

This Week at



APRIL 17,
2025

THE PARISH AT A GLANCE

Worship

SUNDAY, APRIL 20

Easter Sunday

Lighting of the Paschal Candle and Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Lighting of the Paschal Candle at 9:50 a.m.

THURSDAY, APRIL 17

7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23

5:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

Upcoming at St. Nicholas

April 20: **Easter Sunday**

Easter Treats provided by Parish Life after the service

April 21: **April Vestry Meeting**

7:00 p.m. via Zoom

Connect and Serve
Join the Episcopal Choir on May 4

See details on Episcopal Day at Synovus Park inside the newsletter -
TL;DR: Join the pan-Episcopal Choir at the game to sing the National Anthem! Let Erin know you're interested.

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IN OUR PARISH

Maundy Thursday Service at 7:00 p.m.

Join us for the evocative Maundy Thursday service. We will have hand- and foot-washing as well as Holy Eucharist, followed by the traditional stripping and cleansing of the altar.

Bring Flowers for Easter!

Flower Guild will be providing a foam cross for the altar at our Easter Sunday service. Bring flowers from your yard to fill the cross with the beauty of God's spring bounty.

Spring Treats begin at Easter

We will have special treats and lemonade after the April 20 Easter service provided by your Parish Life Committee. Please stay to nibble and mingle and enjoy Easter morning together. After Easter, let's continue post-service fellowship time with cookies and lemonade on non-brunch Sundays, to give us a few minutes after the service to just enjoy each other's company. If you'd like to bring a simple treat one Sunday, a sign-up sheet will be in the narthex.

Vestry Meets via Zoom April 21

As their regular third Sunday meeting falls on Easter, the Vestry will meet via Zoom on Monday, April 27 at 7:00 p.m. to conduct the business of the church. If you'd like to attend, contact Erin for the Zoom invitation.

Book Club Selects Kingsolver's *Flight Behavior* for May

In 2004 Barbara Kingsolver moved from Tucson, where she had lived since 1978, and returned to southern Appalachia, the setting of several recent notable books, including *Flight Behavior*, the book club's selection for the May meeting.

Published in 2012, this novel follows Dellarobia Turnbow, a young farm wife who witnesses an unusual migration of Monarch butterflies fleeing from their normal pattern due to global warming. They attract the attention of scientists, religious leaders and politicians. Dellarobia's involvement transforms her worldview and opens new possibilities for her future.

Flight Behavior is a captivating, topical and deeply human story touching on class, poverty and climate change. It is Barbara Kingsolver's most accessible novel yet and explores the truths we live by and the complexities that lie behind them. (Adapted from Amazon.) The Book Club will meet May 7 after Evening Prayer at 5:00 p.m.

Episcopal Day at Synovus Park – May 4!



The Chattahoochee Valley Convocation has arranged to celebrate Episcopal Day at Synovus Park on **Sunday, May 4** as the Clingstones take on the Biloxi Shuckers. Game time is 1:05 pm, so you can head over to the park right after worship. Lunch will be available for purchase at concession stands. Seats in sections 212 and 213, are reserved for us; if we fill up those seats, there will still be plenty of general admission seats available. The cost of tickets is \$10 each, plus some handling fees. You can purchase directly through this link: <https://fevo-enterprise.com/event/Episcopalchurches2>. Wear your Episcopal or church t-shirts or other swag so we can show the world how much fun Episcopalian have together.

Debbie Anderson of St. Thomas will be coordinating the **Episcopal Choir** to sing the National Anthem. We'd love for a few singers to represent St. Nicholas. Let Erin know if you're interested and she'll get your name to Debbie.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN CARPOOLING, PLEASE SIGN UP ON THE SHEET IN THE NARTHEX!

IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Prayer Requests

Your prayers are asked for Mike Sawyer, Edward Martin, and the Brown family as they mourn Kin's mother, Mary Ann. Continued prayers and loving thoughts for our homebound congregants: Liz Dixon 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.

Please send all prayer requests to pastoralcare@stnicholashamilton.org.



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's press release.

News from the Episcopal Community Foundation: [Click here](#) to read the ECF's latest news

IN OUR COMMUNITY



The **National Day of Prayer** in 2025 will be observed on Thursday, May 1st. This annual event encourages Americans of all faiths to unite in prayer for the nation.

Thursday, May 1 there will be a program at Historic Zion Church, 0 Jackson Avenue, in Talbotton, Ga beginning at 9 a.m., with refreshments after. Following the program, the church will remain open until 3:00 for anyone who wants to come in and pray.

Pastor Franklin Holmes of Shady Grove Baptist Church in Talbotton, Rabbi Laurence Schlesinger of Temple Israel in Columbus and Reverend Grace Burton-Edwards of St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Columbus have been invited. Each will share a devotional and prayer in keeping with their faith practice. Music will be provided by organist, Talbotton native Tom Callier.

The National Day of Prayer was established by Congress in 1952 and signed into law by President Harry S. Truman. In 1988, President Ronald Reagan designated the first Thursday of May as its official date.

Please join us Thursday, May 1, 2025 at Historic Zion Church at 9am for Talbot County's observance of this special day.