



## ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**News Release**

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### **Community Invited to Celebrate with “All the Saints of Glory” During Andrew’s 21<sup>st</sup> Flower Festival, Nov. 1-3**

(Norfolk, Va., Oct. 2, 2013) – A West Ghent tradition will celebrate its 21<sup>st</sup> year, when the St. Andrew’s Flower Festival opens Nov. 1-3 at 1009 W. Princess Anne Road in Norfolk. Featuring artful arrangements of fresh cut flowers, an opening night gala, bazaar, special music and services, the festival draws Ghent-area neighbors and visitors from throughout Hampton Roads each year to the three-day celebration marking the Feast of All Saints.

“All Saints is an occasion to remember and celebrate the saints in our lives,” said The Rev. John Rohrs, Rector of St. Andrew’s. “What better way to honor these loved ones than in fellowship with our friends and neighbors.”

This year, guests of St. Andrew’s will see the altars and front portion of the sanctuary beautifully decorated with colorful arrangements as in years past, but in a special twist visitors will be invited to participate for the first time in flowering the rest of the church. Throughout the weekend, guests may select flowers from containers located throughout the nave and place them in pre-set planters in memory of the saints in their lives.

“Our hope is that inviting folks to participate in this new way will resonate with the meaning of the weekend,” said Rohrs. “By Sunday morning the community will have flowered the church together.”

In addition to the floral decorations, special music is another highlight of the St. Andrew’s Flower Festival. This year’s festival theme is inspired by the anthem, “Sing with All the Saints of Glory,” with lyrics by William J. Irons and music by Ludwig von Beethoven. Under the direction of Dr. James W. Kosnik, of Old Dominion University and St. Andrew’s, the church choir will sing the

anthem during the Friday evening gala and Sunday Eucharist service. Music lovers may recognize the music as the well-known “Ode to Joy.”

Other musical programs will feature the Norfolk a Cappella Ensemble, the Virginia Beach Middle School Band and Orchestra, and organist W. Lee Hendricks, as well a Sunday organ concert performed by Dr. Kosnik, at 4:30 p.m., followed immediately by a service of Choral Evensong.

The full weekend schedule includes:

- **Nov. 1**—Festival blessing, opening gala and silent auction (\$20 per person), 6:15-9:15 p.m.
- **Nov. 2**—Church tours, music programs and the festival bazaar, featuring sales of baked goods, gourmet foods, home décor, women’s clothing, Christmas tree and wreath orders, flower and garden accessories, jewelry and organic skincare products. A luncheon (\$10) will be served, and concessions are available for purchase. Festival is open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- **Nov. 3**—All Saints’ Sunday Eucharist at 8 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. An organ concert performed by Dr. James W. Kosnik, of Old Dominion University and St. Andrew’s, takes place at 4:30 p.m., followed immediately by a service of Choral Evensong.

Located in the West Ghent neighborhood, St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church is a parish of worship, spiritual growth, acceptance and healing centered in the Eucharist. Services are held Sundays at 8 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. For information, visit [www.standrewsnorfolk.org](http://www.standrewsnorfolk.org) or call (757) 622-5530.

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