

This Week at



OCTOBER 9
2025

THE PARISH AT A GLANCE

Worship

SUNDAY, October 12

Holy Eucharist, Rite II - *The 18th Sunday After Pentecost*

Blessing of the Animals - 5:00 p.m., Hamilton Square

WEDNESDAY, October 15

5:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

Upcoming Events

OCT 12: Confirmation Class Kickoff after the service

OCT 21: Vestry Meets via Zoom at 7 p.m.

OCT 23: Truck & Treat 5 - 8 p.m. at the Ag Center

Through DEC 31 - Keep Columbus Beautiful Shoe Drive

Connect and Serve: Hospitality

A **Hospitality Committee** is being formed and needs members. This team will welcome visitors and coordinate Sunday coffee, 1st Sunday Brunch, and the Christmas meal, along with other special events. Contact Erin or Rose if you are interested in this ministry.

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IN OUR PARISH

Blessing of the Animals Goes Big Time

This year, we will be holding our annual Blessing of the Animals on the square in Hamilton on Sunday, October 12 at 5:00 p.m. (Rain location: the church). The Humane Society of Harris County will be there with a few adorable adoptables, and Harris County 4-H will be spreading the word as well. Hope you'll join us for a lovely reminder of the love with which God created our world.

Paul Pierce of Springer Opera House to Speak October 19

On Sunday, October 19, St. Nicholas will host guest speaker Paul Pierce, known for his many years as Artistic Director of the Springer Opera House in Columbus, Georgia. Mr. Pierce will deliver the homily: "Storytelling - The Eighth Sacrament." Following the service, Mr. Pierce will provide an Adult Formation class on his work with the Muskogee Indian tribe.

Directory Update

We are working our way toward a new printed edition of the Church Directory for the convenience of those who don't use the online version. The time to update your information is before it's printed!

If you need a new photo, see Lynn Hall after the service on October 26. If you are not sure your information is current, check with Erin in the office; you can also contact her if you are not in the directory and would like to be, or if you have lost your log-in information.

You can now reach the **church's online directory** on the [website](#) under "Serve and Connect." (Please be wary of any emails you receive asking for log-in information or a printed copy – even from people you know – this is how bad guys get your information!)

Adult Formation

Join us in the Gathering Room after the service for spiritual development and thought-provoking and discussion.

OCTOBER 12: Confirmation Class Kickoff

OCTOBER 19: Guest Speaker Paul Pierce of the Springer Opera House will talk about his work with the Muskogee Indian Tribe.

NOVEMBER 9: Sainthood in the Episcopal Church

Do you feel called to serve your church at a deeper, more spiritual level? **Licensed Lay Eucharistic Ministry** may be what you're looking for. Eucharistic Ministers serve the members of the congregation who minister to their fellow congregants by assisting the priest with Eucharist on Sunday morning. Eucharistic Visitors bring communion to homebound members of our church family. See Father Bob if you would like to explore this ministry.

It's Fall – Time to Recycle Those Shoes!

October 1 – December 31, St. Nicholas will again participate in Keep Columbus Beautiful's Shoe Recycling drive. Bring any kind of shoes you're ready to get rid of. Rubberbanding them together is

helpful, but condition does not matter. Those that can be worn will be sent to those who can use them; those that can't will be recycled – either way, they stay out of the landfill! Bin in the narthex.

Vestry Meets October 21

The Vestry will meet Tuesday, October 21 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom to conduct the business of the church. Let Erin know if you'd like the link to attend. To see the September minutes, [click here](#), or see Erin.

Truck & Treat! October 23

St. Nicholas will once again participate in Harris County's Halloween celebration at the Ag Center from 5 – 8 p.m. **Bring donations of treats** to Erin in the church office.

BackSnacks invites YOU!

BackSnacks is extending particular invitations to the St. Nicholas congregation to help get to know each other and strengthen the bond between the church and this vital outreach program.

NOV 12: Cookies, ice cream, and conversation.

DECEMBER: The BackSnacks kids hope to join us for carol-singing.

New Wednesday Fellowship Group – What's Your Interest?

There has been interest expressed in both a needle arts group and bridge or card-playing group. Why not both at the same time? Or even more activities? What's your interest? Is after Evening Prayer a good time? Talk to Erin, Rose, or Father Bob if you have an idea or are interested in being informed about developments.

St. Nicholas Book Club News

The November read is *Before the Coffee Gets Cold* by Toshikazu Kawaguchi. "In a small back alley in Tokyo, there is a café which has been serving carefully brewed coffee for more than one hundred years. But this coffee shop offers its customers a unique experience: the chance to travel back in time. This beautiful, moving story explores the age-old question: what would you change if you could travel back in time? More importantly, who would you want to meet, maybe for one last time?" [from GoodReads]. The Book Club next meets after Evening Prayer on November 5.

IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Prayer Requests

Your prayers are asked for Ryder Hughes, Katherine Johnson, and Ashley Patel. Continued prayers and loving thoughts for our homebound congregants: Liz Dixon, Mike Sawyer, and Jewell Wells.

We pray for wisdom for those in authority, for guidance for those who feel called to action, and for safety and peace for those who feel fear in these



times. We continue to pray for all those in need within our community and those in the world who have suffered due to war and natural disaster.

OCTOBER 12, 2025
5:00 P.M.

Bring your leashed or crated animal friends (or a memento) to be blessed at this outdoor service. Children may bring a beloved stuffed animal.

Meet the Humane Society of Harris County's adoptable friends!

(Rain location: St. Nicholas Episcopal Church, 69 Mobley Rd., Hamilton, GA)



Blessing of the Animals
ON THE SQUARE IN HAMILTON, GA

IN OUR WIDER CHURCH

- **News from the Diocese:** [Click here](#) to catch up on what's happening in our own Diocese of Atlanta, including an Events calendar for the few months.
- **News from The Episcopal Church:** [Click here](#) to read The Episcopal Church Weekly.
- **News from the Episcopal Community Foundation:** [Click here](#) to read the latest news.

5TH ANNUAL

Harris County Public Library's

TRUCK & TREAT

OCTOBER 23RD
5-8 PM

FREE

Mike Tracey Arena 10695 GA-116, Hamilton