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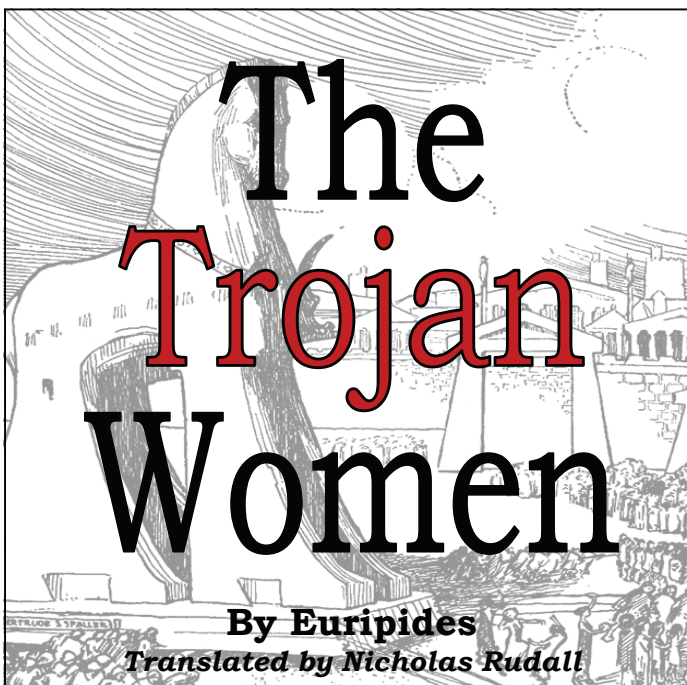
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Appleseed Productions
proudly presents



The Trojan Women

By Euripides

Translated by Nicholas Rudall

Directed by
Dan Stevens

February 29 – March 15, 2008

Fridays and Saturdays at 8pm • Sundays at 2pm

On the Atonement Stage
116 West Glen Ave, Syracuse

Tickets
\$15-Adults
\$12-Seniors and Students

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County and the Cultural Resources Council, a Regional Arts Council.*



The Story:

A bleak and agonizing portrait of war's brutality inspired by a barbaric act of retribution committed on the isle of Melos during the war between Athens and Sparta, this masterpiece of pathos thrusts audiences into the pain suffered by innocent victims. A classic Greek tragedy. *Note: Due to dramatic content, this production is not recommended for young audiences.*

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

1 SAMUEL 16:1-3 & PSALM 23



The "World Day of Prayer" has been held the first Friday of March for over 50 years. Each year the service is written by Women of a different country of the world.

This year's service is written by the Women of Ghana. This year, the local service will be held at **The Nottingham on Friday, March 7, at 2pm.** There will also be a display of articles and pictures of Ghana.

For further information call Jeanette Greig, 469-0628

IT TAKES A LOT OF FOOD!



We have 17 families for whom we will be making Easter food baskets. Your donations of food and money are vital for this ministry of care. With the hams we will buy we need donations of:

- Boxed Scalloped or Au gratin potatoes
- Canned green beans and corn
- Canned fruit and Jell-O
- Funfetti Cakes
- Funfetti Frosting
- Easter Candy
- Coffee

We also fill out our baskets with non perishable foods for the days when children are not getting meals at school.

We can use canned meat and meat entrees like chili, stew, "Chunky" soups, tuna, cream soup, elbows or noodles, mayo, crackers, peanut butter, jelly, rauman noodles, pasta and sauce, canned or bottled juice. Your generosity will make the most important of Christian festivals special for families in need.

I know my call story well, my story that leads to ministry. I have had to tell it many times, and everytime I tell it, I discover something new, something fresh. Maybe it's something that didn't appeal to me before, or maybe it has more to do with what I'd been thinking about lately. But telling that story about God's movement in my life, and the call that I've discerned and experienced in my life, always makes me think about how unworthy I am, and how strange that I would be called.

Our reading from 1 Samuel talks of the call of David, a boy tending his family's sheep. And this is the one who God calls to be the king of Israel, the great king whom people will tell stories and legends about for many years to come. And isn't it interesting that we also hear about David, the shepherd boy, on the same day that we hear about our Lord, the Good Shepherd? The boy that will be king carries the traits of God, and David will use what he knows to help take care of God's people.

So from what field is God calling you? What skills or lessons do you have to share with God's people? Remember that much like David, you have been anointed as well by a cross on your foreheads which also carries God's presence with it.

Let us pray, Good Shepherd, in your gracious way, you have lifted up shepherds among us to guide us, and you give us skills and talents to help others and build your Kingdom on earth. Help us to understand and, especially, to use those gifts. In your name we pray. Amen.

EASTER PLANTS

We will be accepting memorial donations for the plants that beautify our sanctuary on Easter and are then distributed to members of our congregation who are not able to join us for services. Easter plant memorials will be collected through Palm Sunday. The entire memorial list will be printed in the Easter Bulletin and the Messenger. Thank you!

In Memory of: _____

Given by: _____

Number of plants: _____

Total: \$ _____



DON'T FORGET ALUMINUM CAN TOPS!

Ronald McDonald House Charities of CNY collects aluminum pop tabs year-round. The recycling of these tabs generates income to allow them to continue to serve children and families in Central New York and Northern Pennsylvania.

Did you know?

- It takes 1267 pop tabs to make a pound.
- 1 million pop tabs, laid end to end, is 16 miles long.
- 1 million pop tabs, when recycled, will provide a nights lodging for 25 families at the Ronald McDonald House.

Last year, we turned in full containers several times! We want to repeat again this year. Please save your aluminium "pop tops" and help us fill the jars on the table next to the chapel.



FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT - MARCH 2, 2008

8:30 AM Traditional Service of Holy Communion, Pastor Gaetz, Preaching
 9:00 AM Traditional Service of Holy Communion, Pastor Rodgers, Preaching at Fabius
 10:45 AM Service of Holy Communion, Pastor Gaetz, Preaching

WEEK'S CALENDAR

SUNDAY (3/2)

8:30am Traditional Service of Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
 9:00am Traditional Service of Holy Communion (St. Paul's Fabius)
 9:45am Sunday School/Adult Class
 10:45am Service of Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
 1:00pm Trojan Women Tech (Fellowship Hall)

TUESDAY (3/4)

8:00am Messenger Workers (Coffee Shop)

WEDNESDAY (3/5)

10:00am Crafty Ladies (Coffee Shop)
 11:30am Mid-week Lenten Service and Lunch
 (Chapel/Fellowship Hall)
 5:30pm Church Night Dinner (Fellowship Hall)
 6:15pm Church Night Worship (Sanctuary)
 7:00pm Church Night Activities (see box)

FRIDAY (3/7)

800pm Trojan Women Performance (Fellowship Hall)

SATURDAY (3/8)

800pm Trojan Women Performance (Fellowship Hall)

ASSISTING AT WORSHIP

ASSISTING 8:30am Vicar Aaron Richter
 MINISTER 10:45am Gary Stensland
 COMMUNION 8:30am Ken Greig
 ASSISTANTS 10:45am Missy Wilber
 USHERS 8:30am Baxter Simmons & Richard Vook*
 Elevator Op* 10:45am Sue Scharoun & Bill Kemp*
 ACOLYTES/ 8:30am Eion Holmes
 ALTAR SERVERS 10:45am Dennis Walker
 ALTAR CARE 8:30am Phyllis & David Rodgers
 10:45am Deacon Karen Douglass
 GIFT BEARERS 8:30am Ken & Jeanette Greig
 10:45am Missy Wilber & Jessica Fitzgibbon
 READERS 8:30am Linda Owens
 10:45am Kevin Smith
 GREETERS 8:30am Harriet Walters
 FLOWER DELIVERY Deacon Karen Douglass

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Please remember the following members and friends at Atonement in your prayers.

Crouse Hospital

Merikay Harper

At Home or in a nursing home

Ella Baker (Marty Shay's mother), Richard Buyer (Beth Arthur's stepfather), Terry Colbridge (Sharon Hothem's friend), Tom Fitzsimmons (Jay Berry's friend), Richard House, Tim Kittell (Joanne Claeys' friend), Eleanor McKinney (Merikay Harper's mother), Nancy Scholz (Linda Koslowsky's mother)

Those in the Armed Services

Mike Breedlove (Great Lakes Naval Station, IL), Jack Fields (Ft. Bliss, TX), Kevin Monds (Ft. Benning, GA), Justin Randall (Iraq), Melissa Young (Phoenix, AZ)

Note: People who are not hospitalized are listed only once per request. If you would like a person listed for additional weeks, please call the church office (492-9065) each week by 10am Thursday.



"WE PLAY FOR LUTHERAN CHARITIES"

2008 Volleyball Marathon
March 7th-8th at Syracuse University

Our Youth Group members will be participating in the 29th Annual Volleyball Marathon - 12 full hours of volleyball, fellowship, worship and fun - all to benefit Lutheran Charities.

Please help them with this community service project by pledging whatever amount you can. Youth Group members will be taking your pledges between and after services on February 17, 24, and March 2. Contact Pastor Rodgers or Janet Holmgren with any questions.

WEDNESDAY CHURCH NIGHT - 3/5

5:30 Dinner in the Fellowship Hall
 6:15 Worship in the Sanctuary
 7:00 Wednesday Night Activities
 • Recreation and games in the gym
 • Adult Class with Vicar Richter

6:00-7:30 nursery is available for children under 6 years

BIBLE READINGS

Th Psalm 23
 1 Samuel 15:10-21
 Ephesians 4:25-32
 F Psalm 23
 1 Samuel 15:22-31
 Ephesians 5:1-9
 Sa Psalm 23
 1 Samuel 15:32-34
 John 1:1-9
 Su 1 Samuel 16:1-13
 Psalm 23
 Ephesians 5:8-14
 John 9:1-41
 M Psalm 146
 Isaiah 59:9-19
 Acts 9:1-20
 Tu Psalm 146
 Isaiah 42:14-21
 Colossians 1:9-14
 W Psalm 146
 Isaiah 60:17-22
 Matthew 9:27-34

BUS/VAN SCHEDULES

Sunday (Bus)
 9:00am Lodi
 9:15am Presidential Plaza
 9:20am Toomey Abbott
 9:30am Arrive Church
 9:45am Leave Church
 9:50am Hoeffler
 9:55am Lincoln
 10:10am Thurber
 10:15am Loretto
 10:30am Arrive Church
Wednesday (Van)
 4:45pm Leave Church
 4:55pm Lincoln
 5:05pm Sabine
 5:15pm Hoeffler
Wednesday (Bus)
 4:30pm Leave Church
 4:40pm Lodi
 4:45pm Sedgwick on James
 4:55pm Presidential Plaza
 5:15pm Thurber
 5:20pm Valley Vista