

Services for the Week of May 11, 2013



Saturday, May 11, 2013

10:00 AM COMMUNION

Chapel of The Holy Child

RR Gene Savoy Jr.

Lector: RC Roger Weld

Cantor: Rev. Karen Elliott

Reader: Dr. Tom Lee

Organist: RC Gary Buchanan

Sunday, May 12, 2013

5:39 AM NEW DIVINE SERVICE

Church of New Pentecost

Leave: 4:45

Gate: 5:25

Sunrise: 5:54

RR Gene Savoy, Jr

Concelebrant: RR Sean Savoy

Assistants:

RC Roger Weld

RC Robert Petrovich

RC Rebecca Willis
Organist: RC Gary Buchanan

OPEN-AIR COMMUNION

Church of New Philadelphia

Rev. Amanda

Buchanan

Church of New Qumran

Rev. Dorothy Kubiak

Church of New Bethany

Rev. Mike Tamburello

Wednesday, May 15, 2013

12 N COMMUNION

Chapel of the Holy Child

Rev. Ben Hubbard

Friday, May 17, 2013

9:00 AM PRAYER & FELLOWSHIP

Chapel of the Roses

Rev. Ben Hubbard

Helena	Elizabeth	Savoy
Welcomed	with	Hindu
Ceremonies		



Newborn Helena Elizabeth Patel Savoy prepared for Hindu welcoming ceremonies. PHOTO: Radheka Savoy

The new daughter of Bishop Gene and Radheka Savoy will be raised in the religious traditions of her parents: Second Advent Christianity and Hinduism. In that spirit, Helena underwent simple ceremonies at home on her sixth and eleventh days of life.



Helena beside ceremonial accoutrements. PHOTO:
Radheka Savoy

The sixth-day ceremony, known as *Chhathi* (meaning “sixth” in Sanskrit)*, accepts the child’s karmic destiny, which traditionally is believed to be written just before midnight before the seventh day of life by the Goddess of Destiny, Vidhaata. In this ceremony, the baby’s mother lights a lamp (*diya*), which symbolizes the goddess, and a blank piece of paper and a red pen are laid out on a metal plate or wooden board for the goddess to write on. Holding the child in her arms, Radheka knelt before the lamp and accepted the child’s destiny.



Before any Hindu prayer or ritual

is conducted, items are placed on a plate. The rituals conducted for Helena required the following: sacred vermilion powder for the bindi (or tikka) on the forehead, rice, black sacred thread, lamp (diya) made of cotton and ghee (clarified butter). The ceremony held on the 11th day also required a plain piece of paper and red pen on the plate, which are not seen here. PHOTO: Radheka Savoy

On the eleventh day of Helena's life, another Hindu ceremony was performed. After bathing the child, a *diya*, or lamp, is lit, black threads are tied around the child's wrists and waist, and a red dot, called a *tikka*, is placed on the child's brow with sacred red powder. The black threads are thought to "absorb" any evil influences present and thus ward off such influences. The *tikka*, a common sight among Hindus, is a mark of blessing, not unlike a Christian's touching the forehead with holy water.



Helena Savoy wrapped with sacred black threads after ceremony of the 11th day PHOTO: Radheka Savoy

Other ceremonies will be performed at various times marking the baby's progress through life, according to custom, as well as receiving Second Advent baptism around the age of six months.

*Interestingly, there is also a Hindu celebration called Chhath on the sixth day of a certain month during autumn in honor of the sun god Surya, the only Hindu ceremony honoring the sun.

Services for the Week of May 4, 2013



Saturday, May 4, 2013

10:00 AM COMMUNION

Chapel of The Holy Child

RR Gene Savoy Jr.

Lector: RR Sean Savoy

Cantor: Dea. Stephan Fuelling

Reader: Rev. Vickie Hewlett

Organist: RC Gary Buchanan

Sunday, May 5, 2013

5:47 AM NEW DIVINE SERVICE

Church of New Pentecost

Leave: 4:45

Gate: 5:30

Sunrise: 6:02

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 New Mt. Tabor

Rev. Bruce

Kanzelmeyer

Church of New Mt. Carmel

Jonathan Kanzelmeyer

Church of New Mt. Hebron

Claudia Grady

Wednesday, May 8, 2013

12 N COMMUNION

Chapel of the Holy Child

Rev. Barbara Whitney

Friday, May 10, 2013

9:00 AM PRAYER & FELLOWSHIP

Chapel of the Roses

Rev. Mike Tamburello

**2013 Nevada Prayer Breakfast
Well Attended**



Members of the dais at 2013 Nevada Prayer Breakfast. PHOTO: Stephan Fuelling

Over 300 religious dignitaries and congregation members from Northern Nevada attended the 2013 Nevada Prayer Breakfast on Tuesday April 30, 2013. The one-and-one-half-hour event at the Paradise Room of the Atlantis Casino Resort featured a brief statement by Nevada First Lady Kathleen Sandoval and a stirring narrative keynote address delivered by state treasurer Kate Marshall.

"A Future Together"



The
Nevada Clergy Association
presents the

**NEVADA
PRAYER BREAKFAST**

Welcome by Nevada's First Lady
Kathleen Sandoval

Keynote Address by State Treasurer
Kate Marshall

Tuesday, April 30, 2013 - 7:00 AM
Atlantis Casino, Resort & Spa
Reno, Nevada

[Download the 2013 Nevada Prayer Breakfast Program here.](#)

Vision Award presentations were heartfelt and touching. Honored this year were Dr. Clair Earl (posthumus) and Rabbi Myra Soifer. ([See the printed program for details on the honorees.](#)) Each of the award presentations was followed by a musical presentation related to the theme of the award presented.



[Download the 2013 Vision Award for Dr. Clair Earl.](#)



[Download the 2013 Vision Award for Rabbi Myra Soifer.](#)

The expressions of faith that closed the program were extensive and varied. Sikh, Buddhist, Muslim, and Christian priests and pastors spoke from their hearts and their traditions to all gathered at the event.

On the dais from the International Community of Christ were Bishop Gene Savoy Jr., Nevada Clergy Association president, and Bishop Sean Savoy, Chair of the Nevada Prayer Breakfast Committee. Sponsor tables at the event on behalf of The Community seated Sylvia Ontaneda-Bernales, Gary Buchanan, Sean Cary, Jim and Karen Elliott, Ted Staver, Harold Boulette, Barbara Whitney, Elizabeth Reece, Stephan Fuelling, Claudia Grady, Wendy Hill, Michael McIntyre, Rebecca Willis, and Francine and Robert Petrovich.

< [Read the Reno Gazette-Journal online article announcing the 2013 Nevada Prayer Breakfast.](#) >

Reno Faith Forum Presents Bishop Savoy's Words



Gene Savoy Jr.
PHOTO: Rebecca
Willis

The "Faith Forum" in the Reno Gazette-Journal has been inviting local Reno clergy to present their views on controversial topics for the past two years. Views of major religious denominations as well as secular academics have been posted weekly in this Saturday column since 2011. For the first time in these two years, Bishop Gene Savoy Jr. was invited to present his view alongside those of local Eastern Orthodox, Bahai, Evangelical Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Roman Catholic, Buddhist, LDS, and religious scholars.

This is the question posed in the Faith Forum for April 21, 2013:

American philosopher Dr. Daniel Clement Dennett III stated, according to the BBC website, that "religion is a bad virus ... a lot of people are really afflicted by their religion and I would love to see them cured ... it is a drug that you take and ingest by the eyes and ears." What do you think?

Here is the posting of Bishop Gene Savoy Jr.'s response:

RELIGION MUST BE PROGRESSIVE

Gene Savoy Jr., International Community of Christ Bishop, guest panelist

The nature of religion is the key to this question. Religions are founded as dynamic and charismatic movements by inspired and holy figures ordained of God who have been chosen to receive new prophetic or revelatory information that offers fresh perspectives and insights into man's spiritual quest to know the divine. Such was the case with Abraham when he established a new Covenant in Canaan, with Gautama Buddha when he adopted the Middle Way, and with Jesus the Christ.

If the original teachings of religious movements are lost, watered down or become dogmatic, then religion suffers stagnation. In these cases, religion might hamper rational thought as it no longer serves the spiritual needs of an ever-evolving human species. Then, religion becomes stuck in the past. If, on the other hand, religion remains vibrant, evolutionary and progressive, then, to the contrary, religion serves to elevate the thought of man and woman.

[Read the entire Faith Forum article for April 21, 2013 online at rgj.com.](#)

Services for the Week of April 27, 2013



**Saturday, April 27, 2013
10:00 AM COMMUNION**

Chapel of The Holy Child

RR Gene Savoy Jr.

Lector: RC Rebecca Willis

Cantor: Rev. Harold Boulette

Reader: Rev. Bruce Kanzelmeyer

Organist: RC Gary Buchanan

Sunday, April 28, 2013

5:56 AM NEW DIVINE SERVICE

Church of New Pentecost

Leave: 5:00

Gate: 5:41

Sunrise: 6:11

RR Gene Savoy, Jr

Concelebrant: RR Sean Savoy

Assistants:

RC Roger Weld

RC Robert Petrovich

RC Rebecca Willis

Organist: RC Gary Buchanan

OPEN-AIR COMMUNION

Church of New Smyrna

Rev. Ted Staver

Church of New Philadelphia

Rev. Michael

McIntyre

Church of New Ephesus

Rev. Gary Huss Sr.

Wednesday, May 1, 2013

12 N COMMUNION

Chapel of the Holy Child

RC Rebecca Willis

Friday, May 3, 2013

9:00 AM PRAYER & FELLOWSHIP

Chapel of the Roses

Rev. Ted Staver

Sanctuary Acquires Fire Truck



1971 American La France fire truck
acquired for Red Rock Consecrated
Sanctuary

The Church has just purchased a fire truck for the Red Rock Sanctuary from Eastern Plumas Rural Fire Protection District to enhance our fire-fighting capabilities at the Sanctuary. The truck was discovered online by Sanctuary resident the Reverend Ted Staver, who also made arrangements to receive and purchase the vehicle.

“The truck had been advertised online on “Craig’s List” for \$4,000. We were offered the truck at a price of \$2,500. It is my understanding that we got that price because the Church is a nonprofit organization and because the fire chief from that district was familiar with the help we have given area firefighters in the past with the water at our Sanctuary,” said Staver.

“The truck is in great shape because it had belonged to and was used by a working fire department. The truck is a 1971

American La France with 52,000 miles on it. It has a 750-foot hose that can pump 300 pounds of pressure. This is quite impressive.”

“I’ve been looking for a water truck for about a year and a half,” said Staver, “but I never expected to find a fire truck. They normally go for about \$14,000.

“This truck will replace the old water truck that we [have] had for so many years. That water truck needed a lot of work. It just wasn’t safe to drive. I’m hoping that we can adapt a hitch on the back of the new fire truck so that we would be able to use it to haul the bobcat out to the Northland. This new truck also has a 110-volt power supply so that we can plug in power tools if needed on work crews. We can also use its 500-gallon tank to carry water to the North Sanctuary for building projects.

“There are a few leaks that need to be repaired but nothing major. It holds 500 gallons of water, which is about 20 minutes of fire fighting time. So if there is a fire, God forbid, it buys us a little time to maybe get a jump on things before the real firefighters arrive.

“It will definitely help protect the buildings and the pumping system that we worked so hard to install over the last 5 years. We could, I suppose, use it also for dust control when things get really bad. It’s just a smart investment overall when you are trying to maintain 1200 acres of property.

“I should add that if there was a fire, there are always hot spots left over that need to be soaked down so that another fire doesn’t start up. That was the reason for the older water truck. It wasn’t so much for firefighting but for cleanup afterwards.”

Until two years ago, the Church owned a number of pieces of heavy equipment, including an old water truck, that the Church had purchased in the 1980s. Despite Staver’s diligent care for

all this equipment, the equipment finally lost its usefulness and was sold for scrap metal last summer.

“We have been holding our breath until the right firefighting equipment came along to help us protect our Sanctuary,” said Staver. “We didn’t believe that we should wait any longer, and the fire truck was such an amazing deal that we could not turn it down.”

The Church will be asking for individual donations to help finance this purchase. The Church Charisticary has had to borrow from another account in order to make the unexpected purchase and wishes to return the money to that account as soon as possible. “Church members can expect a phone call from me over the next few days regarding help with this purchase,” said Barbara Whitney. “Please be as generous as you can. Your help is always appreciated.”



New fire truck delivered to South Sanctuary. PHOTO: Elizabeth Reece

Helena Elizabeth Patel Savoy Birth Announced



Helena Elizabeth Patel Savoy.
PHOTO: Gene Savoy Jr.

Bishop Gene Savoy Jr. and Radheka Patel Savoy proudly announce the birth of their daughter Helena Elizabeth Patel Savoy, born at Renown Medical Regional Center on April 12, 2013, at 5:08 PM PDT, weighing 5 lbs. 15 oz., height 18 3/4 inches.

In his address to the resident Congregation in the Chapel of the Holy Child on Saturday, April 13, Bishop Savoy said, "We are pleased to announce the birth of our daughter, Helena Elizabeth. She will be raised as a Hindu, a Second Advent Christian, and most importantly, as a Cosolargist." See other posts on the Hindu rites of the blessing of the child.

An Invitation to the 2013

Nevada Prayer Breakfast April 30th



The Nevada Clergy Association requests your presence at the Nevada Prayer Breakfast, "A Future Together," Tuesday April 30, 2013, from 7:00 to 9:00 a.m. at the Paradise Ballroom of the Atlantis Casino Resort Spa in Reno, Nevada.

At the event, the Nevada Clergy Association will present the [Vision Award \(posthumously\) to Dr. Clair F. Earl](#), former president of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Reno Stake, and to [Rabbi Emerita Myra Soifer of Temple Sinai, Reno](#).

Help the Nevada Clergy Association President Gene Savoy Jr. and the Nevada Prayer Breakfast Committee Chairman Sean Savoy promote this year's Prayer Breakfast.

Download for distribution:

< [2013 Nevada Prayer Breakfast invitation](#) >

< [2013 Nevada Prayer Breakfast outline](#) >

< [2013 Nevada Prayer Breakfast Press Release](#) >

< [For more details, read "Nevada Prayer Breakfast April 30" at Cosolargy.net](#). >

Services for the Week of April 20, 2013



Saturday, April 20, 2013

10:00 AM COMMUNION

Chapel of The Holy Child

RR Gene Savoy Jr.

Lector: RM Carol Ann Crabb

Cantor: Rev. Gary Huss Sr.

Reader: Rev. Dea. Robert Anderson

Organist: RC Gary Buchanan

Sunday, April 21, 2013

6:05 AM NEW DIVINE SERVICE

Church of New Pentecost

Leave: 5:00

Gate: 5:50

Sunrise: 6:20

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 New Philadelphia

Rev. Vickie

Hewlett

Church of New Qumran

RC Roger Weld

Church of New Bethany

Rev. Karen Elliott

Wednesday, April 24, 2013

12 N COMMUNION

Chapel of the Holy Child

RC Robert Petrovich

Friday, April 26, 2013

9:00 AM PRAYER & FELLOWSHIP

Chapel of the Roses

RC Robert Petrovich