

**An Ecumenical Prayer Service
For Christian Unity
Sunday, January 24, 2010
3:00 PM
St. Jane Frances de Chantal Church
9701 Old Georgetown Rd., Bethesda, MD**

The Holy Cross Social Concerns Committee extends a cordial invitation to our parishioners, neighbors and friends to participate in our sixteenth anniversary observance of the annual world-wide "Week of Prayer" for Christian Unity.

Msgr. Donald Essex, Pastor of St. Jane's has graciously offered to host this service. The participating Churches and choirs are: Holy Cross, Trinity Lutheran, Saint Mark Presbyterian, St. Luke's Episcopal, North Bethesda United Methodist Church, Holy Resurrection Orthodox Church, Wildwood Baptist, St. Bartholomew, and Church in Bethesda. The Rev. Peter Zarynow, Pastor, Holy Resurrection Church will deliver the homily.

The "Week of Prayer" for Christian Unity was first observed in 1908. During the 2010 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, we are invited to follow the whole of Chapter 24 of St. Luke's gospel in which all who encounter the Risen Christ are sent on mission: "You are witness of these things." All may not witness in the same way, and differences may arise about what faithfulness to Christ requires. This annual observance reminds us that the path to unity includes knowing each other, understanding each other, and joining our prayer to that of the Lord Jesus Christ "that all may be one" (John 17:21).

We look forward to have you celebrate with our neighboring Churches in prayer and song. Following the service, refreshments and fellowship will be shared.

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