

# May 24, 2014: Chapel Readings



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## **SECOND ADVENT PROPHECY AND REVELATION**

A Reading from the Book of God's Revelation, "The Opening of the Seven Seals" (pp.92-94):

< [Click here to listen to this week's reading. \(6 minutes\)](#) >

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## **ANCIENT SCRIPTURE AND WISDOM SAYINGS**

A Reading from the Eleventh Ode of Solomon:

*My heart was opened and its flower appeared; and grace sprang up in it; and it brought forth fruit to the Lord,*

*2 For the Most High opened my hear by His Holy Spirit and searched my affection toward Him: and filled me with His love.*

*3 And His opening of me became my salvation; and I ran in His way, in His peace, even in the way of truth:*

*4 From the beginning and even to the end I acquired His knowledge:*

*5 And I was established upon the rock of truth, where He had set me up:*

*6 And speaking waters touched my lips from the fountain of the Lord plenteously:*

*7 And I drank and was inebriated with the living water that does not die;*

*8 And my inebriation was not one of ignorance, but I forsook*

*vanity and turned to the Most High my God,*

*9 And I was enriched by His bounty, and I let go the folly which is diffused over the earth; and I stripped it off and cast it from me:*

*10 And the Lord renewed me in His own garment, and possessed me by His light, and from above He gave me rest in incorruption;*

*11 And I became like the land which blossoms and rejoices in its fruit:*

*12 And the Lord was like the sun shining on the face of the land;*

*13 He lightened my eyes, and my face received the dew; and my nostrils enjoyed the pleasant odor of the Lord;*

*14 And he carried me to His Paradise; where is the abundance of the pleasure of the Lord;*

*15 And I worshiped the Lord on account of His glory; and I said, Blessed, O Lord, are they who are planted in thy land! And those who have a place in thy Paradise;*

*16 And they grow by the fruits of the trees. And they have changed from darkness to light.*

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**Canon**

**Rebecca**

**Willis**

# Appointed Matriarch



Reverend Mother Rebecca Willis PHOTO:  
Stephan Fuelling

The Reverend Canon Rebecca Willis was appointed to the Holy Order of Matriarchs on Second Advent Easter, April 18, 2014 by Bishop Gene Savoy Jr. Her title henceforth is Reverend Mother. Congratulations on your appointment, Rebecca!

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## Annual Report from the Office of the Head Overseer



**May 11, 2014**

***Jubilee Sunday***

Since we have recently completed the Easter Season, and as we move on towards Pentecost, I feel it a good time to send you this message. You will see by looking at our Community Calendar that many dates this year align with Sundays (the 12<sup>th</sup> day of Christmas on January 5<sup>th</sup>; February 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Birth of the Sun of Righteousness, which also was a Jubilee Sunday; the birth of The Child, Jamil, on March 16<sup>th</sup>; and the birthday of The Man – today – on May 11<sup>th</sup>, another Jubilee Sunday). As prophesied, 2014 is a very auspicious year, one that represents an important 52-year cycle which we have emphasized several times before.

You may know that some weeks ago, I journeyed to Mexico, the land of my birth, to contemplate and celebrate the birth of The Child, Jamil. The trip was divided into three parts. First, to meet with Consociates in northern Mexico who are in the process of translating our Cosolargy material into Spanish. The purpose of the meeting was to insure the continuation of those translations but also to work on establishing a legal structure for our Community in Latin America. In addition, a goal was set for the establishment of a satellite Community and retreat center somewhere near Puerto Vallarta. Having been born in Mexico and working with our Community members in that nation, there are several advantages

we have, especially that of being able to *own* coastal property. Second, I went to the Yucatan, where my father and The Child lived for a period of time. I visited various Mayan sites and pyramids, including Chichen-Itza and Tulum, which I had not been to before. The city of Merida is beautiful and is referred to as the “Paris” of Mexico. (I highly recommend it for anyone wanting to visit that part of Mesoamerica). The third portion of the trip was on the Carribean and had more of a personal nature, which included contemplating how to better grow our Community, and provided some much-needed rest.

Before leaving to Mexico, I called a meeting of our Community family here in Reno. The purpose of the meeting was to reiterate the importance of this year, 2014, and to explain certain circumstances which The Community faces. It was a candid conversation unprecedented in our 55-year history. The first part of the meeting had to do with our financial situation as affected by the continued economic situation worldwide. I explained that the success of the Church has been due to (1) the paying off of debt incurred before the economic decline, (2) good management of finances, and (3) the ongoing support of dedicated Community members. However, in order to grow and continue, we must also take into consideration these factors: (1) continually enrolling new students in The Academy, (2) expanding various business ventures through the Community Guilds structure, and (3) people remembering The Community in their wills and trusts and also bequeathing or otherwise endowing The Community.

[A report can be found at the \*Community Communique\* website](#) which will give you more details about the meeting. I made a comparison between the Church’s financial position and that of the City of Reno. Fifteen years ago, in 1999, Reno’s debt was approximately \$60 million. Today it is more than \$560 million. Fifteen years ago, the Church’s debt was over \$1 million. Today it is at about \$400,000. So as Reno has increased its debt by over

400{1fa2ef75e2e78439128d99df03acfe1d8ee3047374abe3d4676fe3470ff8b909}, The Community has reduced its by 65{1fa2ef75e2e78439128d99df03acfe1d8ee3047374abe3d4676fe3470ff8b909}. In addition, operating expenses have decreased in the last two years by \$50,000. This is something we should be proud of! We have many resources upon which to build: (1) real property holdings, (2) water, (3) intellectual property, and (4) most importantly, the creativity and knowledge of our people. We must be enterprising and use these assets to our advantage. We have made great strides in the past few years: accomplishments at the Sanctuary with regards to securing our water rights and the building of a new residence; the continued healing work at Steamboat Hot Springs, which is increasing its public image; the thriving of the Community in Japan; the possibility of a new Community Center in Mexico; our Project X seminars and tours, one of which will be held in Peru later this year; the possibility of a seminar/conference later this year in Australia and/or New Zealand. We are making progress. Let's ensure that the trend continues!

One of the other topics I brought up at our Community family meeting had to do with our ongoing struggle for property tax exemption at the Red Rock Consecrated Sanctuary. You may recall that in the early 1980's, when we purchased the Sanctuary, we were initially granted property tax exemption. Unfortunately, that was later revoked, and the Church sued Washoe County in district court. We were successful. However, the County appealed to the Nevada Supreme Court and the decision was reversed in 1990. So over the past 35 years, we have paid in excess of \$400,000 in local property taxes and assessments. Perhaps this is not too much money for General Motors, but for us it is. So the good news is that a lobbying/law firm has taken interest in our case. They believe they can propose an amendment to the law that would grant us property tax exemption on the Sanctuary. This does not involve a lawsuit or the courts. It is simply talking to the powers that be and gaining their support. Two weeks ago, this firm,

on our behalf, spoke with representatives of Washoe County advising them of our intent, i.e., to seek an amendment to the law which would grant our Sanctuary a tax exemption. The representatives of the county were supportive and said they would not oppose us making a change to the law. This is a major step forward! Our friends at the firm visited the Sanctuary for the first time earlier this week and were extremely impressed. They will now be making appointments to speak with legislators and the Governor's office for the change to the law, which will be presented in the state legislature before the end of the year. But, of course, they do require some compensation. They have made us a bare-bones offer: \$2500 per month for four months to set the stage – \$10,000 all together. **So I must ask you for your support, please!** This is extremely important and an opportunity we have been awaiting for many decades. If we are able to secure an exemption for our Sanctuary, it will be a vindication of our long struggle for religious equality under the law.

Tomorrow, May 12, I journey with Companions of The Way to Japan. This is my annual sojourn to the Land of the Rising Sun. We will be visiting Hokkaido in the north, the place where the ancient Ainu people live – people who once were in contact with ancient Peru and who also have roots in ancient Israel. Among other things, I will be discussing with our bishop in Japan, Yukinori, the possibility of holding the Spiritual State of the World Conference in that nation next year in 2015. I believe we will be able to attract a large group from not only Japan but Korea, Taiwan, Australia, and New Zealand as well.

Otherwise, my dear friend in the Light, things continue. We progress day-to-day, not only in this world but in our spiritual work. I know that you have not only communed with the Light but that you have been transported beyond the physical to the Divine. Our minds may sometimes not be able to comprehend, but that does not mean it isn't so. Our work is

unending, never ceasing. We continue with new outreach using the tools of social media. Soon, it will become evident as new people come to us. We will be publishing our material online, in e-books and other formats. We have started an important project for the older people in our Community – a place owned by the Church where our members may retire in peace and tranquility without losing their spiritual base. The enclosed form offers you the opportunity to be part of this wonderful project, the concept of which has already put many people's minds at ease.

Finally, I remind you to keep The Community in your thoughts and prayers as you reflect each day. Remember to endow The Church in your wills and trusts. Upon my return from Japan, I will send another report to you. I am very excited about where we are going, what we have accomplished together these many years, and what the future holds for us. My personal blessing is with you.

In the name of The Child, I am always your servant in The Light,

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#### **EDITOR'S NOTE:**

If you realize the importance of obtaining property tax exemption for our Sanctuary and would like to donate towards this cause, contact the Church Charisticary and pledge your contribution. (Remember, all contributions to the Red Rock Sanctuary fund are 100{1fa2ef75e2e78439128d99df03acfe1d8ee3047374abe3d4676fe3470ff8b909} tax deductible.)

If you would like to know more about The Community's retirement home, or if you are interested in bequeathing and/or endowing The Community in your Will or Living Trust, contact someone on the Chancellery staff and let them know

that you would like further information.

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# **“The Neurons that Shaped Civilization”**

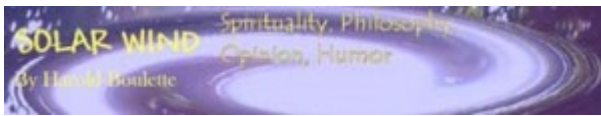


Vilayamar Ramachandran PHOTO:  
ted.com

In this 8-minute video of a TED talk filmed in India in 2009, neuroscientist Vilayamar Ramachandran gives a brief explanation of what he calls “mirror neurons” and their activity, which he claims is proof of empathetic intelligence. The talk also gives his takes on science and being One with the universe.

< [Watch the 8-minute TED Talk by neuroscientist Vilayamar Ramachandran online.](#) >

# Developing the Will



*"The next task to which the neophyte has to apply himself is the training of his will. It may be thought that for some people this is a hopeless task, for they are naturally weak-willed. The will, however, is not a separate organ of the mind which may function adequately or inadequately. The will does not secrete force as the liver secretes bile. The will is simply the power to concentrate the available energies. ...*

*"The strong will is really the single-pointed will, as we see all too clearly in the drunkard who is too weak-willed to stick at any work, but shows an amazing tenacity in obtaining alcohol.*

*"The secret of a strong will, therefore, is to concentrate it upon a single object; this can only be achieved by eliminating all competing objects which divide the attention of the will..." ~Dion Fortune*

"I don't completely agree with everything Ms Fortune says about the will, but in general I do agree. I think it is largely a combination of two things rather than one: how much you concentrate on the thing you want, and how badly you want it. It is true though that conflicting desires can mess things

up.”

To read the complete blog post, click on:  
<http://blog.spiritsun.net/2014/02/20/developing-the-will.aspx>

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# Services for the Week of May 24, 2014



**Saturday, May 24, 2014**  
**10:00 AM COMMUNION**  
**Chapel of The Holy Child**  
RR Gene Savoy Jr.  
*Lector: RC Ted Staver*

*Cantor: Rev. Francine Petrovich*

*Reader: Dr. Thomas Lee*

**Sunday, May 25, 2014**

**5:27 AM NEW DIVINE SERVICE**

**Church of New Pentecost**

*Leave: 4:30*

*Gate: 5:10*

*Sunrise: 5:42*

*RR Gene Savoy Jr.*

*Concelebrant: RR Sean Savoy*

*Assistants:*

RC Roger Weld

RC Robert Petrovich

RM Rebecca Willis

*Organist: RC Gary Buchanan*

**OPEN-AIR COMMUNION**

**Church of New Philadelphia**

**Church of New Qumran**

**Church of New Bethany**

Rev. Herman Aggenbach

Rev. Dorothy Kubiak

Claudia Grady

**Wednesday, May 28, 2014**

**12:00 N COMMUNION**

**Chapel of the Holy Child**

Rev. Barbara Whitney

Friday, May 30, 2014  
9:00 AM PRAYER & FELLOWSHIP  
Chapel of the Roses  
RM Rebecca Willis

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## **ANCIENT SCRIPTURE AND WISDOM SAYINGS**

A Reading from the Book of Enoch:

*On the Great Day the Holy Great One will come forth from His dwelling,  
And the eternal God will tread upon the earth . . . and appear in the strength of His might from the heaven of heavens.  
And the Watchers shall quake,  
And great fear and trembling shall seize them unto the ends of the earth.  
And the high mountains shall be shaken,  
And the high hills shall be made low,  
And shall melt like wax before the flame  
And the earth shall be wholly rent in two,  
And all that is upon the earth shall perish,  
And there shall be a judgment upon all.  
But with the righteous He will make peace.  
And will protect the elect,  
And mercy shall be upon them.  
And they shall all belong to God,  
And they shall be prospered,  
And they shall all be blessed.  
And He will help them all,*

*And light shall appear unto them,  
And He will make peace with them.*

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## New Church Guild Established



PHOTO: [thesavoy-social.com](http://thesavoy-social.com)

A new Church Guild, "The Savoy Social," was established on April 30, 2014 under the auspices of the International Community Guilds. The new web site is up and running, and full of beautiful photos.

< [Visit The Savoy Social web site to see what services are being offered.](#) >

The International Community Guilds are religious corporations organized under the Nonprofit Religious Corporation Law, Section 501 (d) of the Internal Revenue Code. Incorporated under the laws of the State of California. The primary purpose of the corporation is the financial and material support of ministers and members of the International Community of Christ in a way that is consistent with a religious life. The Guilds can provide stipends and living support, that is, medical and dental care, transportation, food, clothing, utilities, and housing. There is a common treasury by which to do so, much in line with the system of the Essenes. No net earnings inure to the benefit of any individual; rather they are made as donations to the Church for its support.

The Guild Corporation was authorized by Charter received from the Head Overseer, the late Bishop Gene Savoy, Sr., in February of 1992. In essence, the structure allows the Church to engage in commercial activities without any tax liability because the activities solely support the Church and its ministers/members. Each working unit is known as a “guild,” which has a stated product group or service field.

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**“VLT spots largest yellow**

# hypergiant star: Mix of new and old observations reveals exotic binary system"



HR 5171, the brightest star just below the center of this wide-field image, is a yellow hypergiant, a very rare type of star with only a dozen known in our galaxy. Its size is over 1,300 times that of the Sun—one of the 10 largest stars found so far. Observations with ESO's Very Large Telescope Interferometer have shown that it is actually a double star, with the companion in contact with the main star. PHOTO: ESO/Digitized Sky Survey 2

“The European Southern Observatory’s Very Large Telescope has revealed the largest yellow star – and one of the 10 largest stars found so far. This hypergiant has been found to measure more than 1,300 times the diameter of the Sun, and to be part of a double star system, with the second component so close that it is in contact with the main star.”

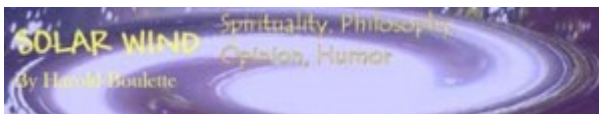
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< [Read the article posted March 12, 2014 online at sciencedaily.com.](#) >

link provided by Frieda Nelson

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# The Holographic Model



*“Because the world is increasing in frequency, you may be experiencing reality in a new, faster, more multidirectional way that supersedes the sequential, one-thing-at-a-time, linear processing we’ve come to know so well. Today—right now—we’re shifting to a new inner geometry of perception—one based on the sphere and the hologram. ...*

*“With spherical perception, every point of view can expand and contract spherically to include more or less of the unified*

*field of consciousness-and-energy, with everything contained in the present moment. With holographic perception, any part of the brain, any part of life, and any point of view can contain the entirety of the whole self and whole reality. As I mentioned before, science is gradually discovering that both your brain and the universe are like a hologram.” ~Penney Peirce*

“Most of us know that a hologram is a kind of three dimensional image that is reproduced by shining a laser, or lasers, on the film it is recorded on. Not as many are aware that if you cut the recorded holograph in half, unlike a normal photograph, when you shine a laser on each half, each part will show the entire image. This happens even when the film is cut into four, ten, or even twenty pieces. It seems like the whole image is recorded on every part of the film.

“So when we consider the physical universe as a hologram, this has some interesting implications. . .

To read the complete blog post, click on: <http://blog.spiritsun.net/2014/02/26/the-holographic-model.aspx>