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Don't give phone numbers of our members to anyone outside our church. Thanks for your cooperation.

OCTOBER 2005 Church Events:

- Mor Aday, the disciple, Mor Abahay, the martyr, and Mor Malke.
- Maphryono St. Baselius Yaldo, Kothamangalam (1685).
- Mor Sarghis and Mor Bakhos, martyrs.
- Mor Ossyo, the hermit.
- Maphryono Mor Baselius Shukralla of Aleppo, Kandanad (1764).
- Mor Ya'qub, the disciple, son of Alphaeus.
- Consecration of the church. Beginning of the liturgical calendar year.

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Queries:

Q: How many women in our church are financially "in the know" when it comes to how money is spent and saved? What would the women who don't know these things do if something were to happen to their husbands? I think that is something that could be taught to our women so they won't be caught off guard if an unfortunate event were to happen. Is this something we can have at our church?
- Anonymous

A: This is an interesting question because not all women in the

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What is the true meaning of Halloween?- Jaya Paily

Halloween is dated back to the ancient Celtic festival, Samhain (pronounced sow-in) in Ireland 2,000 years ago. The Celts celebrated their new year on November 1 when the beginning of bitter winter was signaled and also associated with human death. They believed that on the night before the new year, the boundary between the worlds of the living and dead were blurred. They also believed that otherworldly spirits aided the Druids (Celtic priests) in predicting the future. During the celebration, the Druids held bonfires for crop and animal sacrifices to the Celtic gods. They also wore costumes and told

fortunes during this celebration.

By A.D. 43, Romans had conquered much of the Celtic territory. During their four hundred year rule, Romans held two festivals in accordance with the traditional Samhain festival. The first festival was Feralia, which was in late October to commemorate the passing of the dead. The second festival was to honor Pomona, the Roman goddess of fruit and trees. Pomona's symbol is the apple, which was also incorporated with her celebration. This explains the activity of "bobbing" for apples on Halloween.

By the 800s, Christian influences spread throughout the Celtic lands. In the seventh century, Pope Boniface IV designated November 1 as All Saints' Day to honor saints and martyrs. This celebration was also called All-hallows, and the night before it was called All-hallows Eve. Later, in A.D. 1000, the church made November 2 All Souls' Day to honor the dead. This was celebrated similarly to Samhain, with bonfires and dressing in costumes such as saints, angels, etc. The three celebrations, the eve of All Saints', All Saints', and All Souls', were called Halloweenmas, which is now translated into Halloween.

Source: History Channel
www.historychannel.com/halloween/?page=origins/

Autumn

Quiz

Try to answer by yourself

Bible Trivia Questions:

- Who led a rebellion against the authority of Moses and the ground swallowed them up?
- Who took the place of Judas as one of the apostles?
- The gift of the Holy Spirit that was given in Acts chapter 2 was spoken by which prophet of the Old Testament?
- Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good _____ of Jesus Christ.
- Who did Ruth marry after her first husband died?

Answers are on page 3

PICTURES OF THE YOUTH:



Word Search

By Jaya Paily

B Q S R O I H R U P U M P K I N H N M A T K G D T
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 SCARY SPIDER SPOOKY TRICK-OR-TREAT WEREWOLF WITCH ZOMBIE

I'm a Learn Ya from St. George— Ben Paul

St. George, the patron saint of our church, led an amazing life. As the legend goes, in the country of Libya, there was a dragon that ate two sheep a day. After awhile, the people ran out of sheep, and villages began to give their young women to the dragon. After all the young women had been taken, only one remained the king's daughter. After being told the story of the dragon, St. George went to rescue the princess. As she was on her way to the dragon, St. George saw the princess and told her to return home. As

she left, St. George went to fight the dragon. With a single blow of his lance, St. George killed the dragon and saved the country and the king's daughter.

St. George was a soldier of Christ. He gave up all of his worldly possessions to follow the way of the Lord. He fought for various armies and gave to the poor. He preached the word of God and led a righteous life. St. George is someone we can all look up to. He was willing to give up his life in order to save another. We don't have to go quite that far, but we should at least be



willing to be as helpful to one another as he was for that village.

We should be more loving and compassionate to each other. Be more forgiving. St. George was the perfect example of these values. By deciding to slay the dragon, he showed selflessness, an honorable quality. In time, he became the patron saint of England.

St. George is a very important figure in our church as well. Our church is dedicated to him. He represents all the ideals that Christianity stands for. He symbolizes the hope that we can have in Jesus Christ. St. George is someone we could all look up to. He is a wonderful example of how faith can lead us to a righteous life.

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church have complete financial responsibility with money being spent and saved. This is probably due to them expecting their husband to take care of financial issues for whichever reason may work for their marriage. I know some of the women in the church have sole responsibility with balancing the bank account and paying the bills because their husbands have other responsibilities that need be taken care of. For the women who do not know what is taking place, it is best to have at least some information of the financial issues in case an unfortunate event should occur. This is one question in which many families in our church might address for future preparation because we never know when the Lord will take us.

Q: Why was it that the woman in John chapter 8 who was caught in adultery was dragged out and humiliated in public ALONE, without the man involved? After all Jewish law said that "Take the man or woman who has done this evil deed to your city gate and stone that person to death. (Deut. 17:5)" Perhaps his male counterparts let him get away with it. Anyone have any ideas? - Curious

A: According to Jewish law it was not a sin for married men who had relations with a single woman. On the other hand, single men who had relations with a married woman was considered adultery because, at the time, women were seen as the property of their husbands. Therefore this sinful act is considered sinful because it is violating another man's property (http://www.usc.edu/dept/M_S_A/humanrelations/womenislam/). It is crucial to remember that in John 8 it is not the act that matters, but the fact that our Lord Jesus Christ forgave this woman. Every individual commits sins of varying degrees, and one should not point the finger because no one is perfect.

BIBLE JOKES:

Q: Who broke more of God's commandments in the Bible than anyone else?

A: Moses- he broke all 10 at once!

Q: Who was the greatest comedian in the Bible?

A: Samson- he brought the house down!

Q: Who was the only person in the Bible without a father?

A: Joshua the son of Nun

5. Boaz
4. Soldier
3. Joel
2. Mathias
1. Korah

Answers to Bible Trivia Questions: