



ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

News Release

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St. Andrew's Episcopal Church to Launch Year of Centennial Events with 2011 Flower Festival, Nov. 4-6 in Norfolk

(Norfolk, Va., Oct. 5, 2011) – St. Andrew's Episcopal Church will celebrate a century of ministry, music and fellowship when it opens its 2011 Flower Festival, Nov. 4-6, at 1009 W. Princess Anne Road in Norfolk. The festival, which draws Ghent-area neighbors and visitors each year to enjoy artfully displayed arrangements of fresh, cut flowers, marks the launch of a year-round series of special events to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the church.

“The Flower Festival is always a fun weekend and a great outreach to the community, but this year it takes on extra significance as we celebrate our centennial,” said The Rev. John Rohrs, Rector of St. Andrew's. We hope that folks will come out and help us mark this special occasion.”

Begun 19 years ago as a gift to the community, the St. Andrew's Flower Festival takes place in concert with the Feast of All Saints, held the first Sunday in November as a time to remember departed loved ones. The festival schedule includes:

- **Nov. 4**—Festival blessing, opening gala and silent auction (\$20 per person), 6:15-9:15 p.m.
- **Nov. 5**—Church tours, music programs and the festival bazaar, featuring sales of baked goods, gourmet foods, home décor, Christmas tree and wreath orders, fall flowers, jewelry and artwork. A luncheon (\$8) will be served, and concessions are available for purchase. Festival is open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- **Nov. 6**—All Saints' Sunday Eucharist at 8 a.m. and 10:15 a.m., with The Rt. Rev. Herman “Holly” Hollerith presiding. 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.

This year's Flower Festival theme, "To Dwell in the House of the Lord All our Days," is fitting for St. Andrew's, which began its life in 1911 in a small wooden chapel. The current church, built in 1921, was designed by the noted architect and St. Andrew's parishioner John Kevan Peebles. For the festival, the narthex and sanctuary will be decorated with nearly 3,000 stems of fresh flowers and greenery under the supervision of Stephen Batten, the festival's artistic director and St. Andrew's Flower Guild chairman. This year, the arrangements will include white lilies, roses, anthurium, chrysanthemums, carnations and dendrobium orchids.

Flower festivals date to the period of reconstruction following World War II, when English parishioners sought funds to rebuild or refurbish their churches. Many parishes hosted flower festivals as a way to raise money to help with the reconstruction efforts and unite their communities.

Located in the West Ghent neighborhood, St. Andrew's Church 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 or call (757) 622-5530.

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St. Andrew's Centennial Year Event Schedule, 2011-2012

"Blessings from Heaven since 1911"

Nov. 4-6, 2011—19th Annual Flower Festival, a three-day celebration and kick-off for a year of centennial events

Nov. 20—Commemorative Church Service with 1892 liturgy, followed by a reception and preceded by a film featuring oral history interviews with St. Andrew's parishioners

Nov.-April—St. Andrew's Sacred Music Series, featuring Virginia Symphony soloists and the Roy Muth Brass Ensemble, among other musicians

April 22, 2012—St. Andrew's Block Party to include a neighborhood assembly-line meal-packaging event (10,000-meal goal) to benefit families assisted by Stop Hunger Now, an international hunger relief agency