

# The New Epistle

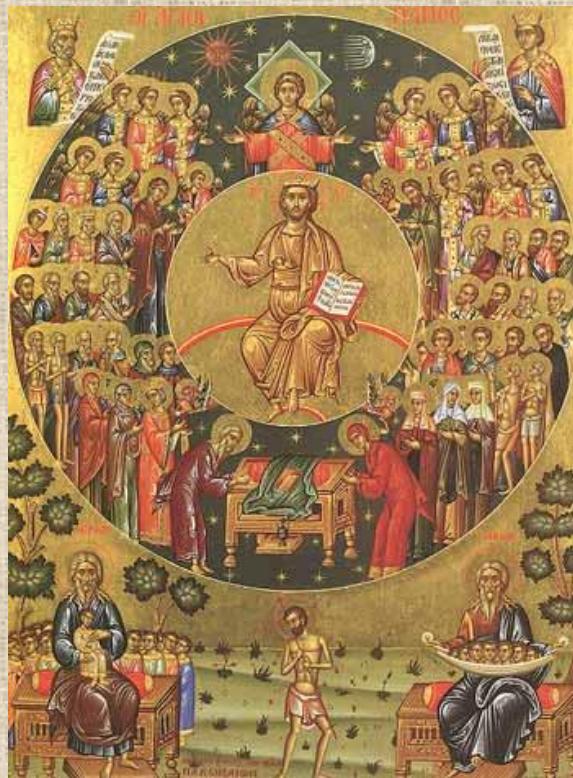
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# October



## All Hallows

OCTOBER in the Northern Hemisphere brings the first vestiges of Autumn, with the changing colours of the leaves and the somewhat cooler temperatures. Air conditioning can be turned off, and the mornings are crisp and cool. In the Southern Hemisphere, just the opposite. Winter has ended and Spring is upon the land with the exuberant colours of flowers blooming after the winter's long darkness. Yet despite the difference in seasons, people of many faiths come together to observe their traditions at the end of October to remember those who have gone before us. The Commemoration of the Dead has long been observed by indigenous peoples for many thousands of years. We remember those in our families and those close to us who have left the mortal plane to join that great cloud of witnesses in that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

As the days wend through this month, let us pause, as we are able, to reflect upon those who have made a difference in our lives. And it is not only the departed that we remember and for whom we give thanks. There are many still with us who we may regard as "saints" for the manner of their living and their example.

The Necrology of the Progressive Episcopal Church has one name listed for this year. We remember

**Rev. Mother Rhonda Smith**  
29 May 1947 - 4 March 2015



## **Two October Ordinations**

**Ven. Thurlow Weed & Min. Daniel Beach**

Scheduled for Saturday October 24 is the Episcopal Ordination & Consecration of the Venerable Thurlow Weed, and his installation as Bishop of the Diocese of the West. The service will be held at Grace United Church of Christ in Lancaster, Ohio at 2 p.m. Presiding will be Rt. Rev. John Bell of Cincinnati, retired bishop of the United Old Catholic Church, on behalf of The Progressive Episcopal Church. Immediately following the Installation, the newly ordained Bishop Weed will ordain Min. Daniel Beach of Portsmouth, Ohio to the priesthood. The service will then continue with Holy Eucharist. A repast will follow in the church's undercroft, and will include cake and locally-made apple cider.

All are invited to attend this double ordination service.



# Archdeacon's Report

VEN. THURLOW WEED, ARCHDEACON TO THE ORDINARY

September has been a somewhat quiet month, for which I am thankful. This will be my last report as Archdeacon. Upon my consecration to the episcopate, my office and title of Archdeacon to the Ordinary will no longer exist. I will still, however, continue to provide the same administrative and pastoral assistance to the active bishops of TPEC in my continuing role as Secretary General.

Within TPEC, each diocesan bishop has the discretion to appoint a Canon or Archdeacon to assist with certain administrative or pastoral functions.

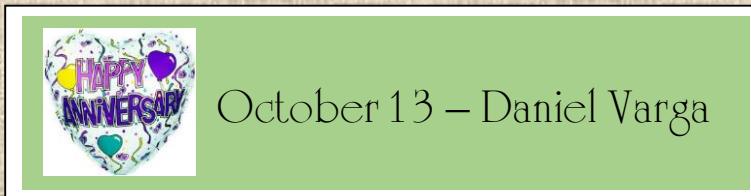
On a very personal ministry note, I was thrilled on September 18 to officiate my first marriage ceremony following the historic Supreme Court ruling on marriage equality. Until that ruling, this marriage could not have taken place in Ohio. I admit to being drawn in by the couple's emotions during the ceremony that this was actually happening -- there were a couple of places where their tears of joy were contagious!

I learned from these two wonderful ladies that there is a need for "real" ministers in my area (as opposed to wedding officiants or wedding ministers, with mail-order ordinations) to officiate weddings, especially same-sex weddings. For me, this was a profound yet humbling affirmation of my ministry, and of one of the reasons TPEC exists: to minister to those rejected or left behind by so many of the "mainline" churches.

Blessings and peace,



Almighty and most merciful God, we remember before you all poor and neglected persons whom it would be easy for us to forget: the homeless and the destitute, the old and the sick, and all who have none to care for them. We remember also the people in this land who live with injustice, terror, disease, and death as their constant companions. Have mercy upon us. Help us to eliminate our cruelty to these our neighbors. Help us to heal those who are broken in body or spirit, and to turn their sorrow into joy. Strengthen those who spend their lives establishing equal protection of the law and equal opportunities for all. And grant that every one of us may enjoy a fair portion of the riches of this land. We pray this in the name of the Great Mediator and Advocate, Jesus. Amen.



### St Luke: Evangelist, Physician, Artist

The Feast of St Luke is observed on October 18. In addition to being the author of one of the Gospels and the book of Acts, he is believed to have been a physician living in the Greek city of Antioch in Syria. A Christian tradition starting in the 8<sup>th</sup> century states that he was the first icon painter. He is said to have painted pictures of the Virgin Mary and Child, in particular the Hodegetria image in Constantinople (now lost). Starting from the 11th century a number of painted images were venerated as his autograph works, including for example, the Black Madonna of Częstochowa and Our Lady of Vladimir. He was also said to have painted Saints Peter and Paul, and to have illustrated a gospel book with a full cycle of miniatures. The traditional symbol of Luke is an ox or a bull, usually depicted with wings.

As followers of The Way, we are all called upon to be physicians to one another, healing as we are able the spirits and minds of those around us in need. A kind word, a meal given, a trip to the market to get groceries for someone who is home-bound, coming to the aid of someone in distress .... There are so many ways in which we can bring healing into the world around us. In this way we become artists creating a work of spiritual beauty. May we all be inspired by St Luke to be healers to the world around us!



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>READINGS</b> Mass — Year B Office — Year One Weekday Eucharistic Readings for use throughout the year are found in LFF, pages 498-528. <i>See Notes on Reverse</i> [ ] - In some Places	Glo.—Gloria Cr.—Creed Prf.—Proper Preface of Adv.—Advent Inc.—Incarnation Epi.—Epiphany H.Wk.—Holy Week Eas.—Easter Asc.—Ascension	Pen.—Pentecost Tri.—Trinity Sunday A.S.—All Saints St.—Saint Ap.—Apostles Ded.—Dedication Bap.—Baptism L.D.—Lord's Day	Days of Special Devotion are noted with *	Remigius, Bishop of Rheims, c. 530	[The Holy Guardian Angels] *	[Therese of Lisieux, 1897]
The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost <b>18</b>	Feria	William Tyndale, Priest, 1536 [Bruno, Founder of the Carthusians, 1101]	[Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary]	1 Clo.Prf.St.1	2 [Various Occasions 3 - of the Holy Angels, Glo.Cr.Prf.Tri.]	3 [Common of a Saint I, Glo.Cr.Prf.St.1]
<b>4</b> Proper 22 Glo.Cr.Prf.L.D.	<b>5</b> Proper 22	Prf.Epi. [Common of a Monastic II, Glo.Prf.St.2]	7 [See Propers for May 31 Glo.Cr.Prf.Inc. or BVM (TASB)]	Feria <b>8</b>	Robert Grosseteste, * Bishop of Lincoln, 1253 <b>9</b> Glo.Prf.St.1	10 [Paulinus, First Archbishop of York, 644] [Common of a Pastor II, Glo.Prf.St.2]
The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost <b>11</b>	[Wilfred, Archbishop of York, 709]	[Edward the Confessor, King of England, 1066]	Samuel Isaac Joseph Schereschewsky, Bishop of Shanghai, 1906	13 Teresa of Avila, Nun, 1582 [Translation of Our Lady of Walsingham]	15 Latimer, Ridley, and * Cranmer, 1555, 1556 - R or W [Gall, Monk and Hermit, c. 630]	17 Ignatius, Bishop of Antioch, and Martyr, c. 115 [Frideswide of Oxford, 735 - W]
The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost <b>18</b>	SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST (tr. from 10/18)	Feria	Feria	14 Glo.Prf.Bap. [BVM - Propers for May 31 Glo.Prf.Inc. or BVM (TASB)]	16 Prf.St.1 [Common of a Monastic I, Glo.Prf.St.2]	18 Glo.Prf.St.3 [Common of a Monastic II, Glo.Prf.St.2]
<b>19</b> Proper 24 Glo.Cr.Prf.L.D.	Glo.Cr.Prf.A.S.	Proper 24	Glo.Prf.Pen.	21 Feria	23 SAINT JAMES OF JERUSALEM, Brother of our Lord Jesus Christ, and Martyr, c. 62 Glo.Cr.Prf.A.S.	24 [St. Raphael the Archangel] [Various Occasions 3, Glo.Cr.Prf.Tri.]
The Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost [Christ the King - W] <b>25</b>	Alfred the Great, King of the West Saxons, 899	Feria	SAINT SIMON AND SAINT JUDE, APOSTLES	27 James Hannington, Bishop of Eastern Equatorial Africa and his Companions, Martyrs, 1885	29 Feria	30 Glo.Prf.Inc. or BVM (TASB) Vigil of All Saints'
<b>26</b> Proper 25 Glo.Prf.Bap.		Proper 25	Glo.Cr.Prf.Ap.			