



Spirit in Motion

Parish Newsletter
A Community of Hope Congregation

St. Bartholomew
Episcopal Church

April 2010



Foot washing in the Middle School class....see p. 6 for related article.

Come experience Holy Week & Celebrate Easter at St. Bartholomew!



Re-enactment of The Last Supper in Levels 1 & 2 Catechesis of the Good Shepherd.

March 27 & 28

Palm Sunday

Saturday, March 27 5:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Palms and Holy Communion Service

Sunday, March 28 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Palms and regular Sunday services

March 29

Seder Dinner

6:30 p.m. Seder Dinner for those who reserved tickets.

April 1

Holy Thursday

7:00 p.m. - Maundy Thursday Holy Eucharist, Stripping of the Altar

8:00 p.m. - 6:00 a.m. Prayer Watch in the Chapel: Sign up sheet is located on the Comm. Center for one hour shifts.

April 2

Good Friday

5:30 p.m. - Stations of the Cross

6:00 p.m. - Hot Cross Buns: Hot Cross buns have long been a symbol of Good Friday. Each bun has an icing cross on top to signify the crucifixion.

7:00 p.m. - Liturgy of Good Friday & Reserve Sacrament Communion

April 3

Holy Saturday & Easter Vigil

9:00 a.m. - Liturgy for Holy Saturday

8:00 p.m. The Great Vigil of Easter (in lieu of 5:00 p.m. service)

April 4

Easter

8:30 a.m. Easter Liturgy, Holy Communion Service with Organ & Choir; nursery available

Easter Egg Hunt between services!

11:00 a.m. Easter Liturgy, Holy Communion Service with Praise Band; nursery available

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News to Note

Save that stuff - the Rummage Sale is back! We will once again hold a consignment/donation rummage sale this year. More details forthcoming (we are looking to have it the same time as the Five Fields Rummage Sale.) Look for more information soon or contact Becky Brand at bbrand@shorewest.com or 262.370.2643.

Easter Lilies: If anyone would like to take any Easter lilies, you are welcome to do so after either the 8:30 or 11:00 services on Sunday, April 18.

SCRIP: The 1st & 3rd Sunday of every month is your chance to order gift cards to benefit our Mission & Outreach ministries. By purchasing cards for groceries, gas, restaurants, etc., (see attached/enclosed order form) St. Bartholomew receives a percentage of the purchase which is donated to various charities throughout the year (i.e. food pantries, Interfaith Senior Services). Last year we earned then donated over \$500! Just fill out an order form (located in the wooden box near the Communication Center), write a check to St. Bartholomew for the total and put both in the box. Orders are available for pick-up in the office on the 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month.

Prayer Shawl Ministry: Have you ever received a prayer shawl or give one to someone? If yes, then you know how meaningful this ministry is. We are looking for people who have a passion for this ministry. We need people who could give an hour a week or month. You can work from home or come to a group time at church. We need sewers, cutters (strips), knot-tyers, crocheters, knitters. Please contact Dianna Stuckslager (262-691-2290 or 414-467-4490).

Boundaries class: Learn "When to say yes, how to say no to Take Control of your Life"! This 9-week course starts April 19 from 6:30-8:30 in the Parish Hall! Cost of the book is \$10 and you can sign up on the sheet on the Communication Center (brochures w/more info. also available). Deadline to sign up is April 11.

This Week Emails: Want to keep up with events at St. Bartholomew? Sign up to receive the This Week bulletin insert via email each week. To do so, contact the office or sign up on the sheet on the Communication Center in the Parish Hall!

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Leadership Retreat:

"Making Connections to Make Disciples"

By Jan Watter

By now, anyone visiting the parish hall at St. Bartholomew has seen a crazy collage of neon paper, bright colored post-it notes, creative posters and other creations from the annual St. Bartholomew Leadership Retreat that took place on February 19th and 20th. The theme for the retreat was "Making Connections to Make Disciples". The retreat's aim was to provide interaction opportunities for ministry leaders, and to help them see the connections between the many ministries at St. Bartholomew.

It began at the Friday night potluck dinner, which featured signs with two significant words at each table. Participants pulled a word from a hat and were asked to sit at the table with their word. Nothing else was said about the words until after dinner, allowing suspense to build. After dessert each table became a team, and the teams were given one hour to select one of the words and illustrate it using an assortment of art materials provided: markers, crayons, glitter, ribbons, magazines, construction paper, etc. There were more than a few comments about not being able to draw, and someone pointedly noted that craftsmanship and creative communication are not their particular spiritual gifts. But each of the three teams set to work and found a way to illustrate their word. I do not know who had more fun with this activity, the team members or the observers. As an observer I will share some of the things I saw:

- Each team approached the project differently and none of the teams produced anything remotely like the others
- One team took their word very literally, another team's illustration was imaginative and the third team created more of a demonstration of their word
- All of the teams worked well together
- Within each team, one person assumed the role of leader but no team appointed a leader. Sometimes the leadership shifted. However, none of the teams felt that their team had a leader
- One team chose their word and got to work immediately, another team did not choose a word but used both of the words provided and the third team spent 1/3rd of their time deciding on their word and were finished with their project early. The words illustrated were interdependence, service, relationship/leadership

Following the project, we displayed the posters and talked about the process, leadership, working with a team, and stepping outside your comfort zone.

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Pastor's Pen

It is with mixed emotions that I have accepted the resignation of Rachel Knuese as Parish Administrator at St. Bartholomew. Change of key personnel in a system as closely related as the church typically leads to a time of saying "good-bye" and "thank you for a job well done," mixed with a sense of sadness as we bless the person to continue on their journey in some new way. An example of how Jesus looks at these transitions can be found in the Gospel of Matthew where he shares a parable that concludes:

"After a long absence, the master of those three servants came back and settled up with them. The one given five thousand dollars showed him how he had doubled his investment. His master commended him: 'Good work! You did your job well. From now on be my partner.' Matthew 25:21 (The Message)

In leaving this position, Rachel is leaving the office and administrative work of this parish in a better place. Her work has included not only helping to make the routine operations of the parish routine matters, but has also helped advance the way we operate to keep pace with the growing complexity that goes along with a dynamic growing parish like St. Bartholomew. I and we are deeply indebted to Rachel for her work to help position this congregation toward having a firm foundation upon which we can continue to grow. Rachel also continues to help set a leadership example for this community as she continues the journey of striving to grow ever more into the fullness of being the person God has created her to be.

After 5 years of hard work as parish administrator, with all its, ups, downs, joys, disappointments and frustrations she has hung in there with love and faithfulness.

On the good news side, by transitioning out of the PA position, this frees Rachel to pursue more of where her passions currently lie in using her gifts in support of the children and youth programming we are able to offer. I have no doubt we will be seeing her creative and talented leadership energy inspiring new and ever stronger levels of programming especially with the children in the middle school grades at St. Bartholomew.

Another piece of good news is that Barb Lentz has accepted the position of following Rachel as our new Parish Administrator. Barb has been serving as head of a fairly new program titled, "The S.O.S. Team." S.O.S. is short for "Support Office Staff." This is a growing group of people from throughout the St. Bartholomew Community who are offering their gifts, time and talents as non-stipendiary staff taking care of many of the day to day and special program needs going on in the life of this parish. Roles include everything from preparation of weekly bulletins, "This Week", newsletter, taking care of setup and preparation for our program offerings to meeting the computer and technology needs of this church. The job description for PA has been changed to be the coach, mentor and scheduler for the SOS team and its current 20 or so volunteers. Please feel free to contact and talk with Barb should this be an area where you might have an interest in participating. Barb may be contacted through the church office.

Please join me in giving Rachel a special thanks for all she has and continues to do for the parish as well as helping to welcome Barb into her new area of responsibility.

In God's Peace, Fr. Tom

Continued from p. 2 ...Bright and early on Saturday morning we convened for two popular Episcopal sacraments: hot coffee and Morning Prayer. The main activity of the morning was "Speed Connecting" – a fast moving way to brainstorm and think big. Each person was given a letter or number and a pad of post-it notes. It was like a giant game of musical chairs with nobody losing out, as participants used their two-minute meetings to exchange ideas on ways each two Speed Connectors could work more effectively together. The result was an explosion of thoughts and ideas. By the end of the activity, each person had a 2-minute connection with every other person attending the retreat. All of the post-it note ideas were categorized and displayed as prayer, study or action. One of the participants was overheard to say, "There is a lot of energy in this room." This activity was so much fun, participants agreed, that we ought to try it during the hospitality time on a Sunday. Saturday afternoon brought Hot Topics to the Leadership Retreat. Instead of brainstorming and free thinking we asked participants to focus on 3 specific immediate issues at St. Bartholomew:

1. How can we promote the Saturday evening service?
2. How can we develop the outdoor altar area?

3. How can we bring 20 new member/families to St. Bartholomew?

The ideas for each topic were written on neon paper. Following the activity each group presented their results of their discussions. Although there were some great ideas conceived, all three groups concluded that their topic needed further definition and development before it was completely actionable.

The retreat gave the St. Bartholomew leaders an opportunity to get to know each other better and spend some time looking at the present and future possibilities. It allowed each attendee to think about their ministry area and how it is connected to a bigger picture. In the Great Commission, Matthew tells us: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matt 28:18-20) The Retreat was a powerful reminder of the important part personal connections play in ushering in His kingdom, as we strive to become the people that God has created us to be as we go forth in the world to do the work we have been called and equipped to do.

PASTORAL CARE

What is Pastoral Care?

Pastoral care, as defined by Benedict: “when a person is being present in a listening, compassionate, non-controlling manner to an individual or group for the purpose of consciously, or perhaps unconsciously, representing God to them and seeking to respond to their spiritual needs.”

Would you like communion when you are sick and unable to attend church? Are you homebound and would like a phone call or visit? Do you need a meal or a prayer shawl? Are you a caregiver and would appreciate a few hours to run errands, get a hair cut, or go to a movie? Is a loved one having surgery and you'd like someone to be with you?

Are you like me? One of the most difficult things for me to do is to ask for help. I have some exciting news to share with you. Many people at St. Bartholomew have had the COHI (Community of Hope International) training and have gifts and a passion for pastoral care. These Pastoral Care Teams would be honored to support you through our Pastoral Teams Ministry. These teams include: home communion, phone visits, home visits, respite care, meals, prayer shawls, hospital visits, nursing home visits, abiders, family/surgery, new moms, bereavement, and calling absent members. Team members are passionate about pastoral care and everything is kept confidential.

In the next Spirit in Motion, look for a brief description of each Pastoral Ministry Team. If you would like more information about a Pastoral Team or would like the support of a Team, please contact Barb Lentz. (262-691-4137)

~Barb Lentz, Vestry, Pastoral Care

Pastoral Care Calendar Notes!

April Blood Pressure Screening This month's blood pressure screening will be not be on the first weekend of the month, Easter Sunday. Rather, blood pressure screening will be held the second Sunday of April, **April 11th**.

April Senior Luncheon 11:30 a.m. April 21: All seniors are invited for food, fun and fellowship!

April 24th Community of Hope Retreat: This retreat is open to anyone, not just COH participants! The theme is “A Benedictine Lifestyle: Balance for Today's Chaos”. See the brochure on the Comm. Center for more info. or to register.

What is ministry?

I'm passionate about wanting people involved in 'ministry' vs. 'volunteering' (doing a job.) This is why:

If you are doing it because no one else will, it's a job.

If you are doing it to serve the Lord, it's a ministry.

If you are doing it just well enough to get by, it's a job.

If you are doing it to the best of your ability, it's a ministry.

If you will do it only so long as it doesn't interfere with other activities, it's a job.

If you are committed to staying with it, even when it means letting go of other things, it's a ministry.

If you quit because no one praised you or thanked you, it was a job.

If you stay with it even when no one seems to notice, it's a ministry.

If you do it because someone else said it needed to be done, it's a job.

If you do it because you are convinced it needs to be done, it's a ministry.

It is hard to get excited about a job.

It is almost impossible not to get excited about a ministry.

People may say, “Well done,” when you do your job.

The Lord will say, “Well done,” when you complete your ministry.

An average church is filled with people doing jobs.

A great church is filled with people involved in ministry.

*From a newsletter of Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church,
Wilkes-Barre, PA.*

What is St. Bartholomew? I believe it's a great church. Do you? Are you interested in learning more about your spiritual gifts? Jan Watter teaches a wonderful class on spiritual gifts. If you are interested, please let me know.

~Barb Lentz Pastoral Care, vestry



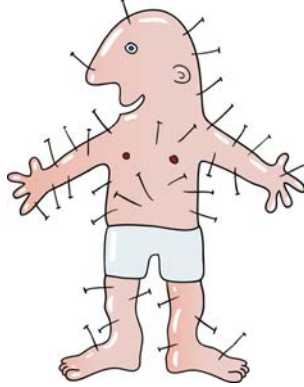
MARY MAUER, RN

Acupuncture

“I praise You because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Your works are wonderful...”

Psalm 139:14

What is acupuncture? Acupuncture is a therapy that evolved as part of traditional Chinese medicine. Traditionally, acupuncture is usually used in combination with other therapies. Fine needles are inserted into the skin just far enough so they don't fall out – a procedure that usually is painless. Both acupuncture and acupressure are based on the idea of the body having an invisible life energy force known as qi (pronounced “chee”) that is said to travel through invisible pathways known as meridians. The proper flow of qi helps all parts of the body adjust to various stresses, keeping the organs in balance.



Alteration or blockage of the normal flow of qi causes imbalances in the body that can cause disease. Traditional Chinese medicine practitioners believe acupuncture restores the proper flow of qi.¹

Depending which acupuncture “school” to which you ascribe, the number of acupuncture points around the body can range from 360 to 2000. In practice, most acupuncturists use less than 150 points. Acupuncture points are plentiful in the ears, hands, and feet, where meridians converge. Some practitioners specialize in performing acupuncture on one specific body part. For example, those who focus on the feet or hands are called reflexologists.²

Acupuncture is most commonly believed to reduce pain, both acute pain such as with surgery, and chronic pain. Quality evidence from studies have shown the effectiveness of acupuncture for the reduction of nausea and vomiting after chemotherapy or surgery, and for the relief of dental pain.³

Acupuncture's low cost and relative safety can make it a viable option for some conditions, such as pain relief in the situations specified in the National Institutes of Health. (<http://health.nih.gov> –Go to alternative medicine and scroll down to acupuncture)

Cautions – Acupuncture should not be used in the hope of curing an illness. It should not be used instead of proven effective therapies. At the most, it may relieve some symptoms and perceptions of illness.⁴

It is important to carefully choose an acupuncturist. Verify that the therapist has had adequate training. Wisconsin requires a license to practice acupuncture. West Wood Health and Fitness Center has qualified acupuncturists. One of them came to our Spa Day last October and demonstrated acupuncture for us. It was an amazing experience for many!

*Heavenly Father, Jesus, Redeemer of the world,
and Most Blessed Holy Spirit*

*guide me in the ways in which we can best care
for the gift of our bodies.*

*Help us to discern how to keep healthy
in mind, body and spirit.*

We pray this in the power of Your Holy Name. Amen.

¹Alternative Medicine: The Christian Handbook, Donal O'Mathuna, Ph.D., and Walt Larimore, M.D.2001.

²Blended Medicine: Combining Mainstream and Alternative Medicine, Michael Castleman, 2000.

³Alternative Medicine: The Christian Handbook, Donal O'Mathuna, Ph.D., and Walt Larimore, M.D.2001

⁴Ibid.

Children's/Youth Christian Education

I would like to introduce myself to all of you that I have not met. My name is Stephanie Turks; I am the Vestry member for Children's Education and Formation. My husband Thomas and I have been attending St. Bartholomew with our two children, Olivia – 5, and Jackson – 1. One of the most important things we were looking for in a church was a strong children's program. We have found that and more at St. Bartholomew. Olivia has begun to know Jesus in a personal way this year, as a participant in Level 1 of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Program. We look forward to her continued involvement and Jackson's as well when he reaches pre-school age.

I have been blessed by the opportunity to work with the wonderful folks involved in Children's Formation as I began the Vestry position in December. I wanted to take this opportunity to tell you a little bit about what is happening in the programs and hope that you will join us as we bring the Word of our Lord to life for our children.

The 2009-2010 Catechesis of the Good Shepherd & Middle School Connections programs will continue through May 23rd. On March 21st during Sunday school, the level 1 and level 2 classes came together to reenact the Last Supper. There will be no classes on Easter Sunday, April 4th, but please join us all between services for the annual Easter Egg Hunt. There will also not be class on Sunday May 9th, as we celebrate with a Mother's Day brunch between services.

Mark your calendars for the 2010-2011 year, with the Sunday School Open House on Sunday September 12th and

classes resuming on Sunday September 19th. Starting in the fall, the Level 3 Catechesis of the Good Shepherd class that had been meeting on Monday nights will move to Sunday. This means that all four children's education classes, for children between pre-school and middle school, will meet between services on Sundays. Our nursery is also available for children younger than five years old. The staff in the nursery provide age-appropriate religious education to those that attend. Please see upcoming newsletters for additional information.

As we look to the future of Children's Education with four classes every Sunday, we are in need of adults to step forward that are interested in training to be lead teachers as well as assistants in the classroom. Please feel free to contact me or Laura Noel if you are interested or have any questions.

If your children have shared things with you that they have learned during these wonderful education programs, we would love to hear about them. If you wish to become involved or have any questions, I would love to hear from you too. My wish is for the children's education programs to mirror the safe and welcoming community that St. Bartholomew has been for me and my family. My email address is sturks1977@gmail.com. Again, thank you for the opportunity to introduce myself and I look forward to worshipping with you and your children as we all work to become the people God has created us to be.

A Middle School Moment

Throughout Lent, the Sunday morning Middle School class has been studying the events of Holy Week. On Sunday, March 14, we focused on the Last Supper and the foot washing. I planned the lesson being unsure how receptive the youth would be to the idea of me washing their feet, something I was preparing to do. We opened the discussion saying how most people don't want to touch other people's feet, how back in Jesus' day, the disciples' feet probably were filthy from dirt roads and infrequent bathing, how it was a servant's task to wash a guest's feet and the fact that Jesus washed their feet was to teach the lesson on how they too should serve others. With that preface, I offered to wash their feet. To my surprise, everyone took off their shoes and socks! I began to wash feet and halfway through the group, one of the youth joined me on the floor on his own volition, to help wash his fellow classmates' feet (see photo on cover). I was truly moved and was reminded how unplanned moments like this show me the connections being made and how blessed I am to be witness to them.

~Rachel Knuese

High School Youth Group

Mission Trip: Due to high interest in this year's mission trip to Aqua Viva Orphanage in Guatemala City, Guatemala from 6/18/10 to 6/25/10, we have slotted 40 openings. This opens opportunity for adults to come along and serve at the children's home. It will be at the same location but be run separate of the youth mission. If interested please see the Youth table during hospitality in the parish hall. Thank you for your support and prayers as this year's mission draws closer.

Laser Tag Fundraiser: It is time for the St. Bartholomew annual Laser Tag event. This year it is on Mother's Day, May 9th from 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.. End Mother's day evening with this great social event. Mom will love it and Dad too! A great way to meet folks and help support the program. All ages are welcome. Tickets are on sale, \$15/per ticket, by the Youth Table in the parish hall.

More Youth Group on p. 7!!

Stewardship & Endowment

I would like to start by saying thank you to John Kronshage and all of the previous members of the committee for the commitment, dedication, and hard work they all put into stewardship over their time on the Vestry and the committee. Everyone at St. Bartholomew should be proud of the growth in pledges over the last several years, this growth occurred in spite of a down economy that started in late 2008 and continues to this day. We have many things to be thankful for at St. Bartholomew including the great programming options we can participate in, yet those programs as well as other financial obligations require our continued support. We still must repair a shortfall in the budget and look to some building upgrades so we have enough room to continue to program our growth.

Pledge income and donations are not the only part of stewardship; we have a great deal of people who volunteer their time and talents. That volunteer spirit allows us to offer any number of programs through those individual as well as group ministries. Take the time to thank those people for their efforts;

it's a big part of our continued success.

Jan Watter and Fr. Tom have both provided the Vestry as well as the congregation with a focused strategy that I can best describe as working together as a team in an open and safe environment. Jan has challenged the Vestry to look beyond our individual responsibilities and see how each Vestry member can help each other. One of those areas of overlap is between stewardship and evangelism. It's obvious that bringing in new members will help our pledge growth, plus bringing in people with other skill sets will help in the various programming areas. Don't be afraid to ask a friend to come to St. Bartholomew to visit a service or to attend a program; you'll never know where that visit might lead. We are definitely stronger working together as a team. That team effort will help grow us into the people God created us to be.

Thank you for your continued support,

~Chuck Will

YOUTH GROUP cont'd...

I heard somewhere that to help another is to give, or provide, what is necessary to accomplish a task or satisfy a need. It has occurred to me that through the four years that I have spent in the high school youth group, we have not only helped those in far off (and sometimes exotic) places, but also those that are the closest to us who would seem the least likely to receive help. Whether that person that receives help is a struggling family in a foreign country, or your next-door neighbor, it means just as much and can be just as important.

During my first year in the high school youth program, it was decided that we would travel down to Mississippi to help rebuild the area after Hurricane Katrina. After spending almost nine months in preparation, and following a good twenty-some hour drive, I was taken aback at how devastated the Gulf Coast still was nearly two years of the hurricane itself. While battling Mississippi heat in the middle of summer, our entire group came together to help out an area where it was desperately needed. From helping tear down water damaged ceilings, or fulfilling a dying woman's wish to have a Jacuzzi installed in her home, I truly believe that we helped make those people's lives that we helped just that much better.

The next year was a scheduled "pilgrimage year." This meant that instead of going on a mission trip to help others, we would be

traveling to Ireland to try and help ourselves understand God. It was an unforgettable experience that will follow me for the rest of my life.

Last year's local mission trip may not have been as exciting as travelling to Mississippi or Ireland, but it was just as much, if not more, important. We literally were helping out our neighbors. I was taken by surprise at how much our local community is truly in need. There are hundreds, if not thousands, of people who were, and still are, desperately in need of assistance; whether it is helping fix up a front porch or feeding the homeless, every bit means just as much.

After going through a multitude of relatively small and limited experiences during my four years, it is obvious that the work will never be finished. Whether it be helping rebuild a community after a natural disaster, or just helping out local residents; every bit is just as helpful and means just as much to everybody involved. Everything that I've gone through has put my life in perspective, and I believe that it will continue to do so for years to come. That is why I'm especially looking forward to our trip this June to Guatemala; I know that we will affect lives. Not just those at the Agua Viva orphanage where we will be, but those of ourselves and those close to us. It will undoubtedly be an unforgettably experience that all of us involved in one way or another will carry for the rest of our lives.

~ Kenan O'Connor (H.S. Senior)

April Birthdays

Karen Tredwell, Allie Filmanowicz, Chuck Filo, Joan Hart, Jim Price, Holly Filmanowicz, Cole Knuese, Heidi Rheingans, Justin Burns, Brett Bardenwerper, Richard Dallen Jr., Ken Stock, Camden Cross, Jacknetson Naw, Anna Fris, Michelle Kronshage, Barb Lentz, Lay K'Waw Nay Htoo

April Anniversaries

Robbin & Mike Teicher

Jack & Maxine Peacock

Brad & Michelle Kronshage

Karla & Ross Blank

To be added to the Birthday/Anniversary list or to make corrections, please contact the office.

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SERVICE SCHEDULE:

SUNDAY

**8:30 a.m. Holy Communion Service
(Organ and Choir)**

**11:00 a.m. Holy Communion Service
(Praise Band)**

SATURDAY

5:00 p.m. Holy Communion Service

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"And exactly why did Fr. Tom and Beth go to Turkey.....?"

Stay tuned – details to follow on an exciting series, to be offered this fall, that will go through ancient Greece, Asia Minor and modern day Turkey. This program will offer many insights concerning the three missionary journeys of the Apostle Paul and the 2,000 year story of the Seven Churches listed in the Revelation to John. From Homer to Modern times – the cult of Ancient Greece, Persia and Rome – the early Christian Church and how this region has evolved from being a primary Holy See of Christianity to near extinction in our modern day.