

ST BART'S



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St. Bartholomew's Church Kicks off 100th Celebration

- *Honors, awards, special service, musical features, free community party*
 - *Sen. G. Mitchell, Harry Smith, Presiding Bishop Curry*

New York City, NY —St. Bartholomew's Church, the historic Episcopal parish on Park Ave. in New York City, is hosting a series of events to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the first service in its current location.

Widely known as St. Bart's, the iconic church with its distinctive dome is recognized for its inclusivity and tradition of "radical welcome." St. Bart's is located on Park Avenue and 50th Street in New York City.

"St Bart's has been an iconic presence on Park Avenue for 100 years," noted the Rt. Rev. Dean Elliott Wolfe, rector of St. Bart's. "Our celebrations to honor this milestone encompass every aspect of our life on Park Avenue in New York City. We can't wait for our family, friends and neighbors to join us."

Tuesday, October 2 will be highlighted by an Awards Gala honoring three distinguished members of St. Bart's including a former United States Senator.

Party on Park on October 20 will be a free community party featuring remarks by Episcopal Church Presiding Bishop **Michael B. Curry**, recently known for delivering the rousing sermon at the royal wedding of Prince Harry and American Meghan Markle.

Among the features at the Sunday, October 21 church service will be a well-known guest preacher and special music.

October 2 Centennial Awards Gala

Three distinguished members of St. Bart's, including a former United States Senator, will be presented with awards at a Gala Awards Dinner on October 2. The Master of Ceremonies at this event will be NBC News correspondent **Harry Smith**.

The awards will be presented by **Harry Smith**, a distinguished television journalist who joined NBC News as a correspondent for "Rock Center" with Brian Williams in July 2011. Smith has been a news anchor for more than 30 years. Before joining NBC News, he hosted the CBS News morning shows "The Early Show" and its predecessor "CBS This Morning" for 17 years. Smith served as a senior correspondent for CBS News and as substitute anchor for "CBS Evening News", "Face the Nation", and "CBS News Sunday Morning." He also hosted the A&E series "Biography." Smith has interviewed a who's who of world leaders and reported from many war zones and disasters sties. Smith has won several Emmy Awards and an Edward R. Murrow Award, as well as numerous other honors.

The Bertram Goodhue Award for Service to the Community

The Bertram Goodhue Award Honoree is **Senator George J. Mitchell**, a member of St. Bart's for more than 20 years. He boasts a long and distinguished career. He served for several years as Chairman of the law firm DLA Piper, and is now Chairman Emeritus. He has been a federal judge as well as Majority Leader of the United States Senate, representing the State of Maine. He was chairman of peace negotiations in Northern Ireland that resulted in an agreement to end an historic conflict; and most recently was U.S.

The Goodhue Award is named for Bertram Goodhue (April 28, 1869 – April 23, 1924), an American architect celebrated for his work in Gothic Revival and Spanish Colonial design. He also designed notable typefaces, including Cheltenham and Merrymount. One of his best-known architecture projects was the Byzantine Revival design of St. Bart's current home on Park Ave. Goodhue's legacy in New York also includes the intricate detailing of St. Thomas Church at 53rd and Fifth, completed in 1914. Far uptown, Goodhue's lovely, contemplative Church of the Intercession, built in 1911 to 1914 at 155th and Broadway, was one of his favorites, and contains the architect's tomb. He designed buildings across the country; among them the Nebraska State Capitol and the Los Angeles Public Library.

The Reverend Bruce W. Forbes Award for Service to St. Bart's

Percy Preston Jr. and **Anne Adams Rabbino** will be presented with the Bruce W. Forbes Award.

Percy Preston, Jr. is a life-long Episcopalian, long-time New Yorker and a member of St. Bart's since 1972. In succeeding years, he was a Vestry member, serving as Warden from 1990 to 1998, a pivotal time in the long history of St. Bart's. For many years, Preston has been the church's archivist and historian, and served as a docent and usher. Since 2007, he has chaired the St. Bart's building committee. Preston is the author of numerous books about St. Bart's, including his 1998 Book *St. Bartholomew's Church, an Architectural Guide* which is being updated for the centennial celebrations. He is the president of the board of trustees of House of the Redeemer, an Episcopal retreat facility on the Upper East Side.

Anne Adams Rabbino, a native of Georgia, has been an active Episcopalian for more than 35 years. Since joining St. Bart's in 2003 with her husband Bob, they have seen two daughters married at St. Bart's as well as the baptism of all four grandchildren here. Rabbino served on the Vestry of St. Bart's in 2008 and as a Warden from 2009 until 2017. She continues to provide leadership in real estate matters related to transactions involving the sale of St. Bart's development rights, including the recently announced transaction with JP Morgan Chase. Rabbino has practiced law since 1980 and is currently a partner of Bryant Rabbino LLP, a transactional boutique firm, where she specializes in commercial real estate and finance for non-profit organizations. She serves as the secretary of the Trust for Cultural Resources.

The Bruce Forbes Award was named for the Rev. Bruce W. Forbes (October 1, 1921 – May 31, 2016) who served St. Bart's for more than 50 years. During the five decades of Forbes' ministry among the people of St. Bartholomew's Church, he became the primary pastoral "doorkeeper." In countless ways he was a sign of the many graceful expressions of care, compassion, hospitality and community building, but especially in his visitation ministry, dishing out love, prayers and healing balm. With his words of encouragement, he guided and supported countless parishioners. His sharp sense of humor and dry wit found expression in his chortling, storytelling and history keeping.

For tickets to the Awards Gala contact 212-378-0222 or visit stbarts.org/awardsgala and RSVP by September 22. Seating is limited.

October 20 Party on Park

On Saturday, October 20, St. Bart's will sponsor Party on Park, an opportunity for the public to join in the anniversary celebration. Party on Park will be held from 5 pm to 8 pm and will offer food, entertainment and social activities.

In addition, remarks will be offered by Episcopal Church Presiding Bishop **Michael B. Curry**, recently known for delivering the rousing sermon at the royal wedding of Prince Harry and American Meghan Markle.

While there is no charge for Party on Park, reservations are required to ensure ample refreshments; RSVP at 212-378-0222 stbarts.org/partyonpark by October 14. Capacity is limited.

October 21 Church Service with guest preacher and special music

The Celebratory Church Service begins at 11:00 am and will feature **Bishop Rob Wright** of the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta as the guest preacher. With Bishop Dean Wolfe as the celebrant, the choirs will offer music sung at the initial 1918 service including Franz Schubert's *Great is Jehovah*, and Richard Woodward's *Jubilate Deo in D*. The congregational hymns will include favorites *The church's one foundation* and *I love thy kingdom, Lord*.

St. Bart's

Founded in 1835, St. Bart's has long been a spiritual bulwark of midtown Manhattan, with a long tradition of active community ministries and outstanding musical programs. The church's building, designed by architect Bertram Goodhue, was named a National Historic Landmark in 2016. A major refurbishment of its iconic dome was completed in September 2017.

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Additional resources:

History of St. Bart's: <http://stbarts.org/about-us/history/>

Gala <http://stbarts.org/awardsgala/>

<http://stbarts.org/st-barts-100/about-the-centennial-awards/>

Party on Park <http://stbarts.org/partyonpark/>

Music: <http://stbarts.org/choralfeast/>