

Terms & Conditions...continued

- 6 The Church agrees to exercise reasonable care in the maintenance of the memorial garden and columbarium. No liability of any kind or character the maintenance or preservation of the remains of any person interred in a columbarium niche, or for any loss or damage to an urn or cremains of such deceased person(s), nor is any liability of any kind whatsoever assumed by the Church or the Cemetery Committee for any matter relating to the memorial garden/columbarium, its use or subsequent maintenance, except for failure to exercise such reasonable care.
7. Flowers may be placed within the memorial garden at interment and only in such places as may, from time to time, be designated by the Church or Cemetery Committee. Flowers may be removed at any time and shall at all times be subject to the control and regulations of the Cemetery Committee. Artificial flowers and other decorations are not permitted.
8. When an owner makes payment and an urn with cremains is placed in a niche in accordance with the agreement, the Church will ensure that no other urn is placed in that niche, except as designated on the signed contract by the purchaser.

Warrants

The Church makes no guarantees or warrants concerning the durability or the expected life or condition of grounds and facilities offered to the member. The Church offers these services for the sole purpose of providing a means for Christian burial.



Definitions

- ◆ **Cremains:** The cremated remains of a human being.
- ◆ **The Church:** St. Philip's Episcopal Church, located at 522 Main Street, Laurel, MD 20707—4118.
- ◆ **Inurnment:** The placing of an urn in a niche.
- ◆ **Memorial Garden:** The St. Philip's Memorial Columbarium and its surrounding landscaped garden area.
- ◆ **Niche:** An enclosure within the columbarium containing space for two urns.
- ◆ **Urn:** A vase or other appropriate container for storing ashes of a cremated person.
- ◆ **Cemetery Committee:** A standing committee of the Vestry responsible for matters concerning the Church cemetery and its memorial garden.
- ◆ **Owner:** a member of the Church who has purchased a niche.



St. Philip's Memorial Columbarium



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What is a Columbarium?

A Columbarium is a permanent resting place for cremated remains, known as “cremains.” The word Columbarium derives from the Latin word for *dovecote*, or a final resting place for doves. It was used by the Early Christians in Rome to describe the catacombs where they not only interred their dead but also sought refuge and shelter for worship during times of persecution. The dove of peace, symbol of the Holy Spirit, has always been associated with the Resurrection.



The painting of St. Philip's Episcopal Church is by Michelle Ben, © 2005



How Much Will My Niche Cost?

A niche is \$1500.00. There will be additional costs to open and to close the niche and to engrave the faceplate. These contractor costs may vary over time.



Obtaining A Niche

Contact the Rector of St. Philip's at (301)776.5151 and complete the paperwork to purchase your niche. The St. Philip's Memorial Columbarium has a total of 48 niches. A niche is an 11.5 inch cube and can hold one or two urns.



Inurnment Hours

Inurnment or other services will be scheduled when reasonable to do so after receiving advance notice from the responsible party.

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1. Maintenance and use of the memorial garden and columbarium is at all times subject to the management of the Church.
2. Each niche may hold one or two urns. The Church, its employees or agents shall not be responsible, or liable, for the identification of the cremains of any person at the time of inurnment or at any subsequent time. The Church acts in good faith that the cremains are those of the person on record. Permanent marking of the name of the deceased and date of death will be required on all cremains delivered to the Church for placement within a niche.
3. The owner will designate all persons (and the cremains of such persons) to whom this agreement shall apply when the contract is signed. At that time the names and dates to be engraved on the facing stone will be provided.
4. An owner may not assign or transfer (or will) any right under this agreement without the consent of the Cemetery Committee.
5. Cremains placed in a niche may not be removed from the columbarium without the written consent of the Cemetery Committee. In the event of removal the cost will be borne by the family. Any right to the space in the niche shall terminate and any such right shall vest in the Church.



The St. Philip's Memorial Columbarium is blessed by The Rev. Sheila Nelson McJilton on All Saints' Sunday, November 4, 2012.

Columbarium Location

The St. Philip's Memorial Columbarium is located in the cemetery of historic St. Philip's Episcopal Church, located on the corner of Prince George and 6th Streets in Laurel, Maryland. Founded in 1848, St. Philip's is a socially and economically diverse parish, open to all.