

Share the Spirit; Spread the Word SEP
Wednesday, January 25, 2017

Deanery Service
Sunday, January 29, 10:30 am

As an act of solidarity with our persecuted Christian brothers and sisters, and as a witness to the deepening friendship between our two faith communities, we will join the Syrian Orthodox congregation for their Sunday morning service. Their Archbishop will be there to welcome us. The service begins at 10:30 am at St Ephrem's Syrian Orthodox Church at 150 13th Avenue South (Just off King East) in Sherbrooke. Please come with us to explore a different expression of the faith of the church, expand your horizons, hear their glorious music as we give thanks for our mutual work for refugees and show our solidarity and affection.

A booklet that explains the service and the Syrian Christian Tradition (*First Visit to an Orthodox Church: 12 Things I Wish I'd Known*) will be provided at the service. If you would like one beforehand, please contact the Archdeacon. For those wishing to look over the actual service beforehand the Archdeacon will provide you with an English translation. It is not customary for non-Orthodox to receive Communion when attending these services. The offering at the service will be for the Syrian Refugee Project and given directly to St Ephrem's.

As the Syrian community provided the splendid food for our last gathering, it is now our turn. Donations to help fund the luncheon the DMC will provide would be appreciated and should be given through your local parish.

A bus will be available to provide transportation to the church and will leave St George's, Lennoxville at 10:00 am returning at 2:00 pm. Reservations are not required. Those from the Richmond/Danville area who require transportation can contact Marilyn Mastine ([819 839-2554](tel:819-839-2554)).

Saturday, February 11, 11:00 – 1:00

St. Anne's Church, 171 Principale south, Richmond, will be hosting a Valentine Luncheon. Luncheon includes casseroles, salads, rolls and starring pies for dessert, serving from 11:30 am. Everyone welcome.

Saturday, February 18, 2:00 pm

Abbaye St-Benoit-du-lac – Concert. See attached poster for details.

Deanery Grant Applications

Applications for grants from the deanery funds are now being accepted. The guidelines and application form are attached to this message. Only applications received before March 1st will be considered. To facilitate the process, please make sure that all of the required information is included with your application. Contact the Rev Ruth Charleau for more information at grbtcharleau@gmail.com or 819 437 6311.

ASSISTANCE REQUIRED

CAN YOU HELP? The web site www.commonpraiseonline provides the organ music for the hymns in the latest book of Common Praise. However, St. Luke's, Magog does not have internet access in the Church, but we do have a computer. We have tried unsuccessfully to download the music to a USB stick. If you can help, please contact Robert Chapman - Warden St, Luke's, [819 562-2133](tel:8195622133).

Lenten Book Group

During the season of Lent, all are invited to a time of food and fellowship as we discuss *Being Disciples*, recently written by Rowan Williams, former Archbishop of Canterbury. This short book discusses the essentials of Christian life, from faith, hope, and love to life in the wider society to living in the Spirit. The first gathering will be on March 2nd from 5:30 to 7:00 at St George's, Lennoxville, and will meet at the same time each Thursday until April 6th.