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The Creed of St. Athanasius

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- Functionally, the Curate is my Assistant and therefore works for me and answers to me in helping me with the duties and responsibilities of the parish ministry.

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- The Curate at Holy Trinity Anglican Church
- In early 2015, we began developing a plan for a Curacy program at Holy Trinity. What came to be is a program which will accomplish two three pruposes.
 1. Identify promising new clergy and provide them with training and support to become leading clergy for the Diocese.
 2. Develop a focused ministry at Holy Trinity intended to reach young families with children and youth (our weakest area of ministry).
 3. Supply a steady stream of mission minded priests who are experienced enough to plant new parishes for the Diocese.

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1. Primary responsibility will be the catechesis and ministries focused on children and youth along with their families. Though this is a very small group at present, the parish is acting in faith to strengthen our members and with a desire to grow this ministry through outreach and evangelism.
2. Holy Trinity Church sponsors Good Shepherd Homeschool Ministry, with the goal of growing the ministry for middle and high school aged youth. The Curate will work with the Good Shepherd Administrator and teach courses as necessary.
3. The Curate will participate in and assist as appropriate all Liturgies in the parish.
4. The Curate will preach regularly at one of the Sunday services according to a set pattern.

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5. The Curate will attend hospital and in home visitations along with the Rector, eventually conducting such visitations on his own.
6. The Curate will train in the administration of the parish by performing such functions as choosing hymns and planning liturgies, working with the Parish Secretary to churn out bulletins and the Trinity Times Weekly Edition, organizing events and advertising the parish in various media, recording the official membership, reporting to Diocesan structures, etc.
7. The Curate will attend the annual clergy retreats and diocesan synods as well as the triennial General Council meetings.

The Grand Design

The design of this curacy program is to help form new priests for service in the Church. With this in mind, the expectation is that a curate will serve at Holy Trinity Church for 24 months, with the understanding that 24 months is not an inviolable rule but a generous guideline. Following the two year Curacy, the Curate will be released to either serve as a rector in a sister parish or, God willing, to accept a call to plant a new parish, and Holy Trinity Church will call a new Curate for a two year term. It is our hope that Holy Trinity will grow and also be used of God to plant several parishes in Jacksonville, North Florida and South Georgia.

Our First Curate: Dcn. Brian Oldfield

Fr. Brian is a native of L.A. (Lower Alabama – Dothan to be exact)

Fr. Brian is a convert to Anglicanism through the ACNA

Fr. Brian is a recent graduate of Westminster Theological Seminary in Philadelphia, PA (a Reformed or Presbyterian-ish school) and also pursued Anglican studies through a fellowship program at St. Mark's Ch. in Rydel, PA.

For the past few years, Fr. Brian has been a member of a Reformed Episcopal Church – so like Fr. Cunningham, he comes to us through the REC!

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Fr. Brian was ordained a Deacon in the ACNA Diocese of the South and is transferring to the APA. He will seek ordination to the priesthood through the APA, which will take between six months and a year.

Fr Brian's greatest weakness is a unseemly fondness for all the wrong sports teams. Please pray for his repentance and a better mind.

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Written sometime after the fourth century.

Author unknown but may have been St. Vincent of Larens (also known as the author of the “Vincentian Canon” or the definition of what “catholic” means to the Church.

It’s purpose is to promote a deep and abiding knowledge of and faithfulness to the Doctrine of the holy Trinity: That we worship the one true God who is eternally three Divine Persons revealed to us as the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost.

This Doctrine is the faith of the Christian Church but was compellingly stated at the first Council of Nicea by then Deacon Athanasius (later patriarch of Alexandria and Saint of the Church.)

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Therefore, the Athanasian Creed was not written by St. Athanasius, but carries his name because the Creed attempts to promote the Doctrine he championed.

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- Whosoever will be saved, before all things it is necessary that he hold the catholic faith. Which faith except every one do keep whole and undefiled; without doubt he shall perish everlastingly. And the catholic faith is this: That we worship one God in Trinity, and Trinity in Unity; Neither confounding the Persons; nor dividing the Essence. For there is one Person of the Father; another of the Son; and another of the Holy Ghost. But the Godhead of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, is all one; the Glory equal, the Majesty coeternal. Such as the Father is; such is the Son; and such is the Holy Ghost. The Father uncreated; the Son uncreated; and the Holy Ghost uncreated. The Father unlimited; the Son unlimited; and the Holy Ghost unlimited. The Father eternal; the Son eternal; and the Holy Ghost eternal. And yet they are not three eternals; but one eternal. As also there are not three uncreated; nor three infinities, but one uncreated; and one infinite. So likewise the Father is Almighty; the Son Almighty; and the Holy Ghost Almighty. And yet they are not three Almighties; but one Almighty. So the Father is God; the Son is God; and the Holy Ghost is God. And yet they are not three Gods; but one God. So likewise the Father is Lord; the Son Lord; and the Holy Ghost Lord. And yet not three Lords; but one Lord. For like as we are compelled by the Christian verity; to acknowledge every Person by himself to be God and Lord; So are we forbidden by the catholic religion; to say, There are three Gods, or three Lords. The Father is made of none; neither created, nor begotten. The Son is of the Father alone; not made, nor created; but begotten. The Holy Ghost is of the Father and of the Son; neither made, nor created, nor begotten; but proceeding. So there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Ghost, not three Holy Ghosts. And in this Trinity none is before, or after another; none is greater, or less than another. But the whole three Persons are coeternal, and coequal. So that in all things, as aforesaid; the Unity in Trinity, and the Trinity in Unity, is to be worshipped. He therefore that will be saved, let him thus think of the Trinity.
- Furthermore, it is necessary to everlasting salvation; that he also believe faithfully the Incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ. For the right Faith is, that we believe and confess; that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is God and Man; God, of the Substance [Essence] of the Father; begotten before the worlds; and Man, of the Substance [Essence] of his Mother, born in the world. Perfect God; and perfect Man, of a reasonable soul and human flesh subsisting. Equal to the Father, as touching his Godhead; and inferior to the Father as touching his Manhood. Who although he is God and Man; yet he is not two, but one Christ. One; not by conversion of the Godhead into flesh; but by assumption of the Manhood into God. One altogether; not by confusion of Substance [Essence]; but by unity of Person. For as the reasonable soul and flesh is one man; so God and Man is one Christ; Who suffered for our salvation; descended into hell; rose again the third day from the dead. He ascended into heaven, he sitteth on the right hand of the God the Father Almighty, from whence he will come to judge the living and the dead. At whose coming all men will rise again with their bodies; And shall give account for their own works. And they that have done good shall go into life everlasting; and they that have done evil, into everlasting fire. This is the catholic faith; which except a man believe truly and firmly, he cannot be saved.

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Next Week

- The Nicene Creed and the Filioque clause (and the son)
Requested by Tom Raymond
- St. Paul's friend, member of court of Herod the Tetrarch
Requested by Howard Bunch
- Yet to be announced