For these individual Families within the AVMCC Household: Ukwunna Family, Ukwuoma Family, Ulasi Family, Ulogwara Family, Umealo-Wells Family, Umeabuani Family, Umeh Family, Umejiburu Family, Umekaibe Family, Umeli Family.

8.00am Vining Intercessor's Visitation

6.00pm UNIVERSAL WEEK OF PRAYER

Thursday, January 9, 2025 Colour: White

7.00am **Holy Communion** Theme: Be Honest in Prayer Celebrant: The Rev. Yinka Akinpeju

For the Epistle: Psalm 6:1-12 - Lay. Esther

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John 5:1-15 Gospel:

Hymns: CONH 14, CONH 802, CONH 877

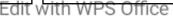
Preacher: The Rev. Fikayo Adenle

**Prayer Points:** 

- \* For the Rt. Revd. Aloysius Agbo, his family and all members of the Diocese of Nsukka.
- For the Rt. Revd. Monday Nkwoagu, his family and all members of the Diocese of Abakaliki.
- For these members of the Cathedral who are celebrating their Birthdays today: Mrs Victoria Bartels, Mrs Dolapo Ologunde, Mrs Olubunmi Dolu-Adebivi, Miss Chinomso Nwannunu, Mr Emmanuel Okoye, Mrs Ijeoma Ene, Mr Christopher Poluvi. Chief Sofoluke Solanke.
- For these individual Families within the AVMCC Household: Umeokwuchi Family, Umez-Oparah Family, Umobi Family, Umukoro Family, Umunna Family, Umuokafor Family, Unegbu Family, Unoqu Family, Usman Family, Uthman Family.

4.00pm Wake Keep Service for Late Mrs Yetunde Gbodimowo

6 ՈՈրm IINIVERSAL WEEK OF PRAYER



### 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)

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 Sanhallat and Gosham continue

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).

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.

### 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**

 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).

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