



## KEMPTON NEW CHURCH NEWSLETTER – April 2022

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### THE LORD'S TEMPTATIONS

Luke 4:1-13

And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan, and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, being forty days tempted by the Devil; and He did eat nothing in those days; and when they were ended, He afterwards hungered. And the Devil said to Him, If Thou be the Son of God, say to this stone that it become bread. And Jesus answered him saying, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every saying of God.<sup>1</sup>

And the Devil, leading Him up into a high mountain, showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. And the Devil said to Him, All this authority I will to give Thee, and the glory of them, for it is delivered up to me, and to whomever I will, I give it. If therefore Thou wilt worship before me, all shall be Thine. And Jesus answering said to him, Get thee behind Me, Satan, for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve.<sup>2</sup>

And he led Him to Jerusalem, and stood Him on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to Him, If Thou be the Son of God, cast Thyself down from hence: for it is written, He shall command His angels concerning Thee, to guard Thee; and in their hands they shall take Thee up, lest Thou dash Thy foot against a stone.<sup>3</sup> And Jesus answering said to him, It is said, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.<sup>4</sup> And when the Devil had ended all the temptation, he stood back from Him until a time.

<sup>1</sup> Deut. 8:3

<sup>2</sup> Deut. 6:13

<sup>3</sup> Psalm 91:11-12

<sup>4</sup> Deut. 6:16

### Arcana Coelestia 1690.5

In brief, the Lord from His earliest childhood up to the last hour of His life in the world, was assaulted by all the hells, against which He continually fought, and subjugated and overcame them, and this solely from love toward the whole human race. And because this love was not human but Divine, and because such as is the greatness of the love, such is that of the temptation, it may be seen how grievous the combats were, and how great the ferocity on the part of the hells. That all this was so, I know of a certainty.

### PASTOR'S NOTES

When the Lord went out into the wilderness after He was baptized, He was tempted. These temptations were just a fraction of what He endured throughout His life on earth. He overcame every single thing the hells ever threw at Him (see AC 1444.2).

In *True Christian Religion* the Lord's subjugation of hell and its result is likened to "a conflict with all the wild beasts on the earth and their slaughter and subjugation, until not one of them dares come forth to attack any man who is in the Lord" (TCR 123.4).

As we begin to prepare for the Easter season, we can think about and be grateful for what the Lord went through to save the human race. He did that then so we could have the freedom to choose to follow Him now. He did it because He loves us.

**Holy Supper:** This month we will have Holy Supper on Thursday, April 14 at 6:30 P.M. at the church and at 3:30 P.M. at the Old School Village lounge. This is a wonderful time to take Holy Supper as we think about the Lord Himself offering it to His disciples and saying, "This do in remembrance of Me" (Luke 22:19).

**Pastor's Council Meeting:** The Pastor's Council met on Tuesday, March 29. We discussed possible topics for next year's winter study, possible uses for vacant space such as some rooms in the manse and the office space in the church, how Caleb's Café might continue to support society fellowship over the summer, Feasts

of Charity for next year, supervision of children after church, and the recent article in New Church Life by Bishop Buss – *Standing for Marriage in Today's World*.

Regarding the supervision of children after church, discussion focused on how the onus is really on us as parents to keep an eye on our children. I will continue to look at different ways to make this easier. We are so blessed to have so many children at our services!

Regarding the bishop's article on marriage, we discussed it extensively. Gratefulness for his presentation of what the Lord teaches in the Sacred Scripture and Heavenly Doctrine regarding marriage and adultery was expressed. Our discussion also included a review of the status of the policies and practices in the General Church and Academy of the New Church that currently violate the Divine laws identified in the article. Hope was expressed that the article is just the first step in organizational reform.

I have written to Bishop Buss expressing our support and encouragement in the hard work of leading toward the reforms necessary for these institutions to be New Church. I am more confident than ever in the Lord's promise that in the New Church conjugal love will be re-established as it was among the ancients (CL 81). But it will of course be hard work on all our parts. As the Lord teaches us in *Conjugal Love 74*, conjugal love "has successively fallen away from its holiness and purity until it has become scortatory, but...nevertheless, there is hope of its being brought back to its primeval or ancient holiness."

Please give me a call if you would like to discuss any of these topics further.

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## WORSHIP

- 10:00 AM services live streamed: kemptonnewchurch.org.
- Services can be heard in the library. Parents with babies or little ones are always welcome to be in there, where a basket of board books (not library books, please) is available. Please leave the room in orderly shape. Thanks!

*Sunday, April 3, 9:00 A.M.* Special Young Child's Service – **a silk marionette tableaux of the Easter story with readings from the Word.** All ages welcome. The service will start promptly. School-addition Commons. *Setup:* S & H King  
10:00 A.M. Family Service  
*Usher/Setup:* Cairn King

*Sunday, April 10, 10:00 A.M.*

PALM SUNDAY Sunday School Service  
*Usher/Setup:* Seth Wyncoll

*Thursday, April 14*

3:30 P.M. at Old School Village lounge and  
7:30 P.M. at KNC (*Usher at KNC only:* Ian Keal)  
HOLY SUPPER w/ Good Friday Gospel readings

*Sunday, April 17, 10:00 A.M.* EASTER Family Serv  
*Usher/Setup:* Dandridge Cole

*Sunday, April 24, 10:00 A.M.* Family Service  
*Usher/Setup:* Derrick Lumsden

**CLASSES:** Please contact the minister leading the class if you would like to attend virtually. He will share a Zoom link with you, which will let you join by phone or video.

*Friday, April 1, 7:15-9:30 P.M.* Youth Group  
*Conjugal Love Class.* Judsons'

*Saturday, April 2, 10:00 A.M.* Parents New-to-KNCS  
Brett's office

*Wed., April 6, 10:30 A.M., Charity #s 158-172*  
With Lawson Smith. Old School Village lounge

*Tuesday, April 19, 7:30 P.M. Arcana.* Focus will be on Exodus 27:1-8 (about the altar of burnt offerings and its construction) and AC nos. 9710 and 9713-9739. In the internal sense we learn about what is involved in genuine worship of the Lord, which is from the good of love. We will also jump to the end of the chapter and finish the reading about the first earth in the starry heaven (AC 9790-9795). With Andy Heilman. Location TBD.

*Wed., April 20, 10:30 A.M., Charity #s 173-198.*  
With Lawson Smith. Old School Village lounge

*Wednesday, April 27, 7:30 P.M.* Society EASTER  
Doctrinal Class: "*Unless a grain of wheat dies*"  
(John 12:24) – the Lord's glorification through temptations. With Lawson Smith. Location TBD.

*Friday, April 29, 7:15 P.M.* Youth Group  
*Conjugal Love Class.* Location TBD

*Sat., April 30, 10:00 A.M.* Parents New-to-KNCS  
Brett's office

## MEETING

*Tuesday, April 19, 7:30 P.M.* Board meeting. Library

## EVENTS

*Every Wed., 3:00 P.M.* Ladies/Girls Handwork. OSV  
*Friday, April 15, Good Friday - NO SCHOOL*  
*Monday, April 18, Easter Monday – NO SCHOOL*  
*Tues, April 19, Deadline: 4-H project donations.* See below.  
*Friday, April 22, 11:00 P.M.* 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Grandparents Day

**SEEKING HOSTS for CLASSES**

If you would like to open your home for the *Arcana* class on Tuesday, April 19, or the society Easter doctrinal class on Wednesday, April 27, please contact me. Thank you – Carla Kerr (610-756-6140)

**From the CONTRIBUTIONS COMMITTEE**

- Please support our Kempton New Church School endowment drive. We are raising funds for the School Endowment for the remainder of our current fiscal year, that is, until June 30. Thank you for your consideration.
- If you have questions about monthly giving, IRA RMD gifts, or bequests, call Ian Keal, Treasurer, or Mark Wyncoll, Contributions Committee Chair.
- And as always, thanks to all our volunteers!

**NOTICES / ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**An Opportunity to Volunteer!** We seek someone willing to change light bulbs and fluorescent light-fixture ballasts at the church and school from time to time (would not require any purchasing). If you might be able to help keep our costs down in this way, please call Dale Smith or Carla Kerr at 610-756-6140. Thanks for considering it.

**Thank You:** Thank you so much Kempton community and KNCS for such a wonderful care package! It made my day and was such a delightful piece of home. The valentines were so sweet and the snacks were perfect for a busy semester. I hope you are all doing well and I send my love! – Natalie Buick

**End-of-School-Year Settled:** KNCS K-12<sup>th</sup> grade school closing is set for 10:00 A.M. on Friday, June 3. High school graduation will take place on the same day at 7:00 P.M.

**Fabric Needed:** Girls Day will be happening soon, and I would love donations of 100% cotton fabric, which I am glad to pick up from you, to use for making the preemie quilts. Fabric must be larger than 18” x 24”. Thank you – Heather King

**Reading Day at KNCS:** Wednesday, April 27. This will be a whole-morning event for K-6<sup>th</sup> grade that celebrates reading. If you are a parent who would like to help out with various activities from 8:30 to 12:30 P.M. (and would be able to do so without bringing younger children along), please contact Leona Fritch. Plans involve poster-making, poetry theater, genre book-tasting, campfire stories, a tea party, and more.

**I am Looking for a Junk Car** because I’m doing a junk-car race at the end of April. Willing to pay. Thanks for contacting me with any leads. – Luke Glenn

**ANNIVERSARIES**

*An angel husband, speaking about the cause of the beauty of the feminine sex, said: “The Lord has taken the beauty and grace of life from man and transcribed them into woman. Hence, without reunion with his beauty and grace in woman, a man is stern, austere, dry, and unlovely; nor is he wise except for himself alone, and then he is stupid. But when man is united with his beauty and grace of life in his wife, he becomes agreeable, pleasant, animated, and lovely, and thus wise” (Conjugal Love 56:4).*

*Congratulations and Best Wishes to*

**George and Jan Cauffman**

on the 4<sup>th</sup> – 35 years

**Nathan and Vera Cole**

on the 21<sup>st</sup> – 15 years

**NOTICES / ANNOUNCEMENTS cont.**

**At the Art and Craft Gallery in Hamburg:** This gallery features certain artists every month, and I was selected for April. There will be an opening reception (with refreshments) on Friday, April 8, 6:30-8:30 P.M., at 320 State Street (19526)—around the corner from The Strand. I would love to see you there! You can see some of my newest work, which includes religious pieces, and also check out the other art in the gallery, which includes paintings, pottery, textiles, and gorgeous cast-iron fire backs. I went to a similar reception held in March, and it was a really nice event! Warm and friendly people. If you want to hear more, please feel free to contact me. – Ayisha Synnstedt

**History Bus-Tour of Albany Township for Kids and their parents or guardians:** Free. K-6<sup>th</sup> grade. Saturday, May 14, 2022. Learn about our pioneers, do crafts, and enjoy the lunch provided. Organized by the Albany Township Historical Society and sponsored by the Albany Township Tomorrow Fund. See the attached flyer for more details and to register.

**Supporting Animals:** For a 4-H project, I am collecting donated items to give to the Lehigh County Humane Society. If you would like to help, you can leave things in the marked box in the school supply closet (across from the kindergarten classroom). See the attached list for what is needed. If you have questions, you can contact me through my parents. Deadline is Tuesday, April 19. Thank you – Emma Lou Olmstead

**Community Service Opportunity for Teens:** Berks SE Cattlemen's Association is hosting a banquet at the Kempton Community Center on Saturday, April 9. Am seeking five teens to help serve salads, buffet-style dinner, and possibly cake for a few hours. In exchange, they will receive a fabulous steak dinner. Please contact me ASAP for more details or to volunteer. Thank you!! – Michele Brown

**A BIT MORE**

Every spring is the only spring — a perpetual astonishment.  
– Ellis Peters