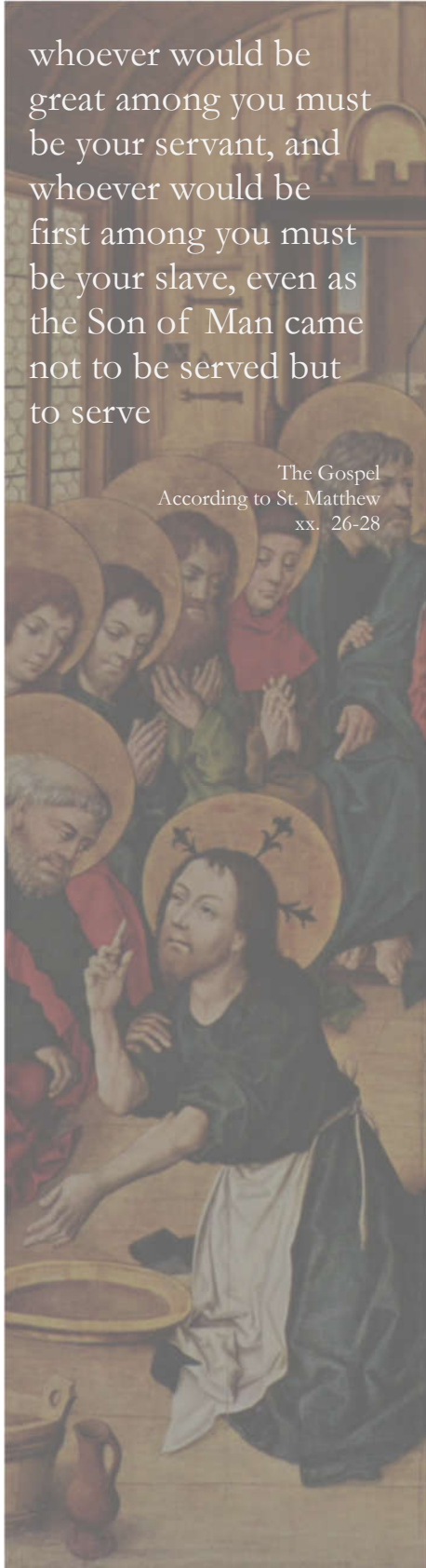


THE ORTHODOX ANGLICAN CHURCH

whoever would be
great among you must
be your servant, and
whoever would be
first among you must
be your slave, even as
the Son of Man came
not to be served but
to serve

The Gospel
According to St. Matthew
xx. 26-28



My Hot Take

Over the past week there have been a couple of significant news stories that were published online and broadcasted on TV that within hours were shown to be false. This seems to be an ever-increasing problem of our day. People used to lament the 24-hour news cycle, but when Anderson Cooper was recently asked about how TV News has changed in the last 15 years, he said, "It now seems to be like a 24 second cycle." We regularly see people moving from high profile political jobs into the cable news jobs and then back again. Then, there is also the advent of internet social media where politicians, movie stars, tv personalities, and your neighbor all feel compelled to give us their opinion on the news item of the moment. A new term has even proliferated to define it, the term "hot take." A *hot take* is a quickly prepared opinion intended to attract attention, convey relevancy, or signal one's virtue.

The *hot take* is something Christians should avoid, it is contrary to the holy wisdom afforded us in the Word of God. The Scriptures teach us that we are to be "quick to hear, slow to speak, and slow to anger." We are not to be quick to speak (James 1:19), because even a fool can look wise if he keeps his mouth shut (Prov. 17:28). We are to listen thoroughly, and listen to all sides (Prov. 18:17), because to fail to do so is "folly and shame" (Prov. 18:13).

Next time you are tempted to comment on the news of the day, an issue at work, or in the church, consider whether it might be better to hold your tongue. Do you have the responsibility to give your opinion and address the matter? Do you have all the facts? Have you listened to both sides? Would waiting to gather more facts and consider the matter more thoroughly be prudent? So what is my hot take? Avoid giving hot takes.

May God bless you,
‡ *Thomas E. Gordon*



ST. TIMOTHY'S ANGLICAN CHURCH CELEBRATES IT 10TH ANNIVERSARY



On Epiphany this year St. Timothy's Anglican Church in Poquoson, Virginia celebrated it's 10th Anniversary, the consecration of it's first building, and the reception of new members. Here is an excerpt from Archbishop Gordon's homily for this joyous occasion:

There are some truths of scripture and life that you can only more fully appreciate by living a long time, 50, 75, 100 years. As I reflect on over five decades of life, and my years of ministry, I believe the characteristics I have stressed here today are vital to living as a Christian. There are professing Christians who no one would characterize as being disciplined, patient, or attentive. Any good thing these professing Christians would do is often countered by a much greater amount of destruction and confusion that follows in their wake. Having worked at the arch-chancery for the better part of two decades now I have seen how this works out over time. There are missions and church planters in this jurisdiction that never made it to this point. Why? because very often they were undisciplined, inattentive, and impatient.

St Timothy's Anglican Church is here today celebrating its 10th Anniversary, and the consecration of its first building because of disciplined patient attentiveness, not because you employed gimmicks, fads, or had a huge advertising budget. Think of all the countless hours preparing services, setting up the chapel and tearing it down, practicing music, preparing sermons, and preparing Sunday school lessons. All these things reflect the disciplined patient attentiveness I have been speaking about. May it always be so.



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2019 Lenten Clericus

The 2019 Lenten Clericus of the Orthodox Anglican Church will begin the evening of March 7th and conclude at noon on March 9th. It will be held in Bryson City, North Carolina. Meetings will be held in the large assembly room at Land's Creek Log Cabins, and a service of Holy Communion will be celebrated at St. Augustine's Anglican Church. The on-site accommodations are full. People staying off-site can still register at a cost of \$40. The Registration fee should be sent to The Orthodox Anglican Church, Office of the Presiding Bishop, 529 Breezewood Dr. Charlotte, NC 28262 USA.

THE ORTHODOX ANGLICAN CHURCH Important Dates in 2019

March 7-9, 2019 Lenten Clericus, Land's Creek Log Cabins, Bryson City, NC

May 17, 2019 National Council Meeting (11 AM EDT, Telephonic)

August 2-4, 2019 Liturgical Seminar for Deacons, St Phil's, Charlotte, NC

August 9-11, 2019 Liturgical Seminar for Priests, St Phil's, Charlotte, NC

Oct 4-5, 2019 Fall Clericus, St. Athanasius Anglican Church, Waxahachie, TX

Oct 6, 2019 Ordination & Holy Communion, St. Athanasius Anglican Church, Waxahachie, TX

November 1-3, 2019 Liturgical Seminar TBD

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Social Media Quotables:

**“Hatred corrodes
the container
it is carried in.”**

Prayer Book Vocabulary

Comfortable: strengthening, supporting.

Commend: entrust

Quick; Quicken: living; to make alive. e.g. “the quick and the dead.”

Remission: forgiveness and absolution.

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