

The Springfield Redeemer



Let every one be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. Romans 13:1

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Holy Grounds Coffee House Serves Spaghetti!

by Roberta D'Amico

We serve the people of Springfield, not just by sharing coffee and lunch, but sharing the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. We want everyone to know that He died and rose again to save them. But, we need your help, too, to pay the bills here at Holy Grounds, (we don't charge!)

So to help raise some funds, on Saturday, March 21, 2020, we are having a Fund Raiser. We are selling Homemade Spaghetti Dinners to take out, all packed up for you with pasta, meat sauce, salad, garlic bread, and a soda, for \$10. Come to the Coffee House between noon and 3 p.m. on March 21st and pick up your dinners.



You can call ahead and order your dinners, at (413) 626-6807 for Pastor Cooley; (413) 330-4658 for Roberta; or (413) 885-5777 for Denise. Or email lasavior@aol.com, or just stop in and pick it up. Pastor Cooley says he will deliver, too! You might hear about this event on the Q99.7, WTCC, or see our posters in local establishments here in Springfield or in your church!

Because you folks are our

special supporters, we are asking for contributions of food or assistance for March 21. So if God puts it on your heart to help, give us a call and ask what you can do! Here is another way to help, you can purchase a dinner and donate to a homeless person in your name! What a blessing that would be!

Funds will be used to purchase supplies for the Holy Grounds Coffee House and pay the utility bills and insurance for the building, so we can keep ministering to the Commerce Students and neighborhood people. God bless you for your help!

Celebrating President's Day By Roberta D'Amico

Here at Holy Grounds Coffee House we honor our Presidents – and pray for them. First, because the Bible says so, second because being the president of the United States of America is possibly the hardest job in the world. We pray for them because, like all of us, they are flawed human beings who need the grace and mercy of God and our prayers to succeed.

The Bible says that no man rises to the position of the leader of the nation without God's sovereign will. Good leader or bad leader, God is in control. God will use that man for His divine purposes, just as He used King Nebchadnezzar in the book of Ezekiel,

as we studied in our journey through the Bible at our Morning Bible Study.



But there is a special president that we honor (at least we used to!), President George Washington. Once upon a time, every school child knew when his birthday was. We all celebrated it! But that has been changed, and now we celebrate "Presidents Day." The federal holiday that comes in February is still officially George

Washington's birthday! Did you know that? I didn't! In recent years, Massachusetts renamed it "Presidents Day," robbing it of its historic significance and importance, thereby making it inclusive and "politically correct." We do honor all our presidents, but do not create national holidays for them. Because our February holiday has lost its meaning, it is remembered most for shopping, gigantic sales, and another three-day weekend.

So what have we lost? All that we ought to remember about our First President and the legacy that he left us, in words and deeds. George Washington became president when there was no White House, no Oval Office, no protocols to follow. The ink was still drying, so to speak, on the Constitution, and he had to forge a new way. No other nation ever had a government that was designed by the people, for the benefit of the people, and run by the people that they elect. Every decision he made set a precedent! This responsibility weighed heavily on him so he diligently applied himself to all the duties and responsibilities of his office.

What qualified George Washington to be so honored? He was the only president to be unanimously elected. He could have set himself up to be like a king, but chose instead to consider himself an equal citizen. He believed the cause of liberty and the new nation to be of greater importance than any single individual. He established a government that had peaceful transitions of power, as the man in the office changed every 4 or 8 years. He could have remained in office a long time, as many wanted, but thought it

better for the nation to set the precedent of limiting presidency to two terms. The lasting success of our nation is due to him. He believed that in order to preserve our liberty, it is necessary that all acknowledge the rule of law and honor the position of our leaders, despite the various personalities that may hold those offices at any given time.

He is remembered most for his solid character, honesty, integrity, and faithfulness. He became the Commander in Chief of the colonial army as a young man, and sought wisdom from God at all times to guide him. It is apparent that God protected him through the brutal wars with the



French, Indians, and British, because he survived victorious even after having two horses shot out from under him, and four or five bullet holes in his clothing! He clearly demonstrated his commitment and love for his country, his soldiers, and the citizens of his country, both as Commander and President.

In all his writings, he asserted that God created America and sustains it for His purposes, that is, to be a "City on a Hill" and bring glory to Him. He believed that this nation cannot survive without God, the source of truth and justice. "Mercy and compassion," he said, "if it resides in the hearts of Americans is supplied by Almighty God."

A final quote from our first president: "It is impossible to rightly govern the world without God and the Bible."

Ongoing Events

SUNDAY SERVICES: 8 a.m.- Redemption Gate Church with Pastor Brian Greene; 10 a.m.-Motivated by Faith with Pastors Bobby & Kim.

Monday – Friday: 6:45 a.m. Student Ministry, High School Students only.

MONDAY -- FRIDAY: Morning Bible Study at 7:30 a.m. All are welcome to join us, ***Come and study the Bible with us!***

TUESDAY – Calling All men – 6:30 p.m. – for Meeting and Fellowship!

WED – Overcomers Recovery at 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.(or later!)

THURSDAY: Women's Bible Study 1:00 p.m.; FIAT 2nd Thursday 7 p.m.

1ST SATURDAY: March 7 , "Marriage with God" 4 to 6 p.m.

SATURDAY NIGHTS: Next Open Mic and Fellowship! March 22, 2020, For more details, call Cathy Marvici at 413-233-7242. Be there, please! 7 p.m.