

# ST.ANNE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE HOLY EUCHARIST • THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 7, 2025

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# WELCOME TO ST. ANNE'S!

Whatever your religious background, wherever you are in your faith journey, and however you have come to be here, we are glad you have joined for worship today. We hope you will experience God's presence among this community, people, place, and prayers.

Children's worship bags are available from an usher to use during the service. Please use our "Welcome" and "Prayer Request" cards located in the pews, or scan the QR code to complete our Connect card as a way to connect beyond your visit today. Return your completed card to an usher, clergy person, or place it in the offering plate.



THE MINISTERS OF ST. ANNE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH ARE
THE PEOPLE OF THIS PARISH
supported by

The Very Rev. Jessica T. Holthus, Rector
The Rev. Dr. Anne Fredericks Cooper, Assisting Priest
Sheri Schaffer, Parish Administrator

The Rev. Kara Laughlin, Associate Rector The Rev. David Lucey, Assisting Priest Angie Gray, Office Administrator

Robert Hamilton, Director of Music

### Celebrations & Thanksgivings • December 7-13

### Birthdays

Lorraine Cross, Eileen Ellis, Carol Ivory, Ed Olson, Nancy Santoro, Sandra Walser, Chris Korbuly, Linda Andersen Butler, Pam Benson, Ryan Giebel, Robert Beale, Lara Krentel

#### Anniversaries

**Flowers** are given to the glory of God, in joyful thanksgiving for the birth of Solomon Thomas Keady by Marguerite Keady and in celebration of Arden Bianchino's 4th birthday by her parents.

We at St. Anne's acknowledge we are on the traditional lands of the Manahoac and Piscataway people. We honor with gratitude the land itself and the continued existence of Native peoples today and into the future.

### THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE PRELUDE

Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen (Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming)

Johannes Brahms

THE WELCOME

THE ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

SECOND SUNDAY: PEACE

G.P. da Palestrina, adapted by David Willcocks

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, Since as members of one body, you were called to peace.

The candles are lit.

Almighty God, you offer rest for our hearts and peace for our souls. Give us grace to seek peace in our lives, peace in this community, and peace in the world; through Jesus Christ, the prince of peace. **Amen**.

THE LIGHTING OF THE PEACE CANDLE

Scouts process in the flame from Bethlehem signifying our prayer for the gift of peace.

THE INTROIT

Matin Responsory

I look from afar: and lo, I see the power of God coming, and a cloud covering the whole earth.

Go ye out to meet him and say:

Tell us, art thou he that should come to reign over they people Israel? High and low, rich and poor, one with another.

Go ye out to meet him and say:

Hear O thou Shepherd of Israel, thou that leanest Joseph like a sheep, Tell us, art thou he that should come?

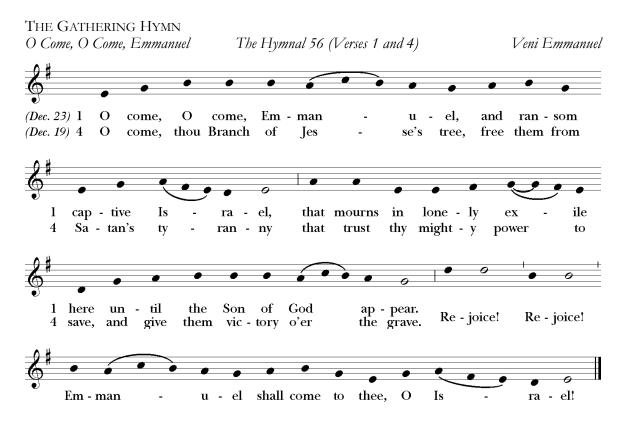
Stir up thy strength, O Lord, and come to reign over thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

I look from afar: and lo, I see the power of God coming, and a cloud cov'ring the whole earth.

Go ye out to meet him and say:

Tell us, art thou he that should come to reign over thy people Israel?

### THE ENTRANCE RITE



### THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

People responses are in bold.

Blessed are you, holy and living One, the bearer and sharer of peace.

You come to your people and set them free.

#### THE BIDDING PRAYER

Dear People of God: In the season of Advent, it is our responsibility and joy to prepare ourselves to hear once more the message of the Angels, to go to Bethlehem and see the Son of God lying in a manger.

Let us hear and heed in Holy Scripture the story of God's loving purpose from the time of our rebellion against him until the glorious redemption brought to us by his holy Child Jesus, and let us look forward to the yearly remembrance of his birth with hymns and songs of praise.

But first, let us pray for the needs of his whole world, for peace and justice on earth, for the unity and mission of the Church for which he died, and especially for his Church in our country and in this city.

And because he particularly loves them, let us remember in his name the poor and helpless, the cold, the hungry and the oppressed, the sick and those who mourn, the lonely and unloved, the aged and little children, as well as all those who do not know and love the Lord Jesus Christ. Let us pray especially for Jamie, Jean, Gerald, Sue, Rich, Eleanor, Katherine, Claudia, Nora, Peggy, Robin, Carolyn, Karla, Barbara, Jackie, Pam, Laura, Sid, Ruslan, Don, Bill, Melinda and Justin, Minh, Maria, Shirley, Woody and Wayne.

Finally, let us remember before God his pure and lowly Mother, and that whole multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in Jesus, we are one for evermore.

The Almighty God bless us with his grace; Christ give us the joys of everlasting life; and to the fellowship of the citizens above may the King of Angels bring us all. **Amen**.

### LESSONS AND CAROLS

The congregation may remain seated for the readings and stand for the singing of hymns.

THE FIRST LESSONS A reading from Genesis.

GENESIS 1:1-5, JOHN 1:1-5, 14

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

A reading from John.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

CAROL ANTHEM O Nata Lux

Robert Hamilton

O nata lux de lumine, Jesu redemptor saeculi, Dignare clemens supplicum Laudes preces que sumere.

Qui carne quondam contegi Dignatus es pro perditis, Nos membra confer effici Tui beati corporis. O Light horn of Light, Jesus, redeemer of the world, with loving-kindness deign to receive suppliant praise and prayer.

Thou who once deigned to be clothed in flesh for the sake of the lost, grant us to be members of thy blessed body.

And to Adam, the Lord God said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree about which I commanded you, "You shall not eat of it," cursed is the ground because of you; in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread until you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

Then the Lord God said, "See, the humans have become like one of us, knowing good and evil, and now they might reach out their hands and take also from the tree of life and eat and live forever'—therefore the Lord God sent them forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from which they were taken. He drove out the humans, and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim and a sword flaming and turning to guard the way to the tree of life.

### A reading from Romans.

For just as through one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so through the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous. Just as sin reigned in death, so grace might also reign through justification leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

CAROL ANTHEM

Adam Lay Ybounden

Boris Ord

Original Middle English:

Adam lay i-bowndyn, bowndyn in a bond, Fowre thowsand wynter thowt he not to long;

And al was for an appil, an appil that he tok,

Middle English Converted:

Adam lay ybounden, Bounden in a bond; Four thousand winter Thought he not too long.

And all was for an apple, An apple that he took. As clerkes fyndyn wretyn in here book.

Ne hadde the appil take ben, the appil taken ben, Ne hadde never our lady a ben hevene quen.

Blyssid be the tyme that appil take was! Therfore we mown syngyn Deo gratias. As clerkës finden written In their book.

Nor had one apple taken been, The apple taken been, Then had never Our Lady, A-been heaven's queen.

> Blessed he the time That apple taken was! Therefore we may singen Deo gratias!

THE THIRD LESSONS A reading from Isaiah.

ISAIAH 40, LUKE 3:2-4

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. A voice cries out:

'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.

Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'

A reading from Luke.

During the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

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Comfort, Comfort, Ye My People

The Hymnal 67

Psalm 42



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ISAIAH 7:10-14, MATTHEW 1:20-23

THE FOURTH LESSONS A reading from Isaiah.

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel.

### A reading from Matthew.

But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. **Thanks be to God.** 

CAROL ANTHEM
Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

harm. Michael Praetorius

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming
From tender stem hath sprung!
Of Jesse's lineage coming
As men of old have sung.
It came, a flower bright,
Amid the cold of winter
When half-gone was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it,
The Rose I have in mind:
With Mary we behold it,
The virgin mother kind.
To show God's love aright
She bore to men a Savior
When half-gone was the night.

This Flower, whose fragrance tender With sweetness fills the air,
Dispels with glorious splendor
The darkness everywhere.
True man, yet very God,
From sin and death He saves us
And lightens every load

#### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**.

#### WELCOMING THE CHILDREN

The Sunday school children and teachers process in and share what they learned.

#### THE PEACE

The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.** 

All are invited to share a sign of peace.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### THE OFFERTORY

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God.

We invite you to give generously to support the mission and ministry of St. Anne's. You can scan the OR code, text-to-give at 703-997-4436, or go the our website at stannes-reston.org.

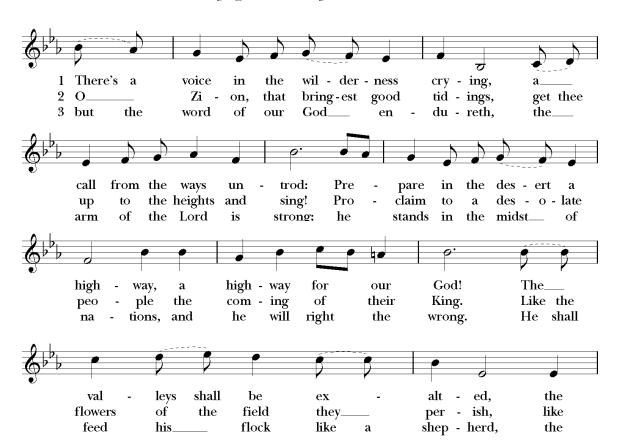


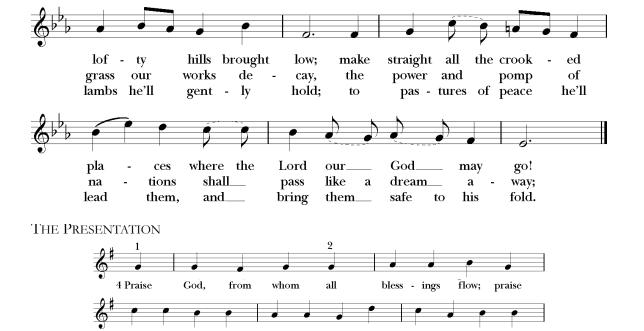
#### THE OFFERTORY HYMN

There's a Voice in the Wilderness Crying

The Hymnal 75

Ascension





At this celebration of the Lord's Supper, bread and wine are blessed and broken and shared in remembrance of Christ Jesus our Lord.

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP PRAYER 2

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The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

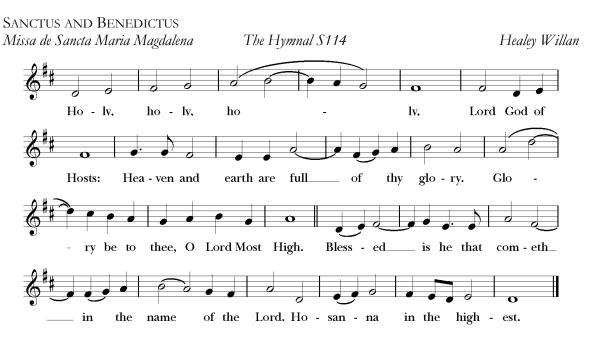
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.

You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:



Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN**.

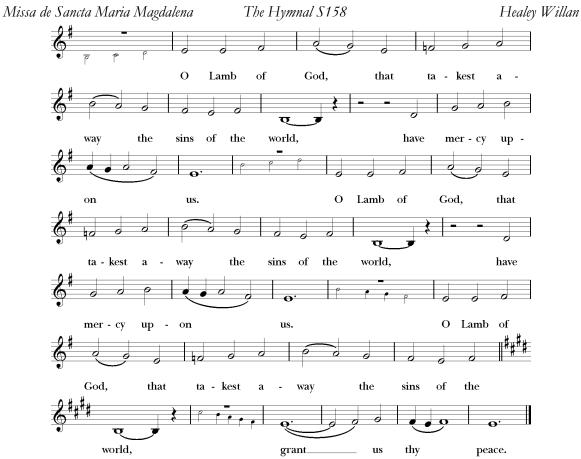
#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

All are invited to pray the Lord's Prayer in the language that speaks to their heart.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, each in the language of our hearts, we are bold to pray,

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory, are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

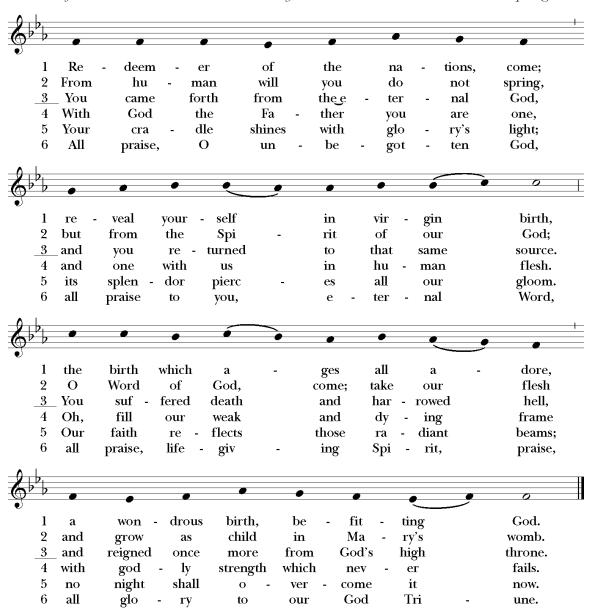
#### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE FRACTION



THE INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

This is the Body of Christ given for you, for you are the body of Christ given for the world. Come to God's table, be fed by God's hand, and find your place in God's holy family.

To receive communion, please process down the side aisle. Hold your palm out flat with two hands if you wish to receive bread dipped in wine by the clergy. Hold one palm out if you wish bread only, or if you wish to receive bread and then drink from the common cup located in the center aisle. Gluten-free wafers are available on the font side of the altar. If you prefer to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest.





#### THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with the spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen work of Christ, our Savior. Amen.

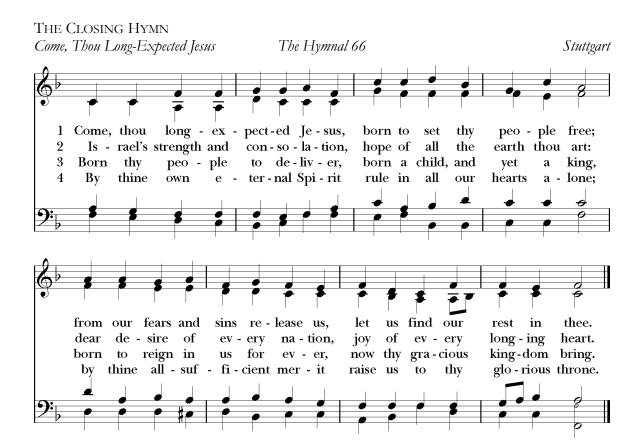
#### THE BLESSING

May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the peace of his blessing and set you free from all sin. **Amen.** 

May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. **Amen.** 

May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life. **Amen.** 

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Sprit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.** 



THE DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

#### **POSTLUDE**

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland (Savior of the Nations, Come), BWV 661

J.S. Bach

Advent Wreath Lighting • The Bianchino family - Mike, Amy & Arden
Acolytes • Ian Korbuly, Bethany Brown, Kathryn Paul
Altar Guild • Nellie Sidifall, Bob Mates
Chalice Bearers • Jim Vollman, Martha Furniss, Sandy Chamblee-Head
Digital Vergers • Gary Harvey, Ronan Angerosa
Flower Guild • Peggy Hobler, Kendall Jamison, Nancy Santoro, Dagny Wilcox
Lay Readers • Eileen Ellis, Robin Drake, Gabe Kajeckas, Mary Ann Rich
Ushers • Ray Walser, Brian Wynne

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## YOU ARE INVITED TO **ADVENT AT ST. ANNE'S**

#### **SATURDAYS IN ADVENT**

Receive "Advent in Your Inbox" Exclusive Emails for the entire family on Advent activities

### **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30** Sunday School Wreath-making 10 AM, Classroom 6

SUNDAYS, DECEMBER 7, 14, 21 Christmas Pageant Rehearsals 9 AM, Classrooms & Great Hall

#### **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7**

Lighting of the Peace Candle 8 & 10 AM, Sanctuary

Advent Lessons & Carols 10 AM, Sanctuary

Christmas Gift Cards for Children Due

Youth Group: Cookie Decorating 4-5:30 PM, Room 1

Adult Formation: Anglican Bead Workshop 4-6 PM, Library

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12 (Cloud date is Dec 14) Stargazing 7:00 PM, Parking Lot

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18 Pantry Distribution 11:00 AM, Narthex

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21

Youth Group: Christmas Movie Party 4-6:00 PM, Room 1

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24** Final Pageant Rehearsal 2 PM, Sanctuary

TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY OF THE EVENTS PLEASE SCAN THE OR CODE:







