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Lamentation Service held on New Mt. Zion *Olive trees planted as peace sign*



A procession leaves the Assembly-Hall at Bishopston and heads toward New Mount Zion for the inaugural Sunday noon Episcopal Service of Lamentation. Left to right: Gene D. and Gene Barry.

The International Community of Christ Church of the Second Advent held, Sunday, September 23, a Service of Lamentation and Prayer, at 12:00 noon on New Mount Zion.

The Sunday noon service was instituted as a sign of deep sorrow and protest in light of neighborhood opposition and the County's denial of a Special Use Permit to build a cathedral and shrine on the site.

Ministers and assistants assembled in Bishopston shortly before noon on the 23rd. Soon afterwards the seventy congregants walked in procession a quarter of a mile to the way of Mount Zion, where the service was held.

The procession was led by Chief Tyro, Senior Acolyte Gene Barry Jr., carrying the Bishop's Staff. Attending Acolytes, Handbell Choir, Bishop and Canon, and the congregation followed.

The Most Right Reverend Gene Barry, (See LAMENTATION, page 5, col. 1.)

County attorney vows to fight Church: *Court orders Commissioners to defend position*

The Washoe County Commission received a court order Monday, October 15, to issue a Special Use Permit to The Second Advent Church for the New Mount Zion project or appear at a hearing in District Court to defend its position.

The court order, signed by Judge John Barrett, which forces the County into court to justify its refusal of the permit also gives it the option of issuing the permit before the court date. However, the Deputy District Attorney, Rusty Nash, who represents the County Board of Com-

missioners, said the County would fight.

The court hearing will be scheduled for a date sometime after the first of the year.

The Church argues the legal battle it has been forced to enter—a position largely caused by considerable opposition from prominent and influential businessmen who reside in the area and who have vowed to block Church efforts to fulfill divine mandate. The Church's plans to build an open-air cathedral church and shrine were unanimously opposed by the County

Board of Adjustment on June 21, which denied the Special Use Permit, a denial later upheld by the Board of Commissioners on September 11.

Following the Board's denial of the permit, The Church Episcopal Synod, presided over by The Most Rt. Reverend Gene Barry, convened to deliberate The Church's stand. During the Synod, the Office of Canon Law made its findings known and a resolution of action was adopted.

The Church's legal counsel, Attorney, (See COUNTY ATTORNEY, page 6, col. 1.)

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Washoe County municipal agencies have opposed The Church's plan to build its Cathedral Church of the American and Shrine to Harina Spiritual Rights on New Mount Zion in southwest Reno.

On June 21 the County Board of Adjustment voted against issuing a special use permit for the project after its neighborhood representatives voiced complaints.

Subsequently, The Church's appeal to the County Board of Commissioners for a reconsideration of the earlier decision met with the same opposition. The Commissioners upheld the Board of Adjustment's denial at a public hearing on September 11.

On September 15, the Episcopal Synod, presided over by The Most Right Reverend Gene Savoy, convened at the Episcopal See to discuss The Church's stand in view of the recent denial. The Synod voted to

(See DENIAL, page 6, col. 1)



The Most Right Reverend Gene Savoy looks on as all of County is told to Synod assembly.

Mount Zion Cathedral meets opposition *Traffic, a concern; inadequate parking facilities claimed*

On May 10 The Church applied for a Special Use Permit to erect religious facilities on New Mount Zion, a Second Advent consecrated sanctuary located near Bishopwood in southwest Reno.

The request for a permit to build an open-air Cathedral Church of the American and Shrine to Harina Spiritual Rights was first heard by the Board of Adjustment, an advisory body of the County Commissioners, on Thursday, June 21.

In a unanimous decision the Board of Adjustment denied the issuance of the

permit on grounds that the proposed project presented too many traffic, parking, and environmental problems coupled with a lack of information on what future expansion plans might be.

Neighbors, as once before, bitterly opposed The Church's building plans even though the new site was a 35-acre parcel atop the highest rise in the vicinity, and the blueprint allowed for ample buffer zones to keep Church activities from impinging upon the neighborhood.

Nevada Revised Statutes provide for

the lawful inclusion of church buildings in residential zones by the issuance of special use permits. In compliance with such provisions The Church submitted an application for the Board of Adjustment's consideration along with site plan and drawings. Nonetheless, neighbors and county officials alike claimed that the planned construction was not suited for the neighborhood and would downgrade property values.

Following the Board's negative ruling, (See OPPOSITION, page 7, col. 1)

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Observing the Sacred Calendar

Second Advent Easter and Pentecost celebrated at Sanctuary

The Church celebrated Second Advent Easter in the Sanctuary of Prophecy with a Divine Service at the Church of New Epiphany on April 18.

The Most Right Reverend Gene Savoy officiated the Sacrament of the Eucharist, assisted by the Reverend Sylvia Ostanovich Savoy, Elena Bough, and Philip W. Snyder.

Following the Eucharist service, The Reverend Robert Petrowski conducted Communion Services at 9:00 AM at the Basilica (Sanctuary of Prophecy) and at 10:00 AM at the Church of New Prophecy (Sanctuary of Revelation). A 12:00 noon Communion Service was also performed at the Church of New Prophecy by The Reverend Stanley Fortmeyer. The

Reverends Gary Bruchman and Theodore Albrecht assisted at all three services.

Pentecost was celebrated on June 6, forty-nine days following Second Advent Easter. Divine Service was conducted at The Church of New Epiphany on this date.

Both Second Advent Easter and Pentecost are fixed dates in the Sacred Calendar (See EASTER, page 3, col. 3).

Replication of Mt. Zion planned

Project re-unites moderns with ancient heritage

The Church announced May 10 that plans for a replication of the site plan of the wall of the ancient City of David on Mount Zion had been submitted to the Wayne County Regional Planning Commission.

The new project site, Mount Zion, is a recently acquired parcel of about 35 acres west of Brown and Polson Drives in Southwest Reno, two blocks from the Rectory-Army of The Church. The plans include a 150-foot square, a cathedral-sized open-air church, the Cathedral Church of the American, and a National Shrine.

The Reverend Nelson Dachamane, head of the College of Hagiology, explained, "The precise measurements and orientation of the original City of David, which was built on Mount Zion in ancient Jerusalem, have been scrupulously adhered to in our planning."

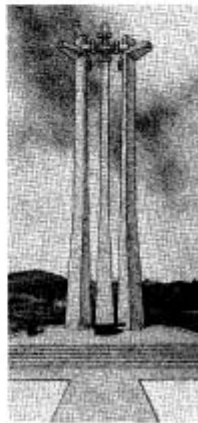
"It is of historical note that in the original City of David religious facilities, like those we have planned here, were not roofed but were open to the elements. As Salomons rose to power, he changed traditions and built his Great Temple, not only

as a roofed structure but outside the walls of the original Mount Zion. In fact, in the early Christian communities, there were no indoor churches until the year 285 A.D. Through this replication project, we re-unite our modern Jewish-Christian heritage with its Davidic origins."

"The grounds will be surrounded by a wrought iron fence. A 12-foot masonry wall will separate the inner sanctuary from the periphery. A walled, on-site parking lot with space for 83 vehicles is to be enclosed by trees and evergreen shrubs, thus limiting its visibility to the residential area."

"With an estimated cost of \$1 million, the first phase of development of Mount Zion is expected to take 18 months to complete, once approval for the project has been obtained from County officials."

"We fully expect this project to be one of the most beautiful modern religious facilities in the world," added Reverend Dachamane. He concluded, "The Mount Zion complex is sure to become a landmark of Reno and will do much to add prestige and dignity to the already beautiful area."



Artist's conception of proposed National Shrine on Mount Zion (opposite right)

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Epiphany revered at original Sanctuary site *Church of New Pergamos blessed with mists*

The third annual celebration of God's New Covenant, Second Advent Epiphany, was observed with liturgical services on the morning of Friday, January 6.

A Divine Service was conducted at the Church of New Pergamos, the nearest where the first Epiphany of the Second Advent was observed in 1962.

The Most Right Reverend Gene Savoy officiated the Eucharist, assisted by The Reverend Sylvia Ormazabal de Savoy, Philip W. Seydine, and Elena Baugh.

The Jerusalem Handbell Choir accompanied the liturgy under the direction of The Reverend Gary R. Buchanan. Among other selections, the sacred music included Jubilees performed annually for Epiphany and other "Jubilee" dates marked on the Sacred Calendar of the Church.

New Pergamos, one of the North San Joaquin Seven Churches of Revelation is situated at the crest of the north peak on the Mountain of Silver.

On Epiphany morning the Church was completely veiled by clouds of snow rent in sections and mountains arose in the pre-dawn. While a single candle cloud, aglow with light, hovered over the Church, the communion table was reverently prepared for the consecration.

As the candles quietly ascended the mount in the early morning mist, winds flowed from the ancient misted valley below, gradually exposing the majesty of the Sacred Mount upon which repose the Seven Churches of Revelation. By the time all had gathered for worship, the clear sky revealed the Mount, each with its Church and white snow, towering above the valley filled with rolling waves of mist.

Colored hues appeared in the sky, highlighting each of the seven personifications that stood as silent witnesses of God's Omnipotence. And the luminous cloud settled above New Pergamos and the congregation of the faithful.

Bells tolled and the chanted words of

the sacred liturgy were offered up. And the cloud cast a network of glistening spirals upon the assembly. Ladies with crystals of snow and ice, the valley winds swept up the craggy mountain side sweeping the Church and the devout in golden

(See EPIPHANY, page 6, col. 1)

Sinfonietta premieres at Christmas Service

Odes of Solomon sung at Chapel

The Sinfonietta of the International Community of Christ gave its premiere performance on Saturday, December 24, 1983 during Consecration Service at the Memorial Chapel of the Holy Child.

Under the baton of Music Director, The Reverend Gary Robert Buchanan, Minstrel and Cantorates, in coordination with the Jerusalem Handbell Choir and Children's Chorus, escorted for the first time a new composition based upon verses from the "Odes of Solomon."

Adapted from the sacred scriptures of the earliest Middle Eastern Christian churches by The Most Right Reverend Gene Savoy, the lyrics of *So It My Joy The Lord* (see box) were set to music and orchestrated by The Reverend Buchanan.

An instrumental version of the work was performed by the Sinfonietta and Handbell Choir prior to morning chapel service. The entrance of ministers and officiating ministers was accompanied by the processional *Song Without Words*.

The orchestral and vocal rendition of *So It My Joy The Lord* provided the prayer of Invocation offered by the minister

minister at the onset of the liturgical order. The Reverend Savoy officiated at the Sunday public worship service. Assisting him was The Reverend Theodore Alberg.

Later in the Holiday Season, accompanied only by organ, handbells, soprano, and orchestral bells—without winds, brass, or strings—the Children's Chorus and bass soloist, The Reverend Dwayne Peace, performed the new hymn with antiphonal choirs in caroleo imitation. The style was adaptable with soloists singing, in contrast to the more pastoral style of the December 24th presentation.

The musical performance was part of the Epiphany Eve's agenda of liturgical discourses delivered by The Most Right Reverend Gene Savoy at the Bishopric Rectory-Abbey, on January 5.

The liturgical program concluded with chants, based on the new musical material, recited by The Most Right Reverend along with sopranos from the choir.

Much of Second Advent liturgy, as explained by Reverend Savoy, has to do

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Bishopstead project nears completion

Parsonage extension is solar heated

The expansion of the Bishopstead on La Parol Drive in Rome is drawing to completion. The "east wing," an addition of a 10,800 square-foot structure to the existing Rectory-Abbey, will serve as parsonage for The Reverends Tyrone and Arlene Peace, Architects of the Church. It will also house the Head Bishop's Study and Private Library.

The building features two systems which collect solar heat that is circulated throughout hollow walls by blowers. Exterior walls are heavily insulated for heat retention, affording a near-100 percent efficiency of solar energy conservation. A back-up electrical heating system takes over during cloudy days. On hot summer months, night air is drawn into the structure, maintaining a constant comfortable temperature inside the dwelling.

Connecting foot-paths, desert gardens, terraces landscaped with numerous pine trees and juniper shrubs, and a continuous concrete block retaining wall with ornamental

metal iron fence will embellish the grounds.

The Building Guild, under the ownership of its Director, The Reverend Nelson Dechennessa, is responsible for sixty-five

percent of the construction. The project was begun in August of 1982 and is scheduled for completion by the end of this year.



The existing Rectory-Abbey of Bishopstead with "East Wing" addition near completion

Parochial School begins academic year

Emphasis is upon wide-range learning

The Jerusalem Parochial School began the 1983-84 academic year on Sunday, September 5 with a 4-day Orientation during which schedules were presented and explained to parents, students, and faculty.

As a co-educational parochial institution, the School presently provides for the education of children, ages 6 to 13, whose parents or guardians are ministers under vows.

This year's curriculum offers a broad range of academic and pre-seminarial instruction. In Middle School, students will be prepared at Grade Level, in the following subjects: Spanish, Chinese, Reading, Arithmetic and World Literature and Composition, Language Arts, Mathematics,

Science, Health and Anatomy, American and Global Studies, Environmental Studies, Etiquette and Decorum, Art, Calligraphy, Practical Arts, Safety and Survival.

The Elementary School offers studies in Speech, Language Arts, Reading, Spelling and Handwriting, Mathematics, Science, Health, Social Studies, and Art.

All students participate in the Apostles Program, as well as in Music, Handbell Choir, Chorus, Religious Studies, and Chapel Services.

Other physical recreation activities are undertaken on a weekly basis, individually, or in group, periodically, under the auspices of the School Administration.

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The Reverend Nelson Dechennessa (l.) confers with assistant Rocco Carvill (r.) over final plans

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August 1 Manifestation confirmed

Second Annual Observance held at Rectory-Abbey

On the morning of Monday, August 1, the staff of the Apostolic Chancery, together with ministers-in-training and family members, gathered at the Rectory-Abbey for the first annual observance of the Manifestation witnessed on August 1, 1982.

The first paragraph of *The Book of God's Revelation* describes that event:

And on the first day of August, as being the eighth Sunday following the giving of the Revelation at Pentecost on the sixth day of June, the New Light of God appeared over the face of the sun, confirming the Active Principles of Divine Love, and the whole congregation, gathered at morning, noon and late the gift of the Spirit manifest out of the sun.

In the Church of the First Dispensation, August 1 is known as Lamentation Day, or Day of the "Lost Man." Originally celebrated in England when the first harvest of the harvest was taken to mass for blessing, the Christian feast has even earlier roots in the Celtic Lughnasadh which marked the beginning of the wheat harvest.

Usually a time of intense heat, the first of August marks the beginning of the period known as "Dog Days" — after the Dog Star, Sirius — celebrated by the ancient Egyptians as an important religious feast and calendrical marker for the rising of the Nile. The span between late July and mid-August is an astronomical period when Sirius rises each morning with the sun. In many early solar cultures the date of August 1 was of great significance.

The Sacred Calendar of the Second Advent Church holds August 1 as an important date also. In addition to the Manifestation discussed in *The Book of God's Revelation*, the semi-annual, or 180-degree cycle of the earth about the sun falls on this date — when counting from February 2, the day in 1962 when the Sun of Righteousness first appeared in Peru to the original Disciple and Conqueror of The Child Jesus.

The new significance of August 1 as another apocalyptic in the Church Calendar is clarified in *The Book of God's Revelation*. The visions of The Man — those concerning the sun and moon, the revolutions on the face and destiny of America, and on the cycles and times of the nations — are part of this significance.

Church hosts Summer Convocation

Third Counsels convened at Sanctuary

The Annual Convocation of The Church convened at the Red Rock Consecrated Sanctuary and at the Apostolic Chancery Complex during the week of June 19 through 26. The theme, continued from the 1982 Convocation, focused on *The Acts of the Second Advent Ministry*.

In attendance were 97 members of the clergy and ministers-in-training from the United States and foreign countries, including Italy, Sierra Leone, Panama, and Canada.

The week's events were highlighted by: Investigative Services in the Memorial Chapel of the Holy Child; over 24 hours

of lectures and seminars on the Second Advent Christian movement, held at the Chancery Complex; the giving of The Twenty-fifth Secret Saying of Jesus, followed by questions and commentary at the Red Rock Consecrated Sanctuary.

The formal sessions of the year concluded with the Third Annual Council held in the afternoon of Sunday, June 25. Investiture and liturgical instruction for ministers-in-training took place at the Episcopal Cathedral See.

In closing ceremonies, Sunday Sunrise Eucharist and worship was celebrated at the Church of New Epiphany at the Red



Rock Consecrated Sanctuary, Scotland. The Most Right Reverend Gene Seroy, Bishop of the Reno Archdiocese, officiated. Assistants were The Reverends Philip W. Snyder, Sylvia Orlowski de Seroy, and Eliza Beugh.

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Following the Sacred Calendar

The Church observes Easter and Pentecost

The Church observed both traditional and Second Advent dates of Easter and Pentecost with services at the Red Rock Community Sanctuary.

Sunday services celebrated the traditional dates of Paschal Easter on April 3 and Pentecost on May 22.

Second Advent Easter, a fixed date in the Sacred Calendar, was observed on Monday, April 18. Following seven sets of seven weeks, Second Advent Pentecost was celebrated on the fixed date of June 6.

Both services were conducted at the Church of New Epiphany, one of the Seven Churches of Revelation.

Divine Services of Communion were held at dawn on all four dates. Officiating minister was The Most Right Reverend Gene Savoy, Bishop of the Church, assisted by The Reverends Sylvia Omazinda de Savoy, Philip W. Seydler, and Elena Bough.

As is traditional, the Divine Service was accompanied by the Jerusalem Harp-choir conducted by The Reverend Gary R. Buchanan. In addition to established Divine Service liturgical music, the choir performed, among other special selections, the Jubilate — a standard in the choir's repertoire performed in commemoration of the Jubilee of the Second Advent, the fifty-day cycles of sacred observance.

On Sunday, April 3, following the Divine Service, The Reverend Robert Petrovich conducted the customary Communion Services at the Church's Community Sanctuaries. The 9:00 AM service was held at the Church of New Epiphany and the 10:00 AM service at the Red Rock. He was assisted by The Reverends Richard Floyd and Peter van Kleeven.

On Sunday, May 22, 9:00 and 10:00 AM Communion Services were conducted by The Reverend Nelson Duchesneau at the Church of New Philadelphia and at the Red Rock located at the desert Community Sanctuary. Assistants for these services were The Reverends Philip Seydler and Robert de la Cruz.



Improvements in second stage

Church of New Epiphany expanded

The second phase of construction at the Church of New Epiphany is scheduled to be completed before the Annual Convocation of the Church to be held the week of June 19 through 26. The church, one of the Seven Churches of Prophecy at the Sanctuary, was inaugurated on January 6 this year.

Improvements will include a concrete floor, chancel with steps leading to the communion table. The embankment behind the chancel will support a rock retaining wall. The backdrop will be faced with ornamental stone.

This open-air church will be developed

in several stages to meet the requirements of Second Advent ecclesiology within the canon of the Church, and as funds become available. The overall design includes a three-tiered congregational tiering with nave and side ambulatories. Aesthetical bell galleries at the east and west will be built to complement the chancel, apse, and tower at the west end.

Also included in the improvements are long stepped approaches to the church, leading up the eastern slopes of the mountain to the lower tier. This section of the open-air church has been designated as the East Gate.

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Epiphany solemnized at Consecrated Sanctuary

Communicants celebrate Divine Service at sunrise

Second Advent Epiphany was observed Thursday, January 6, in celebration of God's New Covenant.

The promise of the ultimate transformation of the universe to Spirit via the Redemptive Light of the Star of Righteousness was observed with solemnity at sunrise by Ministers and Communicants of The Church of the Second Advent.

A Divine Service was performed at the newly constructed Church of New Epiphany, at the Red Rock Consecrated Sanctuary.

The Most Right Reverend Gene Savoy officiated the Divine Service, assisted by The Right Reverend Philip W. Snyder, Elena Raugh, and Sylvia Ortunado de

Savoy. The liturgy was accompanied by sacred music played on handbells. The music repertoire included Jubilate, a new composition by Reverend Buchanan, who conducted the Jerusalem Handbell Choir.

The liturgical observance of Epiphany also commemorated the second anniversary of the Divine Manifestation witnessed at the Sanctuary two years before on this date.

The Manifestation of 1981 confirmed the authority of The Church of the Second Advent of God and the mandate to establish the cycles of holiness and liturgical dates of the Sacred Calendar of God's New Age Ministry. Thus, The Church continues with the dissemination of The Sacred Teachings of Light as it follows the revealed register of them, with its Canonical measures of weeks, solar quarters, and jubilees.

A series of services and sacraments surrounded the 1983 celebration of Epiphany.

Beginning on December 22, the Winter Solstice, and continuing throughout the Twelve Days of Christmas (First Epiphany: Calistote), events included a wedding, Communion Services on Thursdays, Saturdays, and Sundays; the Dedication Service of the Apostolic Chapel; the Bell Tower; Christenings, Anointings, and Ordinations; and a Community assembly at the Rectory-Abbey.

Epiphany, the original Covenant Day, is the subject of the opening chapter of the Prophecy of the New Covenant. From God's Appearance at Epiphany, we read:

In the twenty-first year of The Christ Work, The One, in company with the Companions of The Way and the general Community in assembly at the Rectory-Abbey, awaited the coming of the sun on the morning of January 6th at Epiphany.

On this twelfth night after Christmas, following a midnight meal of fellowship. (See EPIPHANY, page 2, col. 2)



Apostolic Bell Tower christened

Steeple bells peal Christmas Day

The Apostolic Bell Tower of The Second Advent Church was dedicated on Christmas Day at 11:00 A.M., following Saturday morning worship at the Memorial Chapel of the Holy Child.

The Tower and the bells it houses were consecrated and christened during sacred services conducted by The Most Right Reverend Gene Savoy. He was assisted by The Right Reverend Philip W. Snyder, Carol Salvemst, and Sylvia Ortunado de Savoy.

Vergemaster Reverend Gary Robert Buchanan conducted the Jerusalem Hand-

bell Choir. Assistants to the vergemaster were The Reverend Jacklyn Carrothem and Stan Forstmyer. Sextants assigned to the campanile were Masters Gene Savoy, Jr. and Sean Savoy, and Misses Erica Snyder and Julian Grady. The Reverend Roger Wolf supervised the J.J. Vedlin-Pennant 4000 carillon, which sounded from atop the Chapel.

A most inspiring musical concert was afforded by the combined polyphony of the campanile, carillon, handbells, and organ. Music during the service of dedication. (See BELL TOWER, page 3, col. 1)

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Church hosts Second Annual Counsels at Sanctuary *Bishop's appointments to be announced in June*

The Second Annual Counsels of The Church were held last June 25 & 27. The proceedings commenced at sunrise on Saturday and concluded toward sunset on Sunday.

Assemblies commenced one-of-a-kind at the Seven Churches of Prophecy and at the Seven Churches of Revelation, respectively located in the Northwest and the Southwest at the desert Consecrated Sanctuary at Red Rock. The final meeting of the assembly was held in Reno, in the newly constructed Episcopal Cathedral See.

The Right Reverend Gene Savoy, Head Overseer of The Church and First Disciple of The Child, officiated and presented readings from newly received Revelations.

The Revelations form part of the as yet-to-be published *The Book Of God's Revelation*, the concluding volume of eight prophetic publications. The previous ones are: *Prophecy to the American*, Vols. 1 & 2; *Prophecy to the Kana of Man*; *Prophecy to the Christian Churches*; *Prophecy of the End Times*; *Prophecy to the Children*; *Age of Light and the Nations of Nations*; *Prophecy of the Universal Theocracy*; and *Prophecy to the New Covenant*.

In attendance were Consecrated representatives from thirty-two states of the Union, The Philippines, and several nations of the free world. Among these countries represented were Canada, Panama, Venezuela, Taiwan, and Korea.

During the oral presentations at the Councils, the Head Bishop emphasized the New Age of Light upon the world and the role of the Second Advent Ministry during this era.

The Reverend Savoy told ministers in attendance that the Church has labored for nearly-five years to contact the pre-ordained, those forming the Priesthood of the Ministry, and others who are to take the message of the Second Advent of God's Appearance to the world and establish Churches and Communities of Light. In following the divine command of The Child Christ Jesus, authorized Consecrated will take up their own ministries to contact those pre-ordained to hear such of them.

Following the Sacred Calendar

The Church observes Easter and Pentecost

The Church celebrated Easter at the Red Rock Sanctuary Basilica April 11. Second Advent Easter was celebrated the following Sunday, April 18. Pentecost was observed on Sunday, June 6.

Two Paschal services were held for the public on the traditional date of April 11. A sunrise service was performed at the Church's desert Sanctuary at Red Rock, followed by a morning Communion Service held at 11 o'clock in the Memorial Chapel of the Holy Child.

Celebrants met under heavy rains at the Red Rock Basilica where the sunrise service was held. The Reverend Savoy officiated the Sacrament of Eucharist and delivered the Sermon *The Second Advent of Christ*. Those in attendance agreed that this Communion Service was one of the most moving ever experienced.

Due to the inclement weather, the Dis-

ciple Service, normally performed at sunrise with bells, was incorporated into the indoor service held later that morning. Thus, the mid-morning Sunday service combined the Divine Service and the Children's Handbell Choir, in accompaniment, with the formal Liturgy and words of the Chapel Communion Service. Rev. Savoy's sermon for this service was entitled *The Meaning of the Resurrection*.

Second Advent Easter, April 18, was celebrated with regular services observed at sunrise at the Consecrated Sanctuary and at 11 o'clock in the Chapel.

Pentecost was celebrated on June 6, forty-nine days following Second Advent Easter. Traditional services were held both at Red Rock and at the Chapel of the Holy Child in Reno. On this occasion, the dramatic plays of the Children's

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Blessings of the Light

Second Advent Epiphany celebrated at Sanctuary

February 2, 1982, marked the twentieth anniversary of the revelation and manifestation of The Spiritual Son of Righteousness. The Second Advent of God, His Appearance in the New Son of Righteousness, was first witnessed in Peru on February 2, 1962.

In liturgical celebration, the Church observed a nine-day vigil from January 30 through February 6, 1982. Each morning Community members gathered at the Red Rock Community Sanctuary, recently dedicated, for Sacred Communion of Fellowship. The Oblation, read daily by Reverend Gene Savoy, was accompanied by the melodious sounds of bells.

The scriptural writings of *Jamil: The Child Christ* tell us that the spirit of Jamil was freed from his body of matter at midnight, January 29-30, 1962. The Child's First Disciple, The Man, was instructed to await a sign on the fourth day following his passing. With other companions of The Way, The Man returned to Jamil's tomb on February 2, 1962, to await the promised event.

At noon that day a great halo flamed around the sun. In the center of a circle of rainbow colors, in the heart of the rainbow, a white cross appeared. The Man saw the image of Jamil across the face of the sun, and the Holy Child was holding the Son of Righteousness in His arms over His breast. And to the light of The Man's eternal soul, the resurrected spirit of The Child said, "The incarnation of God the Father is come to the world through the Son of Righteousness, healing and purifying the human family, and

entering the life of Righteousness."

The text continues, mentioning that on February 4, 1962, when the sun and its planets converged in Aquarius, the Powers of Darkness, the Anti-Christ, would begin manifesting.

Following that manifestation, The Man began The Great Work. A New Community was to come into being as a fulfillment to the Christian Church of the First Dispensation. This Community of Light was to go out into the world, as an appointed time, and initiate Christians in the New Advent, revealing The Sacred Teachings of Light returned into its own for that portion of humankind that would receive them.

The Man was charged with leading an Order of Righteous men and women who would go forth to let all know that the Spirit of Christ and the Son of Righteousness — The Bread of Life — abode

in nations and peoples equally; for God seeks to immortalize the human family.

Now, twenty years after The Birth of the New Son of Righteousness, Reverend Savoy described The Church of the Second Advent as small, healthy, and with a great and noble future.

He stated, "It has taken twenty-five years for the pre-ordained to appear. It has taken that long to mature the people, create our Canon Law, create and publish our Prophecies and Sayings, and to complete the work of the Ship of Light."

On Sunday, February 7, the sixth morning of the vigil, Rev. Savoy officiated the Divine Service assisted by Revs. Sylvia Savoy, Philip Seyler, and Dennis Blough. The Bell Choir, directed by Rev. Gary Buchanan, accompanied the liturgy.

Traditional weekly services were held during the vigil at the Sanctuary and at the Holy Chapel of the Child Christ. ♦

Construction in progress

Episcopal See to house University of the Ordained

Restoration has begun to convert one of The Church's properties into the Episcopal Cathedral See.

The Episcopal See will house The Sacred College of Juvenile Theology, Seminary and Divinity School, and The Juvenile University of the Ordained.

The primary function of the See, located at 626 Raleigh Street in Reno, will encompass meetings of the Episcopacy, meetings of the Bishops, and theological lectures.

The oak-paneled interior will be con-

structed in the modern style of a Greek amphitheater, with a ceiling raised to a height of 11 feet. Third seating will accommodate 100 persons.

Other features will include broad teakwood doors, a concrete sign and bronze plaques, a surrounding brick and wrought iron gate, and landscaping with cedar and juniper trees.

Design and master builder is Rev. Nelson Dauchman. Foreman of the construction is Rev. Richard Floyd. Completion date has been set at June 15. ♦

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