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*P. Allen Greetings -

Where has the year gone? It's spring, it's April and now we are at the start of Holy Week. What amazing rain the past days and now a beautiful spring Friday. Let you light shine, smile and heal the world with the strength and comfort of your spirit.

Easter is just a week away and it's recruiting season again! Of course recruiting never really ceases. The annual mailing has gone out to all GCS families with children in first through fifth grades. If you know a family that might have interest from outside GCS, let me know and I'll invite them to consider the choir for their children also.

Please join me again and again in thanking Dana Foote for all the work she has accomplished already helping us with the restart of the Easter Breakfast and the quickly to occur Annual Spring Concert and Reception. We need your help. Here is the Link:

[LINK FOR SIGN UP GENIUS - EASTER BREAKFAST](#)

We need everyone who will attend the breakfast Easter Day to rsvp their paperless post by noon on Tuesday. The food orders/shopping will take place that afternoon and we want to prepare enough and not waste food. If you haven't signed up yet to help with an aspect of the breakfast, don't forget, we need you.

We need your help, it takes a community.....

As you are enjoying these opportunities, think about volunteering to shadow Dana and Chair/Co Chair one next season. When we all work together it doesn't need to be a burden on anyone, and it's more fun working together.

[Here is a link to the email blast I sent out Wednesday with all the details about Holy Week and the upcoming Annual Spring Concert. Please read it carefully and sign up to volunteer and donate.](#)

Have a blessed day and weekend, love, hugs and smiles.
Peace be with you, p.

The Annual Choir Photos

[I've attached an audio file of it from the Live TV broadcast of The Wiz.](#)
Please play it for your choristers, it will be helpful in our learning process for them to listen to it often.

***CHOIR TOUR ANNOUNCEMENT**

The survey of trip participants is in and the planning committee would like to announce that we are going to shift our destination from the Berlin/Krakow plan to a new plan in Ireland centered between Dublin and Belfast.
This news just in. As things develop more will be announced. Thank you for your speedy responses and please a shout out and big thank you to the planning committee for making this course change possible.

***THIS WEEKEND: See above for a special announcement and request.**

Sunday 10 April, The Choir of Men and Boys sings at 11:00 a.m.
Lunch after church for Boys
1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Rehearsal for Senior Boy and Girl Choristers with HS Singers in the Chantry. Enter and Exit from the main church doors.

***THE WEEK of April 10th - [See the Holy Week Link for Details](#)**

Tuesday:
7:00 a.m. Enter at Chantry Broadway Gate.
7:20 - 8:10 a.m. Senior Boy Rehearsal

No Afternoon Choir Activities this week.

Wednesday:
7:00 a.m. Enter at Chantry Broadway Gate.
7:20 - 8:10 a.m. Senior Girls Rehearsal

No Afternoon Choir Activities this week.

Thursday:
7:00 a.m. Enter at Chantry Broadway Gate.
7:20 - 8:10 a.m. Senior Boys Rehearsal

No Afternoon Choir Activities this week.

Friday:
No Choir Activities today, have a blessed Good Friday observance.

Saturday:
Dress Rehearsal for Easter Day, All Seniors singing on Easter Morning required.
8:45 - 10:30 a.m.
Enter and Exit from the 802 Broadway Door.

Sunday:

Easter Day

8:00 Warm up for all Senior Choristers in the Church

9:00 Service 1

10:00ish, The Festive Easter Breakfast for all in the GCS Dining Hall

11:00 Service 2

Finished around 12:30 p.m.

Seniors Sing

Novice and Junior Choristers sit with your parents. Your day will come.

***COMING UP:**

**Thursday 28 April, Dress Rehearsal for the Annual Choir Concert
(Seniors and HS Singers only)**

**Friday 29 April, The Annual Choir Concert
(Seniors and HS Singers singing, Novice and Jr's Listening with parents)**

High School Singers, especially those going on the summer tour.

We need to practice! Can you email/text amongst yourselves and lets create 3 to 4 rehearsals before summer of an hour or a little more to work together. The clock is ticking, we need to get organized. Tell me how I can help get us singing together.

Easter Schedule

Easter Eve - Saturday we have a rehearsal, full choir and brass in the Church arrival around 8:45, rehearsal 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.

followed by

The Easter Eve Walk, a wonderful event put on by Children's ministries wonderful for young and old alike.

Easter Day. April 17th.

8:00 a.m. Choir Warm up in the Church - all seniors singing.

9:00 a.m. Early Service, ending around 10:00

Breakfast in the Dining Room at 10:00 ish.

by 10:50, back in the honor room and ready to sing the 11:00 a.m. Service.

12:20/12:30, everything finished.

Note: Only Senior Choristers sing on Easter Day, all other choristers should sit with their families and sing the hymns with great spirit.

[*All things Covid....Click here.....](#)

Week of 6 March - Church Announcement:

“Mask Optional – With the lifting of mask requirements in the city and state, today we too go “mask optional” for all indoor church activities. For now, everyone inside the building still needs to be fully vaccinated, so please have your card or pass handy at the door.”

[Important Links: Click here](#)

Safe Church - Grace Church is committed to providing its members, staff, and visitors a place that is free of abuse and harassment.

If you have observed, or personally experienced sexual or other forms of harassment, or other concerning behavior while attending activities, classes, or events held at Grace Church, or on our shared campus with Grace Church School, we encourage you to notify us.

Please visit <https://gracechurchnyc.org/safechurch/> where you will find a direct means of providing feedback.

***RECRUITING IS NEVER OVER!**

This is our slogan, so if anyone asks, it is never too late to join the choir family and be part of this special community as the music blooms.

Recruiting is never over and we would be entering that phase of the season now.

The brochure has been posted to school families.

If you know of families not at GCS who should receive it, let me know and I'll will include them.

Help spread the word that families interested in joining should email or call me so I can put them on the mailing list for information and to get them in the loop.

CHOIR ESSENTIALS

Spring 2022 and Choir Tour Motto - Brand New Day!

The Choir Word for 2021-2022 - BEAUTY!

The Choir Words for 2020-2021 - SAFETY and FLEXIBILITY!

The Choir Word for 2019-2020 - TEAMWORK!

The L's of Choir:

Look - Listen - Learn - Lead!

The C's of Choir

**Courtesy - Confidence - Communication - Care - Commitment - Clarity
- Concentration. All of these build and care for our Choir Community.**

Here is where you find all the Choir Schedules just click!

[Goggle Cal Link to all Choir Schedules](#)

[Choir Handbook](#)

***IMPORTANT LINKS:**

The Goggle Choir Schedule Calendar Link

Sign Up Genius for Choir Parent Volunteer Sign Link

Sign Up Genius for After School Vocal Coaching

Sign Up Genius Tuesday Night Parent Helpers

Accessing the Secure Choir Family Area of the Music Website:

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The Reverend Thomas Szczerba, Assistant Rector
Patrick Allen, Organist and Master of Choristers

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A Community for everyone celebrating excellence in Music and God's love for all!



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