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The Old North Church & Historic Site Celebrates Independence Day with Paul Revere Readings, Live Music, Guided Tours and a Historical Scavenger Hunt
Monday, July 4

WHAT: On July 4, Old North Church & Historic Site will celebrate Independence Day with a one-day family friendly event. Known for “One if by land, and two if by sea,” and the midnight ride of Paul Revere, the legacy of Boston’s oldest surviving church as a symbol of liberty and active citizenship is discussed in history and civics classrooms nationwide.

This year’s celebration will include the **MIT Guild of Bellringers’** ringing of Old North Church’s eight change ringing bells; performances by the Griswold Ancients Fifes & Drums; a historical **scavenger hunt**; children’s story time sessions; a pre-recorded reading of **Longfellow’s Paul Revere’s Ride poem** with the voices of visitors from across the country; demonstrations of a **colonial-style printing press**; and **guided tours** of the church’s crypt, gallery, and bell tower.

WHO: **Catherine Matthews**, Director of Education at the Old North Foundation, will be onsite for interviews and can speak to the national landmark’s place in American history.

WHEN: Monday, July 4, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

***Best interview/photo/filming opportunities**

- **10 a.m. – noon, 1 – 4:30 p.m.:** Colonial printing press demonstration in Clough House
- **10:15 a.m., 11:45 a.m., 1:15 p.m., 3:45 p.m.:** Storytime for Children in St. Francis Courtyard (20 minutes each)
- **Noon – 1 p.m.:** Bellringers ring quarter peal at Bell Tower
- **10 a.m. – 5 p.m.:** Guided Crypt Tours
- **2 – 3 p.m.:** Griswold Ancients Fifes & Drums in St. Francis Courtyard

WHY: Old North Church is a beacon of American independence.

Built in 1723, Old North Church is Boston’s oldest surviving church building and most visited historic site. The Old North Church & Historic Site and its Foundation work to promote the values of freedom, liberty, and active citizenship through the interpretation and preservation of the Old North Church, K-12 educational experiences, site-specific programming, and historical analysis. The Foundation facilitates dialogue around the ongoing impact of slavery and racism in the U.S. and promotes active citizenship to create a more perfect union that reflects the promise of liberty and justice for all. For more information, visit: www.oldnorth.com.

WHERE: Old North Church & Historic Site, 193 Salem St, Boston, MA 02113

SOCIAL: Old North Church on social media: Facebook ([@oldnorth1723](https://www.facebook.com/oldnorth1723)); Twitter ([@OldNorth1723](https://twitter.com/OldNorth1723)); Instagram ([@oldnorth1723](https://www.instagram.com/oldnorth1723)); and YouTube ([Old North Church & Historic Site](https://www.youtube.com/OldNorthChurch&HistoricSite)).

HOW: For interview opportunities, call Nina Ng at 814-490-6336 or email nina@teakmedia.com. | **Onsite media contact: Nikki Stewart – Old North Foundation: 617-513-5999.**

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