

SERVICES FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 28, 2012



Saturday, July 28, 2012

10:00 AM COMMUNION

Chapel of Holy Child

RR Gene Savoy, Jr

Lector: RC Bob Petrovich

Cantor: Rev. Mike Tamburello

Reader: Claudia Grady

Organist: RC Gary Buchanan

Sunday, July 29, 2012

5:46 AM NEW DIVINE SERVICE

Church of New Pentecost

Leave: 4:30

Gate: 5:25

Sunrise 6:01

RR Gene Savoy, Jr

Concelebrant: RR Sean Savoy

Assistants:
RC Roger Weld
Rev. Ted Staver
RM Carol Ann Crabb
Organist: RC Gary Buchanan

OPEN-AIR COMMUNION

Church of the Races of Man

Rev. Ben

Hubbard

Church of the Christian Churches

Rev. Frank Burkitt

Church of the Americas

Rev. Mike

Spohn

Wednesday, August 1, 2012
5:46 AM NEW DIVINE SERVICE
Church of New Pentecost
New Covenant Day

RR Gene Savoy, Jr.
Concelebrant: RR Sean Savoy

Assistants:
RC Roger Weld
RC Bob Petrovich
RC Rebecca Willis

Wednesday, August 1, 2012
12 N COMMUNION
Chapel of the Holy Child
Chancellery Closed
No Service

Friday, August 3, 2012
9:00 AM PRAYER & FELLOWSHIP
Chapel of the Roses
Rev. Mike Tamburello

Steamboat Hot Springs Featured in Reno Publication



The July issue of *Reno Tahoe Tonight* magazine features a beautifully laid out six-page article on Steamboat Hot Springs Healing Center and Spa. The look, history, and therapies at the spa are covered in a brief first-person narrative by author Oliver X and in an interview with Sean Savoy, President of the Board, at the Healing Center.

Look for the article online at renotahoetonightmagazine.com. (The July issue of *Reno Tahoe Tonight* was not online as of the date of this posting, but look for it later this month on pages 30-35.)

Consociates Register for the 2012 Convocation



It is time once again to extend to all our members a special invitation to join in Community for our annual Convocation. We will meet this year in September, from Monday the 24th, through Sunday the 30th.

Each year we gather in the sunny high desert of the Sierra Nevada for the purpose of assembly, which is essential if we are to maintain and heighten the *metanoia* of The Community and benefit, each and as a whole, from the special blessings and the grace that are bestowed upon us at our consecrated open-air Sanctuary and other sacred places dedicated to God.

This year, 2012, is the much-anticipated Jubilee Year of our Church. Fifty years have passed since the Birth of the Sun of Righteousness in 1962, and we are now entering a new cycle of Christ-Consciousness and spiritual awakening, which will be ever more evident as we approach the fifty-two-year cycle in 2014.

We ask that registration forms be returned by July 23 with a contribution deposit. A lodging information sheet for details about hotel accommodations and reservation deadlines is available for nonresidents.

The format for this year's Convocation will be along the same lines as last year's (please see the attached mini-agenda). We are once again including in the agenda a two-day "Conference on the Spiritual State of the World," which will be open to the public. Presenters from various disciplines will speak. The presence of practicing Cosolargists is important to the success of this event. Full details of the conference program will be sent in the near future. Consociates are invited to sit in during the Presenters' Round Table Panel Discussion on Sunday September 30, and to meet the presenters at a private reception in their honor later that same day. Those who are interested in participating in these two private events should indicate such on the registration form. A small additional

contribution is requested for those who wish to attend. Space is limited, so don't delay.

In addition to the two-day public Conference (which includes the "Spirit of Exploration" dinner with the Andean Explorers Foundation), we will hold the Clergy Counsels lectures for ministers and ministers-in-training, Communion of Fellowship, and a specially planned service at sunrise at the open-air Cathedral Church of the Americas.

We are also scheduling the Residence Training Seminar on *The ORAL GOSPEL AS A LIFE SYSTEM*, which will begin Monday September 24, for eligible Consociates.

On behalf of the Head Overseer and all of us at the Center, we are eager for all members of our Community to be together again and to share the messages that are so important for us at this auspicious time in our evolution as a Community.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call Francine Petrovich at the Chancellery at (775) 786-7827. You may also e-mail her at fpetrovich@communityofchrist.org.

See a provisional copy of the agenda (as of July 2012) [HERE](#) .

Submitted by Francine Petrovich, Convocation & Conference Coordinator

A murder of crows, a gaggle

of geese, . . . a murmuration of starlings



Starling murmuration. PHOTO:
ad551/Flickr

Sample one of the intelligences on our planet through the video link below.

Murmuration. No one knows why they do it. Yet each fall, thousands of starlings dance in the twilight above England and Scotland. The birds gather in shape-shifting flocks called murmurations, having migrated in the millions from Russia and Scandinavia to escape winter's frigid bite. Scientists aren't sure how they do it, either. The starlings' murmurations are manifestations of swarm intelligence, which in different contexts is practiced by schools of fish, swarms of bees, and colonies of ants. As far as I am aware, even complex algorithmic models haven't yet explained the starlings' aerobatics, which rely on the tiny birds' quicksilver reaction time of under 100 milliseconds to avoid aerial collisions—and predators—in the giant flock. After a tour de force in the dusky sky, the birds roost in Britain's rural pastures,

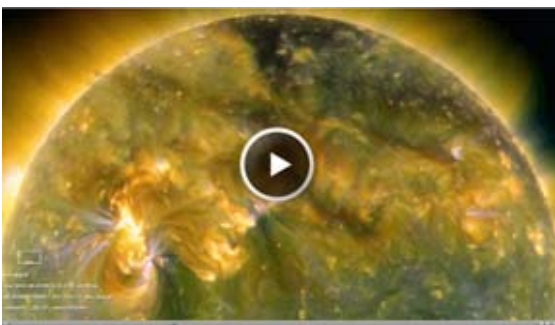
settling down to sleep (and chatter) after their evening ballet.

Two young ladies who were out for a late afternoon canoe ride caught the wonderful murmuration display on video. The URL for the short video is below. Watch the variation of color and intensity of the patterns that the birds make in proximity to one another. And take a look at the reaction of the girl in the bow of the canoe watching the aerial display. Enjoy.

[Watch the amazing 2-minute video](#) of a massive flock of starlings “dancing” in the sky of England.

Video link and accompanying text submitted by Robert Anderson.

“Global Eruption Rocks the Sun”



An extreme ultraviolet image of the August 1st global eruption. Different colors represent different plasma temperatures in the range 1.0 to 2.2 million

degrees K. PHOTO: Solar
Dynamics Observatory.

On December 13, 2010, NASA Science/Science News published an article on the sun that began:

“On August 1, 2010, an entire hemisphere of the sun erupted. Filaments of magnetism snapped and exploded, shock waves raced across the stellar surface, billion-ton clouds of hot gas billowed into space. Astronomers knew they had witnessed something big.”

What the astronomers apparently didn't know is that August 1 is an auspicious date for such an event, according to the Second Advent Sacred Calendar.

[Read the article online at NASA Science / Science News.](#)

Gary Huss Sr. recently brought the article to our attention and submitted the link to us for publication.

THE LUMINOUS TEACHING STONE OF CHINA: The Stone Itself, Part 2: Discovery



The Luminous Teaching Stone as it appeared on site at the Buddhist temple in the early 20th century

Documents contemporary to the uncovering of the stone leave doubts about where and when it was actually found. Three different stories of its recovery are reported, with two variations of its original location and disposal. The story here yields the most cooperative details and happens to be also the most sensible.

For many winters before the discovery of the monument, natives of one of the post towns between Hsi-an and Chou-chin, in the area of the four forts, had observed that snow would not lie on a certain small patch of ground beneath the foundation of a ruined wall there. Workmen digging irrigation trenches at the spot by order of the Ming government early in 1623, perhaps in the beginning of March, came upon a great slab of stone buried several feet beneath the surface of the earth. The men carefully raised it. When they cleaned it, they saw it was

covered with a perfectly preserved inscription of beautiful workmanship.

The discovery did not fail to attract the attention of Liang Ko-shun, the district governor of Chou-chin who had ordered the excavation project. He hastened to the spot. There he found a tablet in the form of a gravestone, and on it an inscription following the line of biographies usual in Chinese cemeteries. The inscription claimed the stone to be 842 years old. True to his country's tradition of reverence – for antiquity, for the dead, and for literature – the mandarin did obeisance to the ancient relic, making a profound and solemn bow.

That same spring, Governor Liang Ko-shun merited the attention of the emperor for his beneficent administration of the water supply and his vigorous measures in defense of his people from robbers and murderers. He was selected for promotion to the honorable post of censor as soon as his term of office in Chou-chin expired. In autumn, Liang came to reside in the capital city of Hsi-an. Two years later, as censor, he ordered the transportation of the stone by way of the Rivers Tsao-Ho and Wei-Ho to the outer yard of the Ch'ung-jen-ssu Buddhist temple. There, in the fields outside the western gate of the city, Liang mounted it on "a fair pedestal" (a clumsily worked stone tortoise) strangely near the site of the first Ta-ch'in monastery built in 638. There the monument remained in place until October 2, 1907.

Soon after the exhumed relic was transported to the capital, the first rubbing of the stone was made and sent thousands of miles, somewhere in the neighborhood of Hang-chou, for examination by Dr. Leon Li, a famous Chinese Christian of the time. In June 1625, one of the Jesuits in the city of Hang-chou published a Latin translation of the inscription. The French Jesuit father Nicholas Trigault visited the stone in October, accompanied by two Shensi Christians of high office. News of the find spread all over the empire and the world. All

the men of letters in the capital district, experts in writings on metal and stone, came to study the monument and pronounced with certainty that it belonged to the T'ang era.

Opposition to the monument's authenticity in Europe, more anti-Jesuit than intelligent, interfered with reception of the news. Early Protestant missionaries, and later the most celebrated intellectuals of enlightened Europe, made it out to be a Jesuit forgery. Voltaire made fun of it from France in the fourth of his Chinese and Indian letters. Bishop George Horne, the most eloquent English preacher of his time, contended that the monument was not genuine. So did many others. For nearly two hundred years, the intelligentsia of Europe refused even to acknowledge its existence. Then, at the end of the eighteenth century, Edward Gibbon again revealed the fact of the monument's existence to the world in chapter 47 of his famous history, *Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire*. Yet the question of the authenticity of the monument continued to divide Western scholars for another hundred years. Professor Karl Neumann of Munich, an indefatigable student of oriental language, and the great Parisian sinologist Stanislas Julien, who had mastered the genius of the Chinese language by intuition in order to translate *Hsuan-tsang's Travels* and the *Tao Te Ching*, published their doubts on the genuineness of the stone. In America, Professor E. E. Salisbury, in his published opinion, remarked that the monument was generally regarded as a forgery by the learned, and added the egocentric and tautological argument that since neither he nor any of his friends had ever met anyone who had seen the monument, he was not sure whether such a thing did actually exist. In time, however, several great sinologists provided translations of the inscription into French, German, and English, thus making it impossible to ever doubt its genuineness again: A. Wylie (1854), J. Legge (1888), P.Y. Saeki (1916), and A.C. Moule (1930).)

In nearby Japan, where Christianity prohibition boards and

their strict enforcements under shogunate law forbade knowledge of the religion, the existence of the monument was not known until the early nineteenth century. There a few Japanese scholars learned of the inscription in 1817 in spite of the prohibition, when a shipment of imported books arrived in Japan. The shipment included the 160-volume collection of ancient Chinese inscriptions on metal and stone compiled in 1805 by the famous Wang Ch'ang. The inscription occupied the larger part of the sixty-fifth volume. Even after shogunate authorities at Yedo had inspected the work and approved it, the discerning Kondo Seisai, inspector general of publications and imported books, found the inscription and concluded it was related to the forbidden "Religion of Jesus." He declared the whole work of Wang Ch'ang proscribed in Japan. The Japanese nation did not hear of the monument again until some years after the Restoration, in 1872, when the new government removed the notorious prohibition boards. Even then, during the reign of the Meiji emperor (1867–1912), only three scholars paid much attention to the subject in their writings: Dr. Takakusu, Dr. Kuwabara, and Dr. Nakamura.

Not until later in the twentieth century did the devoted Japanese interpreter of the monument, P.Y. Saeki, point out that the ultimate origin of Japan's "Protestant" Buddhism was this same East Asian Christian tradition. In the borrowed language of English, Professor Saeki extolled the significance of the monument and clearly traced the path that the Christian teaching had taken into the Far East as it spread throughout East Asian civilization, entangled itself in the course of Buddhism at its fall, and was finally forgotten. His first book, *The Nestorian Monument in China* (1916), provides a translation of the inscription in sympathy with Chinese thought, speech, and literature; the translation is accompanied by copious and erudite notes that contain all the leading thoughts on the monument expressed in Japan up to his time. His second book, *The Nestorian Documents and Relics in China* (1951), collects his translations of the Chinese

historical records relating to the Church of the East and all Church manuscripts found in China and Chinese Turkestan. His work embodies the good will of many scholars and continues to provide a light to work by for religious researchers in the West.

Robert G. Petrovich

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Read [THE LUMINOUS TEACHING STONE OF CHINA: The Stone Itself Part 3: Recovery](#)

Sunrise Service: All Are Welcome



Dr. Ariyaratne. PHOTO:
DrAri2012.com

Sunrise Divine Service on Sunday, July 15, 2012, at the Red Rock Consecrated Sanctuary in Reno, Nevada, will honor Dr. A.T. Ariyaratne, who is visiting northern Nevada from Sri Lanka for several days. Dr. Ari, as he is affectionately

called, has been likened to the Mahatma Gandhi, the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and the Dalai Lama for his work around the world.

Visit the website DrAri2012.com for more biographical information, as well as to see a scheduled list of events taking place from Wednesday July 11 through Wednesday July 18 throughout the Reno area.

Read the invitation [HERE](#).

“Breaking the Limits of Classical Physics”

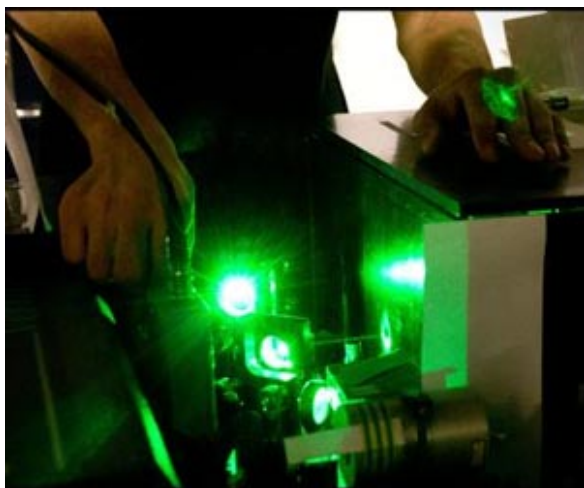


PHOTO: Niels Bohr Institute

In the quantum optical laboratories at the Niels Bohr Institute, researchers have conducted experiments that show that light breaks with classical physical principles. The studies show that light can have both an electrical and a magnetic field, but not at the same time. That is to say, light has quantum mechanical properties.

A staff article on spacedaily.com tells us what the researchers found. Consociate Ron Theriault reviewed the article and has this to say about it:

“It is no surprise to anyone trained in modern physics that light is described by quantum mechanics. In the early 20th century Albert Einstein described the photoelectric effect by assuming that light is quantized into indivisible packets which we now call photons. His paper put the final nail into the coffin containing the idea that light is exclusively a wave phenomenon.

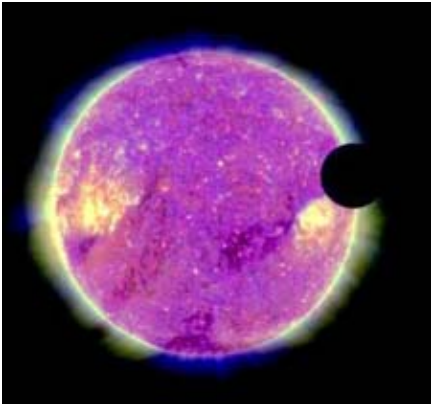
“These researchers are exploring the boundary between the quantum and

classical ‘worlds,’ and have apparently published something of note. There isn’t much detail in the article to determine exactly what it is, however. It is nonetheless interesting that researchers are still discovering new things about light.”

[Read the article online at spacedaily.com](#) .

Link submitted by Frieda Nelson.

“Electric Moon Jolts the Solar Wind”



This is a view of the moon passing in front of the Sun as seen from the STEREO-B spacecraft on Feb. 25, 2007. The Sun is in false color, and the moon appears as a black disk on the upper right. NASA's STEREO mission consists of two spacecraft launched in October, 2006, to study solar storms. PHOTO: NASA

An article published on May 31, 2012, at ScienceDaily.com shows that moon's surface electrical fields and local magnetic fields can deflect the solar wind back into space, a scientific reason for why the ancients had such respect for the moon.

[Read the article online at sciencedaily.com](http://www.sciencedaily.com) .

Link submitted by Frieda Nelson.

“The Light Factor” new column in Reno Tahoe Tonight



PHOTO: Stephan
Fuelling

Sean Savoy was recently approached to write a quarterly column for the local magazine *Reno Tahoe Tonight*. The publisher and editor, Oliver Ex, wanted something new and spiritually oriented for his independent alternative publication, which he hopes to raise another notch in quality during the revamping process the magazine is presently undergoing. *Reno Tahoe Tonight* is already known for its excellent photography. Oliver Ex wants it to be known for excellent writing as well.

The title of the new column, *The Light Factor*, is intended to suggest not only light and enlightenment but also that there is something within the light, the “Light of light.” That is where the word “factor” comes into the title. The column focuses on matters of consciousness, science, energy, ancient mysteries, and adventures into the unknown.

Savoy says the reason he agreed to write the column was to “reach out to the younger generation about the new world consciousness and to provide suggestions for how a person might go about accessing it.”

The first full-length version of the column will appear in the June 2012 edition of *Reno Tahoe Tonight*. Read the digital short version teaser that appeared in the May 2012 issue at http://issuu.com/renotahoetonight/docs/rtt_may_2012_digitalv_high_res/13 .

You can visit *Reno Tahoe Tonight* magazine online at www.renotahoetonightmagazine.com. And you can see other writings by Sean Savoy at his website: www.seansavoy.com.