

Services for the Week of January 6, 2024



Saturday, January 6, 2023

10:00 AM COMMUNION

Chapel of The Holy Child

Suspended due to the Christmas-Epiphany Vigil

Sunday, January 7, 2023

SUNRISE DIVINE SERVICE

Church of New Epiphany

Leave: 6:15

Gate: 6:55

Service Starts: 7:08

Sunrise: 7:26

RRF Gene Savoy, Jr.

Concelebrants:

RF Robert Petrovich

Rev. Bruce Kanzelmeyer

Assistant: RM Barbara Whitney

OPEN-AIR COMMUNION

Church of The End Times *Rev. Shane Grady*

Church of the Christian Churches *Claudia Grady*

Wednesday, January 10, 2023

12:00 NOON COMMUNION

Chapel of The Holy Child,

RC Amanda Buchanan

Friday, January 12, 2023

9:00 AM PRAYER & FELLOWSHIP

Chapel of the Roses

RF Robert Petrovich

**The Roof is Raised at
Steamboat Hot Springs**



After enduring record-setting snowfalls this past winter, the roof of Steamboat Hot Springs Healing Center & Spa was in dire need of repair. Leaks from the roof during snow melts and heavy rains drove guests and therapists out of therapy and tub rooms, and even the lobby, on a regular basis through the 2022-2023 Winter and Spring of 2023.

In May, the nonprofit facility began a campaign to raise money to fund the repairs estimated at \$150,000. The fundraising program is ongoing. Now in December, unable to wait any longer before the next winter weather rolls in, the Church stepped in to subsidize the roof repair project until the fund-raising campaign raises enough to cover the cost itself.

Bishop Gene Savoy, Jr. had this to say: "It was imperative that after last year's 100 year Winter that we replace the roof on historic Steamboat Hot Springs, which the Church Community has been very proud to operate and maintain for

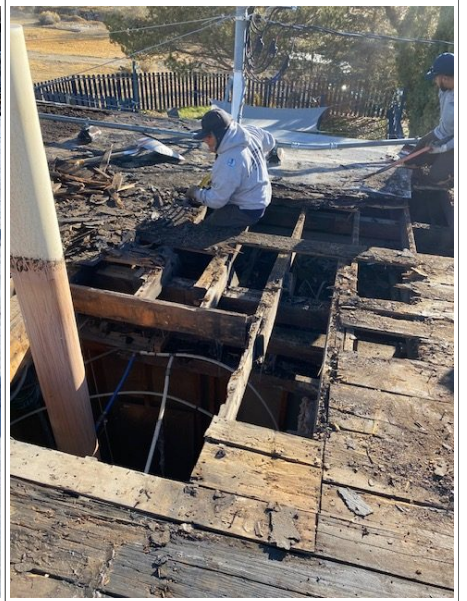
almost 40 years. The Church has loaned the necessary funds to Steamboat, and we are confident that we will recoup this expense in 2024 from donations raised from the public. I want to make very clear that we are not asking any Church members to contribute to this project, as there will be other projects in 2024 that we will be asking for assistance for.”

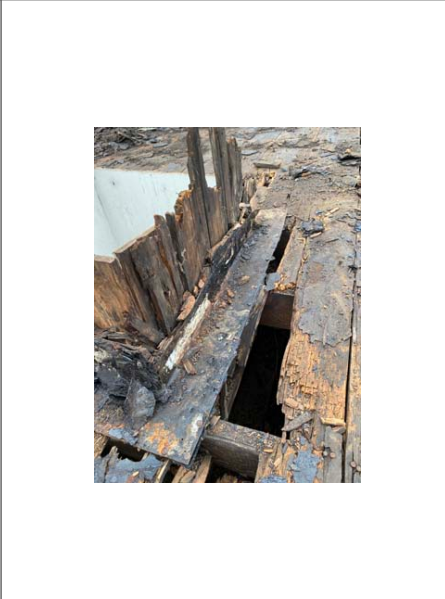
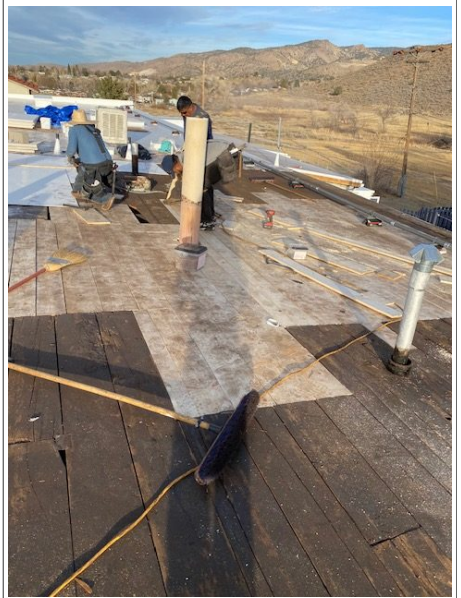


Scott Roofing, LLC of Reno, NV undertook the project. Work began on Monday, November 27th and was completed on Monday, December 22nd, 2023. Two roofs were replaced: the classroom AKA the old carriage house building and the main spa and treatment facility. The main roof is 8000 square feet, and the classroom roof is 2000 square feet. Both roofs are IB Roof Systems (50 mil PVC) and are warrantied for 15 years. The cost

for both roofs ultimately came \$103,000, well under the original estimate.

Here is a gallery of photos by Scott Roofing showing the damage they are repairing.





At least four layers of old roofing had to be removed to get to the original wooden structure, which dates to 1927 when the older bathhouse was rebuilt after a fire destroyed it. In many

places the original wood itself needed to be replaced because it had rotted out, being exposed to steam and hot water over many decades.

Here are some photos showing the work in progress. These photos were taken by Sonya Savoy.



Here is a photo showing the finished main roof.



The International Community of Christ inherited Steamboat in 1986 by gift deed and has been operating it ever since as a health and wellness center. The history of Steamboat Springs, Nevada is told in the book ***A Steamboat in the Desert***, written and compiled by Church member Reverend Roger Bowen Weld in 1998.

[You can read or download the book in PDF format here.](#)

Annual Children's Blessing

and Breakfast, 2023

After the Sunrise Divine Service on the morning of Sunday, January 31, 2023 – the 7th day of Christmas of the Christmas-Epiphany Sunrise Vigil –the Reno Community gathered at the End Times Parsonage for breakfast and the annual Blessing of the Children.

The Children's Service was presided over by the Reverend Noriko Roy with the assistance of Acolyte Sabrina Savoy. In a short address, Reverend Roy reminded the youngsters that they are the hope of The Church.

Reverend Roy extended to them The Community's appreciation for their devotion and faith in The Church and commended them into God's Hands so they may learn and understand further the meaning of charity and truth in the Service of God.

Finally, on behalf of the Head Bishop and the clergy of the Second Advent Church, she invoked God's blessings upon all the children and offered a special prayer for them.

Below is a selection of photos from that event.



Preparing for the Blessing of the Children



Blessing of the Children conducted by Reverend Noriko Roy and assisted by Sabrina Savoy



Blessing of the Children



Blessing of the Children

Click the image below to play a video of the event.



Difficulties Help Us Grow

A silhouette of a person is shown breaking a heavy metal chain. The person is in a dynamic, upward-reaching pose, with one arm extended towards the sky and the other bent. The chain is thick and made of large links, stretching horizontally across the lower part of the image. The background is a vibrant sunset or sunrise sky with soft, glowing clouds in shades of orange, yellow, and blue. A few birds are visible in the upper right corner. The overall mood is one of liberation and hope.

Difficulties
come to
grow you into
something
bigger.

“If we will stand still and calmly consider our past life (the present life, we mean) we will see that certain things have led to certain other things, and that small things have led to great things – that little turning points have resulted in an entire change in our life. We may trace back the most important thing in our life to some trifling incident or occurrence. We are able to look back and see how the painful experiences of the past have strengthened us, and have brought us to a larger and fuller life. We are able to see how that particular thing in the past, which seemed needlessly cruel and uncalled for, was the very thing which has brought us to some great thing in the present.

“All that is needed is the perspective of years. And if we get so that we are able to see this, we will be able to bear with greater degree of philosophy the pains and disagreeable occurrences of the present, knowing that they mean ultimate good. When we cease to think of these things as punishment ...,

or the cruelty of Nature, and begin to see them as the consequences of our own past life, or the result of the Spirit's directing had, we will cease to protest and struggle, and will endeavor to fall in with the working of the great Law." –[William Walker Atkinson](#)

Consider Our Past

Many of us do consider our past, often more than we should, but not in the way that Atkinson is advising us to. We look back at our successes and failures of the past and generally avoid those things that we failed at and only do those we were successful at. Atkinson is advising us to look more closely at the failures and what changed in us following those failures. If we do that, we will often find that difficulties often trigger us to make changes in our lives, hopefully for the better. It is a simple fact of basic psychology that when we are comfortable and things are going well, we don't advance at all. We need some problems to push us forward.

Atkinson adds that when he advises us to consider the part, he means the present life. Why would he not want us to consider past lives? The only reason I can think of is that he doesn't believe in reincarnation. If he did, he certainly didn't think blaming everything on past lives was a good idea. Neither is putting off change for a future life when we don't know we will have one. We need to make the changes necessary in our current life.

Trifling Incident

Unfortunately, while it often is true that some trifling incident in our life may have led to great changes—hopefully for the better—we often don't remember those small incidents. I am reminded of the story told by actor and singer, [James Maslow](#), who was picked on as a child for being chubby. He didn't let that insult limit him, but instead decided to change and became a very handsome and muscular young man. He

did remember the incident that led to that change, but many do not.

We should also remember the story of the hurricane that may have been started by a butterfly flapping its wings. It is not known that this has actually happened, but it is theorized that a butterfly flapping its wings can start a tiny wind current that grows and grows as it crosses the Sahara and goes into the ocean where it becomes a hurricane. So big things can start small.

Cease to Think of Difficulties as Punishment

Atkinson advises us to stop seeing difficulties as punishment for doing wrong, and instead see them as pushing us on to better things. There are two good reasons for taking that advice. First, God does not punish us, so we need to stop blaming God and change things when necessary. Second, the Dark Beings and Forces will bring difficulties to us when we are succeeding in our path to spiritual enlightenment in an effort to get us to turn away. We must realize what is happening and instead double down and continue on harder than before.

**“Super-close supernova
captures record number of
citizen scientists”**

The closest cosmic explosion to Earth in the last 10 years became a record breaker for the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence Institute (SETI).

The supernova, designated [\(SN\) 2023ixf](#), was first spotted on May 19, 2023, by Japanese amateur astronomer Koichi Itagaki. Just an hour after this manifestation, amateur astronomers taking part in SETI and Unistellar's Cosmic Cataclysms program were on the case.

[Click here to read the full article.](#)

“ ‘Ghost stars’ haunt the center of the Milky Way galaxy. Now we know why”



A mysterious alignment of stellar “ghosts” from dead stars haunts the heart of the Milky Way, and scientists may finally know why.

These cosmic specters exist in the form of planetary [nebulas](#), clouds of gas that are expelled by dying stars at the end of their lives. These can resemble butterflies or hourglasses with the smoldering remains of the star at their heart. The sun, when it runs out of fuel for [nuclear fusion](#) at its core and after it has swelled out as a red giant and swallowed the inner planets in around 5 billion years, will leave similar gaseous remains around a [white dwarf star](#).

[Click here to read the full article.](#)

“We now know the big bang theory is (probably) not how the universe began”



Where did all this come from? In every direction we care to observe, we find stars, galaxies, clouds of gas and dust, tenuous plasmas, and radiation spanning the gamut of wavelengths: from radio to infrared to visible light to gamma rays. No matter where or how we look at the universe, it's full of matter and energy absolutely everywhere and at all times. And yet, it's only natural to assume that it all came from somewhere. If you want to know the answer to the biggest question of all – the question of [our cosmic origins](#) – you have to pose the question to the universe itself, and listen to what it tells you.

[Click here to read the full article.](#)

Reverend Jo Ann Hainline
Memorial Service



The Reverend Jo Ann Hainline, born into this world on November

7, 1949, in Davenport, Iowa, passed into the Light on September 17, 2023 in Reno, Nevada.

A Memorial Service was held on Saturday, December 9, 2023 in the Chapel of the Holy Child. The Right Reverend Father Gene Savoy, Jr. delivered the first scriptural reading, the Final Blessing, and the Seal of Blessing.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude Music

Gregorian Chants

Processional

Processional

Scriptural Reading

*Odes of Solomon
Ephesians 5:14
Qumran Community Rule*

*The Right Reverend Father Gene Savoy, Jr.
Music: "Scripturale"*

Scriptural Reading II

*Job 14:7-12
I Corinthians 15:35-55
John 14-27*

*The Reverend Father Robert Petrovich
Music: "Scripturale"*

Eulogy

The Reverend Bruce Kanzelmeyer

Hymn:

"O Euchari"
Attributed to: Hildegard Von Bingin

Closing Prayer

*Odes of Solomon
Testament of Levi
The Book of the Secrets of Enoch*

*The Reverend Father Robert Petrovich
Music: "Closing Prayer"*

Benediction of Committal *The Reverend Father Robert Petrovich*
Psalms 1:1-14
Isaiah 60:19-20
Manual of Discipline

Final Blessing *The Right Reverend Father Gene Savoy, Jr.*
Book of Hymns *Music: "Secret Communion"*

Seal of Blessing *The Right Reverend Father Gene Savoy, Jr.*
 Music: "Secret Communion"

Recessional "The Lark Ascending"
 Von Williams

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Ushers

The Reverend Robert Roy & The Reverend Greg Klinedinst

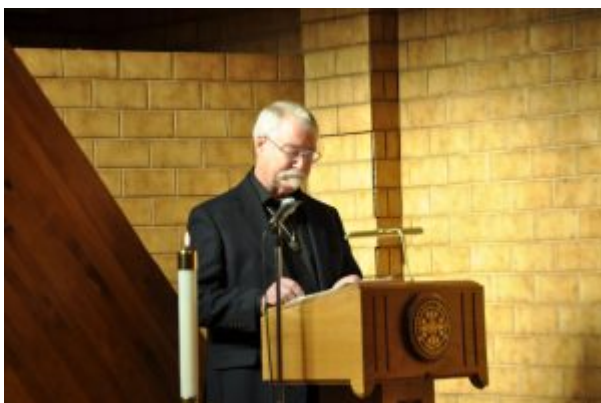
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Church of the Second Advent

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A reception following the service
will be held at Bishopstead, 2025 La Fond Drive, Reno

The Reverend Father Robert Petrovich delivered the second scriptural reading, the Closing Prayer, and the Benediction of Committal.



The Reverend Bruce Kanzelmeyer, husband of Jo Ann, delivered the Eulogy. ([click here to read the eulogy from Bruce](#)).

[Click here to listen to the hymn "O Eucharist" by the 12th-century mystic Abbess Hildegard of Bingen.](#)

Jo Ann's sister, Sandy also eulogised her. ([click here to read the eulogy from Sandy](#)).



Gabriel Kanzelmeyer, the youngest of Jo Ann's children, also delivered a Eulogy. ([click here to read the eulogy from](#)

[Gabriel\).](#)



A reception was held at the Rectory-Abbey following the service.

[Read the obituary published in the Reno Gazette-Journal here.](#)

Services for the Week of December 30, 2023



Saturday, December 30, 2023

10:00 AM COMMUNION

Chapel of The Holy Child

Suspended due to the Christmas-Epiphany Vigil

Sunday, December 31, 2023

SUNRISE DIVINE SERVICE

Church of New Epiphany

Leave: 6:15

Gate: 6:55

Service Starts: 7:07

Sunrise: 7:21

RRF Gene Savoy, Jr.

Concelebrants:

RF Robert Petrovich

Rev. Bruce Kanzelmeyer

Assistant: RM Barbara Whitney

OPEN-AIR COMMUNION

Church of The End Times *Rev. Bruce Kanzelmeyer*

Church of the Christian Churches *Rev Larry Coesens*

Monday, December 25, 2023 to Friday, January 5th

CHRISTMAS VIGIL SUNRISE DIVINE SERVICE

Church of New Epiphany

Leave: 6:15

Gate: 6:55

Service Starts: 7:07

Sunrise: 7:21

RRF Gene Savoy, Jr.

Concelebrants:

RF Robert Petrovich

Rev. Bruce Kanzelmeyer

Assistant: RM Barbara Whitney

Wednesday, January 3, 2023

12:00 NOON COMMUNION

Chapel of The Holy Child,

Rev. Michael McIntyre

Friday, January 5, 2023

9:00 AM PRAYER & FELLOWSHIP

Why even the most advanced Spiritual People Need Ego



“As the spiritual student climbs the path leading to higher worlds, he becomes aware at a particular point that the cohesion of the powers of his own personality is assuming a different form from that which it possesses in the world of the physical senses. In the latter the ego brings about a uniform cooperation of the powers of the soul—primarily of thought, feeling, and will. These three soul powers are actually, under normal conditions of human life, in perpetual

relation to one another. For instance, we see a particular object in the external world, and it is pleasing or displeasing to the soul; that is to say, the perception of the thing will be followed by a sense of either pleasure or displeasure. Possibly we may desire the object, or may have the impulse to alter it in some way or other; that is to say, desire and will associate themselves with perception and feeling. Now this association is due to the fact that the ego coordinates presentment (thinking), feeling, and willing, and in that way introduces order among the forces of the personality. This healthy arrangement would be interrupted should the ego prove itself powerless in this respect. If, for instance, the will went a different way from the feeling or thinking. No person would be in a healthy condition of mind who, while thinking this or that to be right, nevertheless wished to do something that was not right. ...

“Now the person progressing toward higher cognition becomes aware that feeling, thinking, and willing do actually assume a certain independence. ... For this reason, therefore, a person’s own ego must be strengthened, for it must introduce order among those three powers.” –[Rudolf Steiner](#)

Cohesion of the Powers

Mr. Steiner divides the Powers of Personality, as he calls them, into three: thinking, feeling, and will. He says it is normal for these powers to work together, and that is true. It makes sense that in order to have feelings about something, you must first think of it, and in order to do something, you must activate the will based on those thoughts and feelings.

Pleasing or Displeasing

I’m not sure it is true that certain objects are either pleasing or displeasing to the soul. I think it is more the mind that judges things in that way. Yet we know that there are sounds, such as music, and scents such as Frankincense that

send high-level vibrations to us and those vibrations help to stimulate and develop the energy centers, which make the development of the Spirit and Soul possible. So shapes, sounds, and scents affect the Soul mostly in an indirect way.

Ego Coordinates

Steiner says the ego coordinates the powers of thought, feeling, and will so they can function together, and that may well be true. Some modern schools of spiritual development have taken the simplistic approach of claiming that the development of the Soul requires the destruction of the Ego. That is a completely false teaching.

I remember an old episode of the television series "Star Trek" where a technical problem caused Captain Kirk to be split into two. One of him was gentle and loving but incapable of making a decision. The other had Ego and could make decisions, but was afraid of everything. It was only when he was put together again that he could properly function as a Captain. This divided Kirk is described appropriately. Without ego, he couldn't function.

Strengthen Ego

I don't think what Mr. Steiner says about the need to strengthen the Ego is always true. While some people, often those who seek spiritual development, have weak egos that do need to be strengthened, some already have egos that are strong enough, or even too strong. The point is, we need the ego to function in the material world, and to develop ourselves in any way. But when we develop our spiritual Self, we need to put our ego under the control of the Soul so it won't lead us away from the spiritual.