

2017-2018 Christmas-Epiphany Vigil Observed



Pannuches Meal Rite

The 111th Pannuches Meal Rite was held Saturday, September 16, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

The 112th Pannuches Meal Rite was held Saturday, November 4, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

The 113th Pannuches Meal Rite was held Saturday, December 23, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

Jubilee Sunrise Divine Services were held in Sanctuary on the Sunday mornings following the Pannuches Rite.

Christmas-Epiphany Vigil

The Twelve Days of Christmas are observed by tradition in the Second Advent Church. Beginning Monday, December 25, and continuing through the morning of Epiphany Eve, January 5, Sunrise Divine Services were scheduled to be held in Consecrated Sanctuary each morning at the Church of New Epiphany during these days of special blessing. On the thirteenth day, January 6, which is Epiphany Day, a special morning service at sunrise was held at the Consecrated Sanctuary.

The traditional Christmas Day Service of Communion, Candle Lighting, and Remembrance was held on Monday, December 25, at 11:00 a.m. in The Chapel of The Holy Child. Members of the congregation were asked to bring a bouquet of flowers to place beneath the communion table prior to the service and a loaf of bread to place on the communion table for special blessing.

Children's Blessing

The annual Children's Tea and Blessing was held at the Rectory-Abbey on Saturday, December 30, 2018, from 3:00-5:00 PM. While not a part of the Sacred Calendar of the Church, this Blessing is held each year during the Christmas-Epiphany Vigil. Children, parents, and other members of the Community gathered for the ceremonial blessing of the children of the Community, the breaking of the piñata, and other festivities.

Epiphany Eve Banquet

The annual Epiphany Eve Banquet and festivities took place at the Rectory-Abbey on Friday, January 5, 2018, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Members of the Community, their families, and special guests of the Bishop were invited to attend this

special seasonal banquet. The banquet was styled after the Mediterranean tradition. The meal was followed by a visit from Santa and his reindeer and by gift-giving.

Epiphany Day

This thirty-seventh anniversary of Epiphany in the Second Advent Church was a day of special blessings and revelation in the Church and the day on which the Church commemorates the True Baptism of Jesus by God the Father. The Message given on January 6, 1981, is related in the Prophecy of the New Covenant:

“On this hallowed day of God’s Appearance, bountiful blessings manifest to the Holy Ones of Light of the Church of the Second Advent founded by His Word. To those unified in Community and holding to The Law, God sends forth the Comforting Spirit of His Image. As the Church has been restored, God will restore those blessings given to the First Church—now in apostasy—and make sacred those Holy Days that are kept in remembrance by the old Churches, but which are not alive with God’s blessings.

“In commemoration of this Day let The Community gather together once each year in remembrance and in fellowship. God will baptize all assembled in the Spirit of His Holiness. God gives an unmistakable Sign from Heaven in the New Sun as a mark of His Advent and Divine Presence. Let all behold the Signs of God manifest in the Heavens and know that their New Ministry is by God’s Authority, and that He has come to Judge the world. This Day is a day of confirmation of God’s Appearance, a day of blessing to strengthen the Good against the Powers of Darkness, and to empower them to teach.”

Prophecy of the New Covenant, pp. 913-914

“THE JORDANIAN LEAD BOOKS: What Do They Say?”



Image courtesy of David Neill

In this video, scholars from the Centre for the Study of the Jordanian Lead Books translate the enigmatic script in the lead books found in Jordan. Members of the Centre present the facts about and possibilities for interpretation of the Jordanian lead books.

For more information on the lead codices discovered in Jordan earlier this century, see the Community Communique article [“Early Religious Archeology: An Easter Enigma”](#) posted in 2011 and [this 2013 article by Centre chairman Margaret Barker](#).

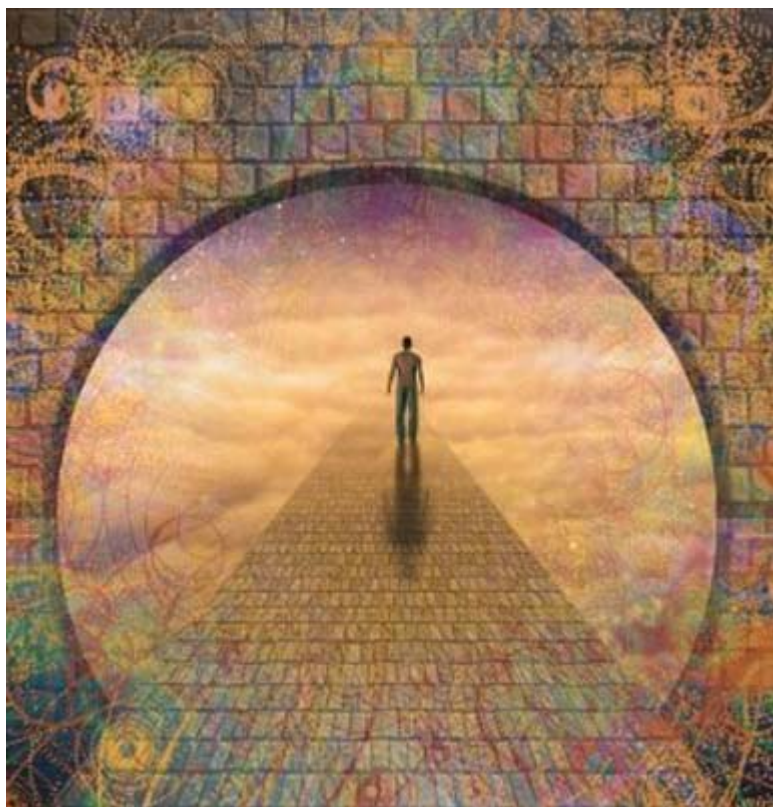
[Watch the video “THE JORDANIAN LEAD BOOKS: What Do They Say?” on YouTube \(20:39\)](#)

Visit the web site of the Centre for the Study of the Jordanian Lead Books (<http://www.leadbookcentre.com/>) for more information on the center’s findings.

The Centre for the Study of the Jordanian Lead Books was launched in St Ethelburga’s Church, London on March 17th 2015. The Centre promotes awareness of the lead books and the need to protect and preserve them, and supports scholars who are working on the texts, providing a forum for discussion. The Centre is a not for profit company limited by guarantee under English Law, no. 9705928, incorporated on July 28th 2015.

link submitted by Robert DeFord

Mystery Schools and Ancient Philosophers



"From indisputable facts ... it is evident that philosophy emerged from the religious Mysteries of antiquity, not being separated from religion until after the decay of the Mysteries. Hence he who would fathom the depths of philosophical thought must familiarize himself with the teachings of those initiated priests. ... The Mysteries claimed to be the guardians of a transcendental knowledge so profound as to be incomprehensible save to the most exalted intellect.

...

"The Mysteries were secret societies, binding their initiates to inviolable secrecy. ... Although these schools were the true inspiration of the various doctrines promulgated by the ancient philosophers, the fountainhead of these doctrines was never revealed to the profane." ~Manly P. Hall

Mystery Schools and Philosophies

Many people study the philosophies of both modern and ancient philosophers. Many are impressed by the great ideas they

expressed. That is wonderful. They have much to say that is worthy of our attention in our all too materialistic age.

But when studying the great philosophers it is important to remember that they were rarely the developers of the ideas they shared. They were merely interpreting, or putting into simple language, the teachings of the ancient Mystery schools. Some of those philosophers were students of such schools. Plato is one such example. Some were even secretly teachers in such schools. Such philosophers definitely knew what they were talking about.

[Read the entire article online at spiritsun.net.](http://spiritsun.net)

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WEEKLY MESSAGE: January 2, 2018



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THE SACRED TEACHINGS OF LIGHT

HEAD OVERSEER'S WEEKLY MESSAGE



January 2, 2018

Happy new year to you on this 9th day of Christmas! I hope you are enjoying the holiday season and partaking of the many blessings bestowed at this special time of the year. We have been experiencing many beautiful sunrises at the Sanctuary and feeling and experiencing the serene power manifest within the Sun.

I write to you today regarding a very interesting opportunity that has just been offered to us in the past several days. You are aware of the importance of our work in Peru since 1957 continuing into the 21st century. I need not remind you of my father's ministry which began there in 1959; the years with

The Child, Jamil; and the many, many expeditions and discoveries made over the past 60 years to uncover ancient solar civilizations and teachings .

You are also aware of The Community's dispute with renegades who desire to strip us of our historical legacy and work and the legal battle that we have been engaged in to uphold our intellectual, property and other rights. We hope to have closure on these matters by Spring.

For several years, it has been my desire to re-establish The Community in Peru and to also potentially gain some sort of a presence in Chachapoyas – the city and region of Peru named after that great and mighty civilization sometimes referred to as the “Cloud People.” As we know, the Chachapoyas were one of the great advanced peoples of Peru, one which my father shed much light on during his explorations of the region and the discoveries of Gran Vilaya and Gran Saposoa, most notably.

A Peruvian friend and associate of mine whom I have known for 25 years here in Reno recently decided to relocate back to his native country. He has offered his services to help us in re-establishing relationships with Peruvians (including the government) and others who might be interested in promoting our work. Indeed, there is a prominent businessman/investor who may, and I stress may, be interested in helping us with a potential opportunity in Chachapoyas. It is too early to discuss anything in detail right now, but they have offered me an opportunity to go to Lima and Chachapoyas with them at the middle of this month.

However, I must ask for your assistance in getting there. I plan on leaving Reno on January 15th for one week. I will have the opportunity to meet with an attorney on the ins- and-outs of establishing ourselves legally in Peru. I will also travel to Chachapoyas and test the waters, so to speak, to evaluate what our opportunities are there, if any. In essence, this is a scouting expedition.

I am asking for your pledge to facilitate my trip. I need to raise \$3500, \$2000 of which is for airlines and hotels. Due to the short notice, I fully understand if you are unable to make your contribution now. Nevertheless, your pledge will be most helpful. Please expect a call from one of us soon. Or, if it's easier, please feel free to call the Chancellery yourself and make your pledge/donation. Of course, as always, make your tax-deductible donation directly to the Church.

I don't know where this trip will lead us, but I think it might be worth the effort to find out. I thank you in advance for your support and interest in our upcoming expedition to Peru! Please enjoy the remainder of the Christmas/Epiphany Season.

Once again, please feel free to ask me any questions by calling 775-786-7432 or emailing me at messages@cosolargy.org. I am always at your service.

In Light+,
Gene

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Services for the Week of January 6, 2018



Saturday, January 6, 2018
7:13 AM SUNRISE DIVINE SERVICE

Church of New Epiphany

Leave: 6:30

Gate: 7:00

Sunrise: 7:28

RR Gene Savoy Jr.

Concelebrant: RC Robert Petrovich

Assistant: Rev. Barbara Whitney

Organist: RC Gary Buchanan

10:00 AM COMMUNION

Chapel of The Holy Child

Suspended due to Christmas-Epiphany Vigil

Sunday, January 7, 2018
7:13 AM SUNRISE DIVINE SERVICE
Church of New Epiphany

Leave: 6:30

Gate: 7:00

Sunrise: 7:28

RR Gene Savoy Jr.

Concelebrant: RC Robert Petrovich

Assistant: Rev. Barbara Whitney

Organist: RC Gary Buchanan

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Church of the Universal Theocracy RC Gary Buchanan

Church of the Americas Rev. Amanda Buchanan

Wednesday, January 10, 2018

12:00 N COMMUNION

Chapel of the Holy Child

Rev. Robert Roy

Friday, January 12, 2018

9:00 AM PRAYER & FELLOWSHIP

Chapel of the Roses

RM Elizabeth Reece

“How the Sun Illuminates Spanish Missions On the Winter Solstice”



The 2007 midwinter solstice illumination of the main altar tabernacle of Old Mission San Juan Bautista, California. (Rubén G. Mendoza/Ancient Editions, CC BY-ND)

Today, the rising sun shines on altars and other religious objects at many Spanish churches in the U.S. and Latin America.

“On Thursday, Dec. 21, nations in the Northern Hemisphere will mark the winter solstice – the shortest day and longest night of the year. For thousands of years people have marked this event with rituals and celebrations to signal the rebirth of the sun and its victory over darkness.

“At hundreds, and perhaps thousands, of missions stretching from northern California to Peru, the winter solstice sun triggers an extraordinarily rare and fascinating event – something that I discovered by accident and first documented in one California church nearly 20 years ago.

“At dawn on Dec. 21, a sunbeam enters each of these churches and bathes an important religious object, altar, crucifix or saint’s statue in brilliant light. On the darkest day of the year, these illuminations conveyed to native converts the rebirth of light, life and hope in the coming of the Messiah. Largely unknown for centuries, this recent discovery has sparked international interest in both religious and scientific circles. At missions that are documented illumination sites, congregants and Amerindian descendants now gather to honor the sun in the church on the holiest days of the Catholic liturgy with songs, chants and drumming.”

[Read the entire article by Rubén G. Mendoza posted online at Smithsonian.com on December 21, 2017.](#)

link submitted by Stephan Fuelling

Thought Currents and Dealing With Them



"We need to be careful of what we think and talk. Because thought runs in currents as real as those of air and water. Of what we think and talk we attract to us like a current of thought. This acts on mind or body for good or ill."

"If thought was visible to the physical eye we should see its currents flowing to and from people. We should see that persons similar in temperament, character and motive are in the same literal current of thought. We should see that the person in a despondent and angry mood was in the same current with others despondent or angry, and that each one is such moods serves as an additional battery or generator of such thought and is strengthening that particular current. We should see these forces working in similar manner and connection the hopeful, courageous and cheerful with all other hopeful, courageous and cheerful." ~Prentice Mulford

Thought Currents

I have never thought of it quite that way, but the image created in my head by the phrase “thought currents” is certainly an accurate one. Thoughts are energy. There is no doubt about that. Scientific instruments of today can measure this energy. They do so well enough to tell when you are deep in thought or when you are mentally relaxed. The thought flowing out from you and others near you create flows of energy. I visualize it as a river with eddies and currents where strong-willed individuals are thinking, or where people are deep in thought, and calm areas where others are doing little thinking. This river flows with many others towards a great sea of thought.

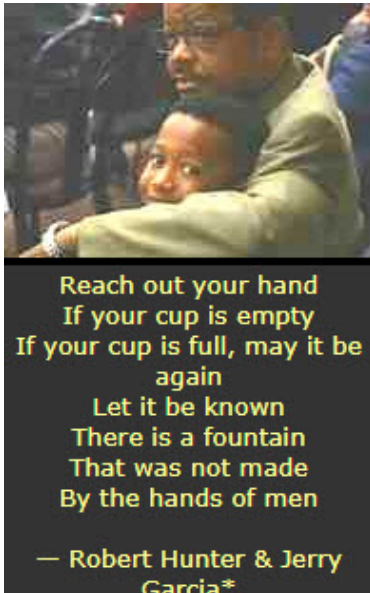
Flowing with Thought Currents

Just as you will tend to flow with the currents in the ocean, so do we tend to flow with the thought currents. Not only do they affect how we think, they can actually affect our behavior and health. . . .

[Read the entire article online at spiritsun.net.](http://spiritsun.net)

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“Service in Remembrance of Darryl Feemster Attended”



Darryl Feemster &
son

City of Reno Youth and Senior Services Manager Darryl Feemster, 55, died on November 19, 2017 at St. Mary's Regional Medical Center. He never regained consciousness after a stroke. A Reno native, he was a longtime member of the Reno-Sparks NAACP and had currently been serving on its executive committee.

Mr. Feemster himself, as well as his mother Delores and brother Lonnie, had been active for years in the local interfaith scene and as well as on the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Commission.

A memorial service conducted on Friday, December 1st at Sparks Christian Fellowship, Sparks, Nevada, was attended by two

members of the International Community of Christ, the Reverends Amanda Buchanan and Francine Petrovich. The Reverend William C. Webb officiated.

WEEKLY MESSAGE: December 26, 2017



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HEAD OVERSEER'S WEEKLY MESSAGE



December 26, 2017

On this second day of the Christmas/Epiphany Season, I would like to share with you my homily given during yesterday's Christmas Day Service of Communion, Candle Lighting and Remembrance:

"Good morning and merry Christmas. We are going to deviate a little from our traditional and customary Christmas message, which is important and meaningful and which we have added to throughout the years, and do something a little different this year.

"We see a lot of Darkness in the world, and it seems that there is little Light. But, that is not true. The Gospel of

John (1:5) tells us, 'And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.' It is important for us to remember, those of us gathered together here this morning who are dedicated to God's service, that these are the birth pangs of a new world coming into being – God's world, a coming world of Light when all will be transformed into Light. And, although we were drawn together from many faiths and various traditions, we are all one in the family of God, especially in His New Advent, which is the fulfillment of the coming of the Sun of Righteousness.

"Today, we come together to celebrate the birthday and the life of Jesus Christ. And for twelve days, we of the Second Advent Church Community, celebrate and observe the Christmas season, which culminates on the thirteenth day, the Day of Epiphany, on January 6. We know that Jesus was not born on the 25th of December, but that is not important. What is more important is what we celebrate during this Season.

"We know the word epiphany comes from the Greek, meaning manifestation or appearance, and in the early Church, January 6 was the day that commemorated Jesus's baptism at the Jordan by St. John. The day celebrated the shining forth or the revelation of God in human form in the person of Jesus Christ, his manifestation as the Son of God to the world. That means that the Word of God incarnated in him. The date of Epiphany was very early fixed in the ancient church, and the old liturgies speak of "illumination," "manifestation," and "declaration."

"The Gospel of Matthew says, 'Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. And John would have prevented him and said, I need to be baptized by you, and you come to me? But Jesus answered, saying, Let it be so, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill righteousness. And then John consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, as he came up from the water, the heavens were opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove upon him. And a voice

from heaven said, This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.' The Gospel of Luke also says, 'Now, when all the people were baptized, and Jesus also had been baptized, the heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form, and a voice came from heaven, You are my Son, and with you I am well pleased.'

"Other biblical scriptures also help to shed light on this statement. For instance, in the book of Acts, it says, 'You are my Son; today I have begotten you.' And in the Letter to the Hebrews, similarly, 'For to which of the angels did God ever say, you are my Son; today I have begotten you.' So if we insert these lines from Acts and Hebrews, which have their roots in the ancient hymnal of Israel's Psalms, we discern that you are my Son, with whom I am well pleased; today I have begotten you and this was on the day of January 6.

"Now, in the ancient Christian Church, just as in Buddhism, this divine event – this appearance or epiphany – was a manifestation of Jesus's immortal spiritual nature. The day commemorated the manifestation of Jesus as the Christ, the moment when God appeared in His divine Light and ordained Jesus His Son. Thus Jesus was given a new birth. So we know that Jesus was not born the Son of God but indeed became and was declared the Son of God when the divine Logos, the Word, incarnated within him, giving him a new life of spirit. And this was a fundamental concept in the Messianic Church that Jesus had become the Christ. And this is why Epiphany, and the Christmas/Epiphany season is so important to us in the Second Advent Community, because it represents and symbolizes the birth of spirit; the birth of our spirits, which is the epiphany and the illumination of the reborn, conscious Soul.

"This is very similar in Buddhism, as I mentioned a moment ago, where, in Buddhism, they celebrate the birthday of Siddhartha on April 8, but the day of his enlightenment is on December 8, when he became the Enlightened One, the Awakened One, at sunrise.

“So we honor the birth of the man Jesus on December 25, which was at a period of the year when several Roman festivals were observed: the Winter solstice; Saturnalia, a time of merrymaking and the exchange of gifts; as well as the birth of Mithra. But it was also the festival of the Birth of the Unconquered Sun, the Natalis Sol Invictus. Linking Jesus to the Sun was supported in early times by various Biblical passages, including Malachi’s reference to the “sun of Righteousness.” And, of course, John describes Jesus as “the light of the world.”

“Such solar symbolism indeed supports more than one date of birth. In the year 243, a work known as De Pascha Computus linked the notion that God’s Creation began at the Spring equinox, on March 25 with the conception or birth of the cosmic Sun according to the Genesis account. In early times, it was debated if Jesus was born at this time – March 28. One writer says, ‘O the splendid and divine providence of the Lord that on that day, the very day on which the sun was made, March 28, a Wednesday, that Christ should be born.’ It continues to say, ‘For this reason, Malachi, the prophet, speaking [about him] to the people, fittingly said “‘Unto you that revere my name shall the sun of Righteousness arise with healing in its wings.’” In 200 CE, Clement of Alexandria even hypothesized the birth dates as being March 21 or between April 15 – 21.

“So, importantly, we celebrate the spiritual birth. The day when the Word of God entered into Jesus, and he assumed the Office of Christ. And this we do on January 6 as a promise of the spiritual birth – the rebirth, that we are all heir to in the Second Advent of God’s Appearance.

“We know that in ancient Greece an epiphany of a divine person was a common concept among the priests. The celebration of Epiphany originated in that ancient Church, and you all know the history: There was a dispute between the Eastern Church and the Western Church, and eventually, December 25, which as

I said was the old Roman festival of the Unconquered Sun, which celebrated the winter solstice and the lengthening of days, became Christmas. The festival was placed on the day of December 25 because it was in the Roman calendar the day the sun reversed its southward retreat and proved itself to be unconquered.

“Many celebrations are held at this time of the year. Northern Europeans celebrated Yule late in December and also in early January. There was a festival from November 28 to January 6 that was observed as the festivals of lights, the birth of the Cosmic Christ. We know that the Japanese honor the sun god on December 22. And in ancient Egypt, from December 21 to December 25 was the festival commemorating the birth of the god Horus. Native Americans celebrated December as a time of purification and renewal, as do Hindus, who celebrate their festival of lights in the early part of December. So we see that this is a time that is universally recognized, when we come out of darkness and into light.

“The message of this season is life of spirit; and that was the essence of Christ’s teaching. And that is what this period of time represents: life, birth and rebirth, which is the cycle of spiritual renewal. This time of year also represents goodwill, friendship, generosity, joy and happiness. Let us not forget these valuable attributes.

“I would like to emphasize at this particular time for us not to be consumed by commercialism of the season. This is a time to spend with family and friends, whom we often forget. So I encourage you all to bear that in mind. Our Community is what is most important – our true Family – and along with the Sun of Righteousness. That is the largest gift we have.

“We were reading from the Odes of Solomon earlier, and the message was love. Let me read these words from the Odes of Solomon which talk about the feeding or the nourishment of our spiritual bodies. This is Ode 38:

'I rested in the Spirit of the Lord and the Spirit raised me on high and made me stand on my feet in the height of the Lord before His perfection and His glory while I was praising him by the composition of his songs. The Spirit brought me forth before the Face of the Lord, and although I was a son of man, I was named the Illuminate, a son of God. For according to the greatness of the Most High, so He made me. And like His own newness, He renewed me, and he anointed me with His perfection. And I became one of His neighbors, and my mouth was opened like a cloud of dew, and my heart poured out, as it were, a gushing stream of righteousness, and my access to Him was in peace, and I was established by the spirit of His Kingdom. And I went up to the Light of Truth, which preserved me, and He became to me a haven of salvation and set me in the arms of immortal life.'

"I believe that this scripture conveys the message of the Christmas season. So let us renew our commitment to each other, which is to love one another, to forgive the transgressions of those we love, and to make whatever amends may be needed. And that, once again, is the Teaching of Christ. If each of us can accomplish this, then we truly exemplify Christ in our daily lives. As it has been recorded in the Gospels, 'Love one another as I have loved you.' And that is our mission. That is also the Teaching of the Holy Child Jamil. Thus, with understanding, we exemplify the Light and we are on the path of Christ. And that is the message of this Community: That it matters not who you are or where you came from, but that if you are of the Light, then you will be one with the Light. And this is the promise of the Second Advent.

"So with that in mind, I wish you all very merry Christmas. I look forward to seeing you throughout our Christmas/Epiphany season, and wish you all the best for the new year, which I hope will be filled with God's many bountiful and beautiful blessings."

"In conclusion, please remember that these days are days of

special blessing. As we here in Reno gather each morning at the Sanctuary through the morning of Epiphany, I encourage you also to reflect and join with us in our communion with the Sun of Righteousness. God bless you."

Once again, please feel free to ask me any questions by calling 775-786-7432 or emailing me at messages@cosolargy.org. I am always at your service.

In Light+,
Gene

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Services for the Week of December 30, 2017



Saturday, December 30, 2017

10:00 AM COMMUNION

Chapel of The Holy Child

Service suspended due to Christmas-Epiphany Vigil

Sunday, December 31, 2017

7:13 AM SUNRISE DIVINE SERVICE

Church of New Epiphany

Leave: 6:30

Gate: 7:00

Sunrise: 7:28

RR Gene Savoy Jr.

Concelebrant: RC Robert Petrovich

Assistant: Rev. Barbara Whitney

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Dea. Stephan Fuelling

Church of the Americas

Rev. Shinobu Sonoda-Fuelling

Monday, January 1, 2018

SUNRISE DIVINE SERVICE

Church of New Epiphany

Service suspended

Tuesday, January 2, 2018
7:13 AM SUNRISE DIVINE SERVICE
Church of New Epiphany

Leave: 6:30

Gate: 7:00

Sunrise: 7:28

RR Gene Savoy Jr.

Concelebrant: RC Robert Petrovich

Assistant: Rev. Barbara Whitney

Organist: RC Gary Buchanan

Wednesday, January 3, 2018
7:13 AM SUNRISE DIVINE SERVICE
Church of New Epiphany

Leave: 6:30

Gate: 7:00

Sunrise: 7:28

RR Gene Savoy Jr.

Concelebrant: RC Robert Petrovich

Assistant: Rev. Barbara Whitney

Organist: RC Gary Buchanan

12:00 N COMMUNION
Chapel of the Holy Child
RC Ted Staver

Thursday, January 4, 2018
7:13 AM SUNRISE DIVINE SERVICE
Church of New Epiphany

Leave: 6:30

Gate: 7:00

Sunrise: 7:28

RR Gene Savoy Jr.

Concelebrant: RC Robert Petrovich

Assistant: Rev. Barbara Whitney

Organist: RC Gary Buchanan

Friday, January 5, 2018

7:13 AM SUNRISE DIVINE SERVICE

Church of New Epiphany

Leave: 6:30

Gate: 7:00

Sunrise: 7:28

RR Gene Savoy Jr.

Concelebrant: RC Robert Petrovich

Assistant: Rev. Barbara Whitney

Organist: RC Gary Buchanan

9:00 AM PRAYER & FELLOWSHIP

Chapel of the Roses

Service Suspended due to Vigil