

2026 Second Advent Day Vigil Observed



The Church of New Epiphany, where the services were held



A sunrise during the vigil

The annual Remembrance of The Child Service was held on Friday, January 30th at 6:00 PM in the Chapel of the Holy Child. The service commemorates the passing of The Holy Child, Jamil at midnight (January 29th/30th) in 1962. This service officially begins the Second Advent Sunrise Vigil which, this year, marks the 64th year of the birth of the Sun of Righteousness and God's Second Advent. Sunrise Divine Service was held each morning at the Church of New Epiphany at the Red Rock Consecrated Sanctuary. We had unusually good weather during the entire vigil which culminates on February 6th.

The Advent Day or New Year Vigil was first celebrated liturgically by The Church in 1982. The events of the original Vigil are recorded in "Prophecy on the Revelation and the Opening of the Seals," chapter 90 of the Prophecy of the New

Covenant. During each of the ten days of the original Vigil in 1982, Bishop Savoy received and recorded spiritual information on the building of the Second Advent Church. The significance of this original Vigil to The Church is suggested by a synopsis of the information impressed upon the spirit of Bishop Savoy in those days.

On the first day of the Vigil he recorded the impressions that would be included in The Canon of The Church.

On the second day he recorded the prophecies of Renewal and Transformation and the days and seasons to form part of the Sacred Calendar of The Church.

On the third day Bishop Savoy recorded words concerning The Liturgy of The Second Advent Church.

On February 2, Advent Day, he wrote down the prophecies of things to take place on earth before the final Advent of God, who would make his full Appearance in the Heavens following the Judgment in the End Times of the earth.

On the fifth day of the Vigil Bishop Savoy recorded the means to be applied within the Church to increase God's Blessings upon it.

On the sixth day, he wrote down all the prophecies pertaining to the matter of the Anti-Christ.

On the seventh day he recorded the means by which the Second Advent Church was to assist God in redeeming the races of the earth.

On the eighth day, Bishop Savoy wrote down impressions to be included in the Litany of The Church in establishing peace on earth.

On the ninth day he received impressions on the means to be used to protect the Church from profanation from within.

On the tenth and final day of the Vigil, Bishop Savoy was told that he would receive the Revelation to the Seven Churches upon the Seven Mountains of Metal of The Sanctuary on the day of Second Advent Easter, April 18.

The Most Right Reverend Gene Savoy, First Disciple of The Child, witnessed the original manifestation of the Sun of Righteousness on February 2, 1962, in Yungay, Peru. The events surrounding the Birth of The Sun of Righteousness on this date in 1982 are described in the Second Advent scriptural text *Jamil: Child of Light*. Chapter 27 of this text speaks of the New Sun's Birth:

All spent the day and night in prayer, fasting and mindful of the events predicted by the Angel. And when the second day of February dawned, the sun shone brightly in the heavens. And they did return to the tomb, and there awaited the promised event. And at noon, when the tomb cast no shadow, behold! a great halo formed around the sun. They stood breathlessly looking in wonder and awe. Then a circle of rainbow colors, like crystal spheres, blue at the center and red at the outer edges, encircled the sun. In the heart of the radiant globe a white Cross appeared. And they feared the Last Day was upon them. And they trembled, forgetting the promise of the Angelic Host, and the message of The Child. For an hour the heavenly blaze burned in the firmament. And The Man looked upon the sun, and the image of Jamil appeared across the sun, radiant beyond words, his countenance bright and his hair white as snow. And The Child was holding the Sun in his arms, over his heart. And The Man saw a gate to another world. Again he saw the four Guardian Angels around The Child, and on the right hand side of The Child he saw the image of Jesus and the Apostles witnessing his appearance. And he heard the voice of Jamil as music, speaking to the Light of his Eternal Soul, saying: "I am resurrected." And the disciple knew that The Child was redeemed from the earth. . . .

And the risen Child said: "The incarnation of God the Father

is come to the world through the Sun of Righteousness, healing and sustaining the human family; and restoring the Life of Righteousness. As the seed of man enters the womb of woman and life cometh forth, so shall a heavenly Seed enter the spirits of men and women, and a new birth shall occur. And the life thereof shall be of God. And death shall not claim this new Body of Light and the Spiritual Consciousness therein. And the Christ transmitted in the Sun of Righteousness, and indirectly on all living things, down to the smallest atom and particle, shall incarnate within the soul of mankind. And every man and every woman shall know that they are one with the Godhead, divine and immortal.

Later in chapter 27, the text refers to the coming of The Comforter that took place on February 6, eight days after the passing of The Child:

And on the fourth day of February, the sun and six planets conjoined in Aquarius. And The Man saw great signs in the heavens. And the Anti-Christ was manifesting. Whereupon, his body and mind and soul suffered turmoil. And the struggle continued through the sixth day, it being the eighth day following the passing of The Child Christ. But The Man prayed to God, looking upon the New Sun and asking the Light to assist him. The Child Christ heard him and sent an Angel to comfort him in his dreams. And the Darkness lost its power over him.

Thereafter, The Man began the Great Work east of the Andes.

2026 Epiphany Eve Celebrated



On the evening of January 5th, Epiphany Eve in the Second Advent Calendar and the Twelfth Day of Christmas, resident members of The Community, their families, and guests were invited to the

Rectory-Abbey

by Bishop Gene Savoy, Jr. to celebrate the holiday with a dinner reception and a visit from Santa Claus. The event was well attended by members of The Community and guests.

The next morning, Epiphany Day, Sunrise Divine Service was held at the open-air Church of New Epiphany, followed by breakfast at the End Times Parsonage.



Buffet Table



Dessert Table



Forty-fourth Annual Epiphany Eve Celebration

January 5, 2026

Program of Events

- 6:30 - Welcome 6:35 - Candle Lighting and Remembrance
6:55 - Grace Before Meals: "Grant Life Unto Me"
7:00 - Dinner
8:30 - A Visit from Santa Claus 9:00 - Exchange of Gifts

Menu

Appetizers & Salads

Cheese Board with Bread & Fruits, Nuts & Jam
Winter Green Cabbage Salad
with Pistachio-Lemon Vinaigrette Dressing
Hot Smoked Norwegian Atlantic Salmon
Roasted Beets with Pistachios & Goat Cheese

Main Dishes & Sides

Turkey Breast with Creamy Mushroom Sauce
Shepherd's Pie with New Zealand Ground Lamb
Mini Crustless Quiche – Broccoli & Cheddar (for vegetarians)

An Assortment of Desserts

Beverages

White, Rose & Red Wine / Beer
Prosecco & Pomegranate Juice
Sparkling Apple Cider / Pellegrino
Coffee & Tea

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The Evening's Program and Menu



Screenshot

Santa Arrives

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Annual Children's Blessing and Breakfast, 2025

After the Sunrise Divine Service on the morning of Sunday, December 28, 2025 – the 4th 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 Sophia Savoy. In a short address, Reverend Roy reminded the youngsters that they are the hope of The Community.

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.

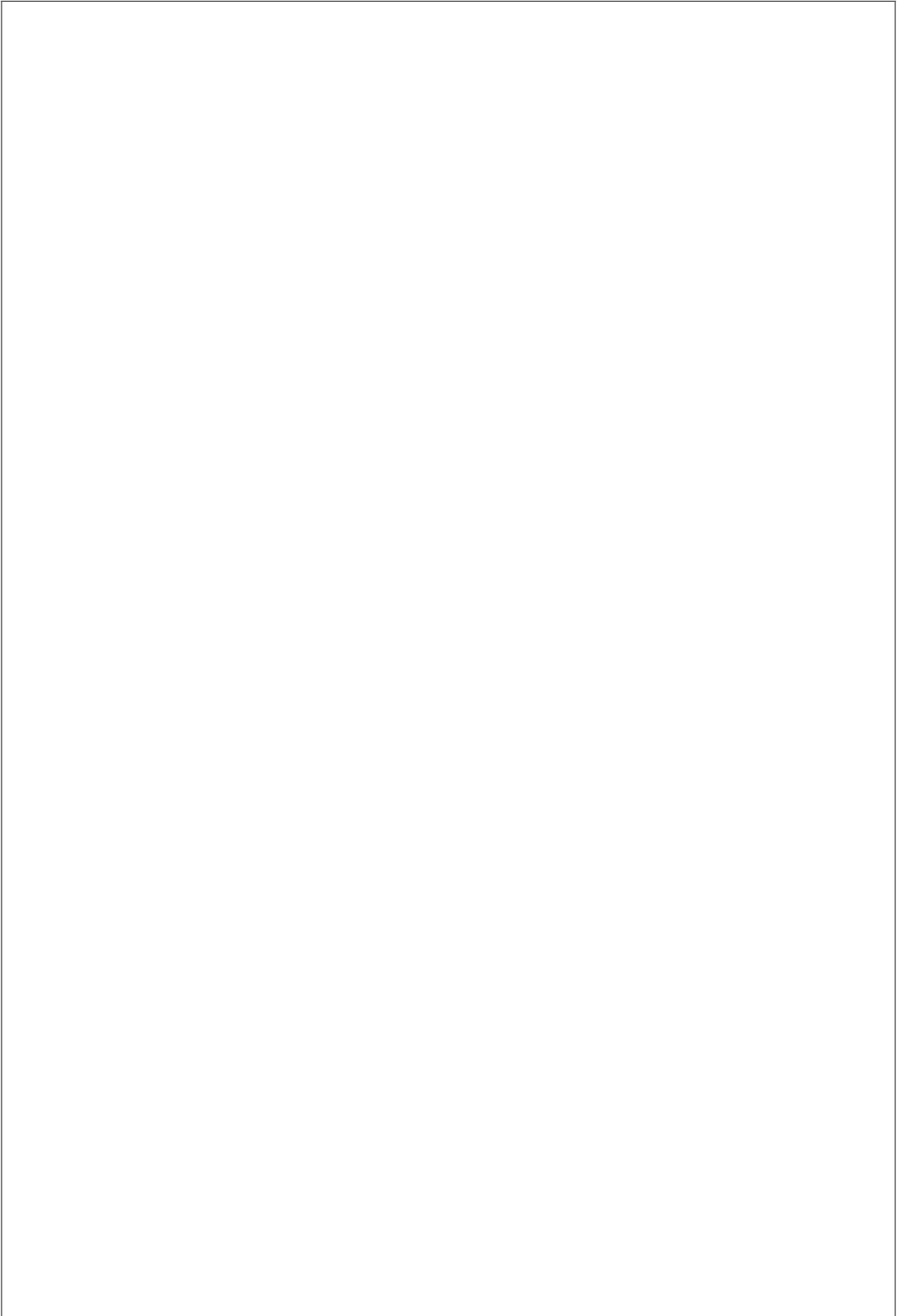
Below is a selection of photos from that event.



Rev. Noriko Roy performing the Blessing of the Children



Rev. Noriko Roy and the Children following the Blessing.



New Sanctuary Gate

By The Reverend Father Ted Staver

In August of 2024, the Church was approached by the Truckee Meadows Water Authority (TMWA) to expand an existing access easement through a small portion of the Sanctuary. The purpose of the easement is for TMWA to access their 2 million gallon water storage tank which sits on the other side of Church property near the main Sanctuary entrance off Matterhorn Boulevard.



TMWA's 2 million gallon water storage tank

TMWA has had access to their water tank since July 2007 when they entered into an agreement with the Church. As it turns out, the road to access their tank is not big enough to allow their large tanker trucks to get to the tank to perform their water distribution task.

After one year of discussing the possibilities of allowing them to expand the road to accommodate their access, the Church agreed to work with them in such a way that both parties would benefit. The Church agreed to lease approximately half an acre of the Sanctuary for the expansion of the access road.

Because the existing gate would have to be moved approximately 50 feet, it was decided to replace the old gate (which was constructed in the early 1980s) with the gate that used to grace New Mount Zion in southwest Reno. TMWA agreed to pay the cost of removing the old gate and replacing it with the Zion gate and fencing. TMWA also paid the Church a fee for the expanded easement and will pave the entrance when they put in

their new road.

An agreement between TMWA and the Church was finalized in August 2025 – one year after they originally approached us – and construction of the new gate and fence was completed in November.

We have posted a gallery of photos with before and after images of the process. As you can see from the photos, the new Sanctuary gate is quite impressive and gives the Sanctuary entrance an entirely different character. I should mention that the new gate is automated with solar-powered motors, security cameras, and the latest technologies and phone apps. The Ministers that reside at the Sanctuary appreciate the upgrade, as does the Congregation.

All this was made possible by Bishop Gene Savoy, Jr. It was his negotiating skills that made this happen. Thank you for your support!

Photo Gallery



The Sanctuary entrance before construction began



The New Mount Zion gate on the upper level of the sanctuary



Work begins with the removal of the Zion gate.



After about 5 hours of work, the Zion gate has been removed.



The massive gate posts have now been relocated and are being concreted in place.



All four gate posts have been set and are waiting to have the gates placed on them.

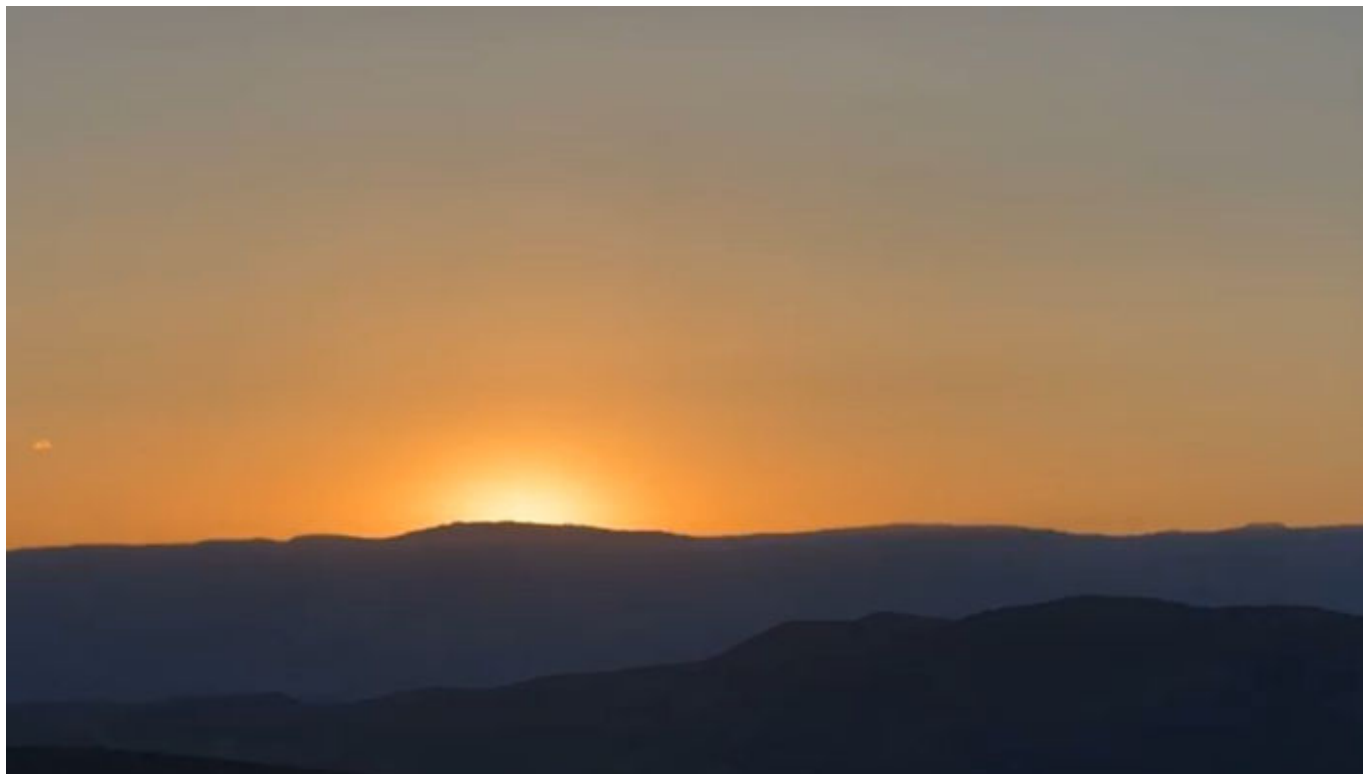


After the gates were set and adjusted and the minor details fixed, it was time to automate the gate.



At last, we come to the final phase where we gave our beautiful gate a fresh coat of paint.

**April, 2025: Second Advent
and Traditional Easter
Observed**



Easter 2025 was unusual in that Second Advent Easter and Traditional Easter were close together. Second Advent Easter was on the 18th of April, and Traditional Easter was on the 20th. We had a Divine Sunrise Service on both days, followed by breakfast at the End Times Parsonage. An Easter Egg Hunt was held for the children after breakfast.

Second Advent Easter (April 18)

On Friday April 18, 2025, a concelebrated Sunrise Divine Service was performed at the Cathedral Church of the Americas. A light breakfast was served at the End Times Parsonage following the service.

April 18 is celebrated as True Easter in the Second Advent Church in a twofold manner: first, we commemorate the spiritual resurrection of Jesus on this date in keeping with the solar calendar, which, unlike the lunar calendar used by First Dispensation churches, is fixed; second, we remember the Revelations received in Sanctuary on this date in 1982, an event that served to confirm the importance of this date in the Sacred Calendar of the Church. Revelations received on this date are recorded in The Book of God's Revelation.

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On April 18, 1982, The Church received a revelation confirming the Second Appearance of God when the Angel of the Lord in the form of Jesus manifested in visible form at the Sanctuary of Revelation and entrusted The Church with the keys to open the Seals of the Book of Revelation. The date of Second Advent Easter was established as part of the Sacred Calendar following the series of Revelations that The Man received on that day as he climbed the Seven Mountains of Metal.

It is recorded in The Book of God's Revelation that, while on the fifth mountain, the Mountain of Bronze, The Man was exhorted to instruct the Righteous and the Ordained Ministers in the Sacred Calendar of God's Word, to let them be knowledgeable in the Days of His Appearances and Blessings, and to let them gather together at the prescribed times so their spirits might be anointed by God's Comfort and strengthened by His Consolation. Thus Second Advent Easter has a unique and sacred significance to members of the Second Advent Church.

On that day in 1982, while The Man stood on the summit of the Mountain of Iron in the Sanctuary of Revelation, an Angel of the Lord appeared to The Man out of the midst of the Four Luminaries, identified Himself as Jesus and spoke:

All prophecies having been fulfilled, Judgement is now upon the world of the living. The Heavens declare the glory of God in His Final Appearance. He has established His Tabernacle in The Sun whose rays enlighten the Soul of the Righteous, putting them on The Way of holiness.

The blind are made to see His Image. The deaf are made to hear His Word. The dead are made to rise at His Coming. Every Spirit is judged before The Creator. Freedom to err is abolished. The wicked find no sanctuary in Darkness, for it is lit and evil is exposed.

As foretold by The Father in Heaven who revealed understanding of future events to His prophets in visions, the fruit of the vine is abundant. All may drink anew the dew for a blessing as drops from the honeycomb. God pours out His Holy Spirit as from a fountain flowing from a rock over desolate wastes. By the perfection of His Light, God breathes His Word a final time. His utterings bring forth a New Creation. He reveals the Image of His Countenance.

God has opened the gates of the Heavenly Temple. The altar is of Light fashioned by the luster of His Presence on the Throne of His Glory. The tabernacle is lit by the sun, and the Bread of Life is placed thereupon. The Heavens are rolled up like a scroll inscribed with His Statutes and Judgements. His Law is written on the Tablets of Light borne by the Ark of His New Covenant as a rainbow.

I ministered to Israel, to a generation unworthy of redemption, and I was scourged by faithless men. I, a man of sorrows who bore the grief of the people turned to their own ways, did intercede for the transgressors, sacrificing myself not to God but to my people out of my love for them. But Israel understood not my preordained presence, which was my destiny from birth as God's Appointed One. . . .

Moses and the prophets of the remnant of True Israel spoke of my coming to redeem the people. With the rejection of me, the Light went out from the land. But the precious remnant, shortlived, awaited the Advent of God and the brightness of His Second Coming.

The Day of The Lord is near. He appears out of the Darkness to enlighten the whole Creation with His Image and to judge it with His Word. It is meet that He manifest His Image before His full coming and prepare the Creation with His Word. For I declare unto you that when He comes to restore the creation and reveals Himself, nothing shall live save His Light and those Souls reborn of that Light. . . .

Further Revelations received by The Man on April 18, 1986, are recorded with commentary in The Book of God's Revelation.

In the Second Advent Church, Easter is a fixed date in the Sacred Calendar. The Church celebrates true Easter each year on April 18. On this day The Church honors both the day of Jesus' Resurrection and the day of Jesus' Revelations and Appearance at the Sanctuary.

It is known that the Eastern Church had celebrated Easter every year on April 16, the 14th day of the Hebrew month of Nisan, also known as Passover. The day of the crucifixion, a Friday, and the 14th day of Nisan, was recognized as the beginning of the 15th of Nisan. Jesus was resurrected on the following day, Sunday the 16th.

The Church, holding to the solar calendar of the Essaei, maintains that the date of Easter cannot be movable in present-day time reckoning, as it is under the lunar calendar (determined as the first Sunday after the first full moon of Spring). The fixed Sacred Calendar of the Second Advent ministry recognizes that an annual alignment of the earth and sun, planets, stars, and the cosmos in general, makes this day cosmically important.

Because the manifestation in Sanctuary took place on April 18, 1982, The Church considers this day to be the day in alignment with the original date of the Resurrection. For these reasons The Church keeps this day sacred.

The Gospel message records Jesus as saying, "For the son of man shall come in the glory of the Father with His Angels; and then He shall regard every person according to his works." It was written by prophets of former times that God would send His messenger to prepare the way of God's Second Coming, as promised to Adam and Eve, and come as a fire to refine the world. The Old Testament presents the prophecy of Malachi: "For behold the day cometh that shall burn as an oven and all

that do wickedly shall be stubble, but unto you that love me, shall the Sun of Righteousness appear with healing in its rays, and ye that do righteously shall grow up as a new people of God. And I shall spare them as a man spareth his own son that serveth him.”

With God’s manifestation in the Sun of Righteousness on February 2, 1962, and the Appearance of Jesus on April 18, 1982, the Second Advent of God and the manifestation of Jesus and the Angelic Host have transpired and are presently at work for the salvation of the righteous.

Traditional Easter Message by The Right Reverend Father Gene Savoy, Jr.

On April 20th, hundreds of millions of Christians around the world – Catholic, Protestant and others – observed the most important time in the Christian calendar and one of its oldest beliefs: the pain, sorrow and suffering of Jesus Christ, as well as his physical resurrection. Next month, millions of Orthodox Christians will do the same.

We of this Community, however, observe Easter each year on a fixed date – April 18th – according to the solar, not the lunar, calendar. And, we do so in an entirely different way and with an entirely unique message. Most importantly, we do not recognize or teach the resurrection of the physical body, only the resurrection of the reborn spiritual Light Body.

And although the Pauline churches erroneously connect Easter to the Jewish Passover, we know that the Last Supper was indeed a sacred Essene pannuches meal centered around the 50-day pentacontad cycle during which Jesus declared himself to be the Messiah of Aaron and Israel. (Details of this event can be found in The Essaei Document, as well as in other material of our Community.)

Needless to say, this important distinction alone separates us

from the rest of Christianity, in addition to the fact that the Essenes, of which Jesus was a part, functioned under distinct traditions, rites and rituals from their counterparts at the Temple in Jerusalem who had misinterpreted the Law of Moses to include the practice of daily sacrifice of animals and the shedding of blood as an atonement for the sins of the people.

However, I digress. Because most of the Western traditions, cultures and languages connect Easter to the Passover, the word used for this time of the year is common, except in English. For example, in Greek, the Paschal feast is called Pascha; in Hebrew, it is Pasach; in Spanish, Pascua, and so on. But in English we have the word Easter, which comes from the Old English Eostre.

We can trace Eostre to a goddess – an important goddess – called Hausos. The goddess comes from the proto-Indo European religion. And she was known as the Goddess of the Dawn. Her name was reconstructed as Ausos. In India, she is referred to as Usas; in Greek Eos; and in Latin Aurora.

The name was derived from the root “To Shine,” thus, translating to “The Shining One.” The English word “East” is derived from this word, also the Latin “Aurum” meaning gold. The dawn goddess was also the Goddess of Spring. In the Anglo-Saxon world, and also in the Germanic world, this time – this Easter or Eostre – was called Eosturmonath, or Easter Month, which was celebrated for the entire month of April. This Goddess of Spring was involved in the mythology of the Indo-European new year where the Dawn Goddess was liberated by God from imprisonment. She is known in the Rigveda as Indra and in ancient Greek mythology as Dionysus. So we see that it has always been a very important time of the year.

So how do we in the Second Advent/Cosolargy Community reconcile ourselves with this ancient observance? How do we – who do not accept the physical resurrection of the body –

harmonize ourselves with this “holy week” which emphasizes the agony, misery and torment of the man, Jesus? How do we – who do not teach that he was the sacrificial Passover lamb, an offering acceptable to God whose blood is shed daily on the altars of churches around the world everywhere and that the shedding of his blood, however ritualistically, is an atonement for the sins of the world? How do we come to terms with those many, many millions of people who do? And, how do we – who reject that Christ’s crucifixion was “good” or that it was the Will of God, holding instead that it was the murder of a Son of Light by the civil and religious authorities of the day – how do we bring that in to accord with our own teaching and theology?

We do so by emphasizing what we know to be Christ’s true message: First, that we are all endowed by the Creator of our spiritual Beings with an eternal and immortal Soul, if we but cause that Divine Generative Force – Christ or The Word – to penetrate into that spiritual Womb. Second, that once we consent to the Word of God – the Logos – being allowed to impregnate our Spirit, that Spirit becomes animated by the Thought and Will of God the Father and becomes a living, breathing, conscious Soul, able to reason on heavenly things. Third, that once imbued with Christ Consciousness, the Soul, released from the cycle of generated existence, recalls and remembers its history and origin and consciously participates in the Worlds of Light, continually partaking of a Divine Communion.

This was the message of Christ Jesus. And this is what was symbolized by the Last Supper – the act of the reborn, conscious Soul partaking of the True Communion, feeding off the Word of God – the Bread from Heaven – and drinking from the Cup filled with God’s Living Waters – which is Divine Light. And this is also the message of the Messianic Church of the Second Advent. The beauty of it all is that it can be done in the here and now – that our spiritual immortality and

divinity can be realized while we exist and live in this world. And if that is accomplished, one has received the gift of the resurrection – not as something abstract to wonder about after death, but something one can experience and participate in while one lives in this world.

We know that Jesus – the Christ – not only received the Word of God, but that the Logos incarnated within his Spirit. He became the Living Word of God manifest in man. Yes, he was the Messiah of Aaron and of Israel, but he, like so many others of his Christ Brothers, received the mantle of the Office of Christ on Earth. But we also know that Jesus prophesied a future time – a time when Christ, the celestial and mediating force between God and Man, would appear not in human form but out of the heavens in great power and glory. And this prophecy echoed the older prophecies of Isaiah and Malachi.

1 See the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. 2 But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its rays. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. 3 And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the Lord of hosts. [Malachi 4]

Malachi is prophesying about the End of Times, when God would come again at the Second Advent, when the Sun of Righteousness would appear out of the heavens in great splendor and with a Light which had never been bestowed on Earth before. And this Light would feed and nurture the Spirit at the great and final Messianic Banquet served from the true Temple of God. Thus, the message of Jesus is clear. The need for men and women to partake of the supersubstantial Food that nourishes the Soul is found in the transubstantiated Sun – the sun of matter which is transfigured into Spirit.

Therefore, in commemorating the traditional Easter Season, we do so in anticipation of True Easter, which we celebrate in the Second Advent Church on April 18th each year, according to the solar calendar. We participate in the glorious communion of the Angels of Light, joining with Jesus and the Essaei and all those of other religions who have been reborn into the Community of Light, which is the Resurrection of the Spirit that comes about only through participation in the glorious and Messianic Communion with the Celestial Christ.

The Easter Season is a time of spiritual renewal, reflection and rebirth. Communion with God begins here on Earth, for God's Plan for the renewal and restoration of the Creation cannot be fulfilled without the unified Community and those disciplined who teach, preserve and live the revealed and sacred Teachings of Light – a teaching which has been practiced and handed down throughout the centuries and restored in our modern times for a special and appointed few. Those who are the Servants of God and Light will receive the Gift of God, which is a blessing He bestows on those who assist Him in His Divine Plan. God reveals Himself to those in Light, and those who are resurrected to Light by means of Light during this life will dwell with Him forever.

Let me close this message with these beautiful lines from the Gnostic Gospel of Phillip. I love these words because I believe they describe the resurrection so well and embody the spiritual message not only of this time of year but of what this Community teaches.

“We are born through the Holy Spirit, but we are born again through the Christ. In both we are anointed through the Spirit...No one can see himself in water or in a mirror without light. Nor again will you be able to see in light without water or a mirror. On account of this, it is fitting to baptize in both light and the water. But the light is the Anointing.

“There were three buildings for offering-places in Jerusalem. One was open to the west; they called it “the holy.” Another was open to the south; they called it “the holy of the holy.” The third was open to the east; they called it “the holy of the holies.” It was the place into which the high priest came alone. The Baptism is the holy house...the holy of the holy. The holy of the holies is the bridal chamber.

“Those who say they will die first and rise again are in error. If they do not first receive the resurrection while they live, when they die they will receive nothing. So also they speak about Baptism, saying that Baptism is a great thing because if people receive it, they will live...The Anointing is greater than Baptism. For by the Anointing we are called Christians, not because of Baptism. And they call Christ so because of the Anointing...He who has been anointed has the All; he has the resurrection, the Light, the Cross, and the Holy Spirit. The Father gave him these things in the bridal chamber....

“The Cup of Prayer holds wine, it holds water. It serves as a type of the blood by which they give thanks. And it is full of the Holy Spirit and it belongs to the completely perfect Man. When we drink this, we will take to ourselves the perfect Man. The living water is a body. It is fitting that we clothe ourselves with the living Man. Therefore, when he comes to go down to the water, he disrobes in order that he may put this one on. A horse begets a horse; a man begets a man; a god begets a god. It is thus with the bridegroom and the bride. The holy man is all holy, including his body. For, if he holds the bread, he will make it holy, or the cup, or anything else which he holds, he will make it pure...Everyone who will go into the bridal chamber will be born of light. For they are not conceived from the marriage which is consecrated in the night...But the mysteries of marriage are fulfilled in the day and light. That day or its light does not set. If anyone becomes a child of the bridal chamber, he will receive light.

If anyone does not receive it while he is in these places, the world, he will not be able to receive it in the other place. The one who has received light cannot be seen nor can he be held, and no one can torment him, even if he lives in the world. And also, if he should go out of the world, already he has received the truth in images....

“...Blessed is the one who exists before he comes into being. For he who exists, he was and will be.”

These inspired and enlightened words express the message of Jesus and the essence of his teaching. Therefore, let us be resolved to go forth – our fellowship renewed and strengthened, and our love and joy for one another regenerated. What a symbolically beautiful time of year for this: Springtime, when all things are made new. And let us give thanks for the promise of the Second Advent, as prophesied by Jesus Christ, which has been fulfilled in our special age. What a blessing it is! For how many countless men and women over these past many centuries have longed for and awaited the Second Coming of God – this powerful and profound spiritual Consciousness that is manifesting in the world and permeating all things with an energy never before felt and experienced by the human Spirit? And we are privileged to be a part of it – to assist God in a new way as servants and workers in the New Covenant, which is destined to bring about a new Heaven and a new Earth.

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Sabrina and Sophia Savoy light the candles of remembrance at the Remembrance of The Child Service.



Youths and children of The Community sing "Say Unto Them" at the Remembrance of The Child Service.

Remembrance of the Child Service

The annual Remembrance of The Child Service was held on Wednesday, January 29th at 6:00 PM in the Chapel of the Holy Child. The service commemorates the passing of The Holy Child, Jamil at midnight (January 29/30) in 1962. This service officially begins the Second Advent Sunrise Vigil which, this year, marks the 63rd year of the birth of the Sun of Righteousness and God's Second Advent. Sunrise Divine Service is held each morning at the Church of New Epiphany at the Red Rock Consecrated Sanctuary each morning, weather permitting. On mornings when Sunrise Divine Service is not permitted due to inclement weather, Community Sunrise is held at the End

Times parsonage.

During this year's sunrise vigil, several spectacular rainbows were observed over the Sanctuary and the entire city of Reno which even caught the attention of local news stations.



Sunrise on February 3rd, 2025



Rainbow over Reno on February 4, 2025

2024-2025 Christmas-Epiphany Vigil Held



December 25, 2024. First day of Christmas Sunrise Service.

Christmas-Epiphany Vigil

The Twelve Days of Christmas are observed by tradition in the Second Advent Church beginning December 25 and continuing through the morning of Epiphany Eve, January 5. A special Sunrise Divine Service is held on Epiphany Day, January 6.

Sunrise services are held in Consecrated Sanctuary each morning at the Church of New Epiphany during these days of special blessing as weather permits. Weather was better than average this year, so few services were canceled.

During the 2024-2025 Christmas Epiphany Vigil, sunrise services were held on Wednesday, 12/25, Sunday, 12/29, during which a beautiful rainbow appeared over the Church of New Epiphany, Tuesday, 12/31, Thursday, 1/2, Friday, 1/3, and Sunday, 1/5. On Monday, 1/6, due to inclement weather, the Congregation gathered at the End Times Parsonage and observed another spectacular rainbow – a sign of God’s bountiful blessings over the Sanctuary.

Services were held at the Chapel of the Holy Child on Saturday, December 28th, and Saturday, January 4th.



Double rainbow during Epiphany Eve Sunrise Service. Photo by
Reverend Robert Roy.

Friday and Wednesday Chapel Services were suspended during the Vigil.

Children's Blessing

The annual Children's Blessing was held following Sunrise Divine Service at the End Times Parsonage on Sunday, December 25, 2022 at 7:45 a.m. The Blessing was followed by a breakfast. While not a part of the Sacred Calendar of the Church, this Blessing is held each year during the Christmas-Epiphany Vigil. Children, parents, and other members of the Community gathered for the ceremonial blessing of the children of the Community.

Blessing of the Rectory East Wing

On Friday, January 3, 2025, a blessing of the Rectory East Wing took place at Noon. Bishop Gene presided and was assisted by various Ministers of the Church. Several members of the Congregation, including those who reside and work at the East Wing, were in attendance.

Epiphany Eve Banquet

The annual Epiphany Eve Banquet and festivities took place at the Rectory-Abbey on Sunday, January 5, 2025, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Members of the Community, their families, and special guests of the Head Bishop were invited to attend this special seasonal banquet. The meal was followed by a visit from Santa Claus and his reindeer and gift-giving.

Epiphany Day

This forty-third anniversary of Epiphany in the Second Advent Church was a day of special blessings and revelation in the Church and the day on which the Church commemorates the True Baptism of Jesus by God the Father. The Message given on January 6, 1981, is related in the Prophecy of the New Covenant:

“On this hallowed day of God’s Appearance, bountiful blessings manifest to the Holy Ones of Light of the Church of the Second Advent founded by His Word. To those unified in Community and holding to The Law, God sends forth the Comforting Spirit of His Image. As the Church has been restored, God will restore those blessings given to the First Church—now in apostasy—and make sacred those Holy Days that are kept in remembrance by the old Churches, but which are not alive with God’s blessings.

“In commemoration of this Day let The Community gather together once each year in remembrance and in fellowship. God will baptize all assembled in the Spirit of His Holiness. God gives an unmistakable Sign from Heaven in the New Sun as a mark of His Advent and Divine Presence. Let all behold the Signs of God manifest in the Heavens and know that their New Ministry is by God’s Authority, and that He has come to Judge the world. This Day is a day of confirmation of God’s Appearance, a day of blessing to strengthen the Good against the Powers of Darkness, and to empower them to teach.”

Prophecy of the New Covenant, pp. 913-914

Annual Children’s Blessing and Breakfast, 2024

After the Sunrise Divine Service on the morning of Sunday, December 29, 2024 – the 5th 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 Community.

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

2025 Epiphany Eve Celebrated



On the evening of January 5th, Epiphany Eve in the Second Advent Calendar and the Twelfth Day of Christmas, resident members of The Community, their families, and guests were invited to the Rectory-Abbey by Bishop Gene Savoy, Jr. to celebrate the holiday with a dinner reception and a visit from Santa Claus. The event was well attended by members of The Community and guests. The event was captured in photos by attendees, and the Communique staff put together a gallery of these photos for your enjoyment. To welcome guests to the Rectory, Bishop Gene briefly addressed the company. (Please see below for a link to a video of his remarks.)





Fully decorated Christmas Tree





Bishop Gene Savoy, Jr. addresses the attendees.
[Click here to view the video of the address.](#)



Epiphany Eve Reception Forty-
Third Annual Celebration January 5, 2025
Program of Events

6:30 – Welcome 6:35 - Candle Lighting and Remembrance 6:55 -
Grace Before Meals: “*Grant Life Unto Me*”

7:00 - Dinner

8:30 - A Visit from Santa Claus 9:00 - Exchange of Gifts

Menu

Appetizers & Salads

A Variety of Cheeses & Rustic Bread

Hot Smoked Norwegian Atlantic Salmon

Mixed Greens, Tomatoes, Radish, Red Onion, Cranberries, Feta

Cheese & Candied Pecans with

a Balsamic Vinaigrette

Beets with Goat Cheese & Pistachios

Main Dishes & Sides

Shrimp Scampi with Linguine or Saffron Basmati Rice

Plant-based “Meatballs” in a Savory Tomato Sauce

(for vegetarians only, please)

Green Beans & Shimeji Mushrooms

An Assortment of Desserts

Beverages

Prosecco & Pomegranate Juice

White, Rose & Red Wine /Beer

Sparkling Apple Cider /Pellegrino

Coffee & Tea



Santa Claus arrives at the end of the festivities with his bags of gifts. (Photo by RM Elizabeth Reece)

Blessing of the Rectory East Wing During the Christmas-Epiphany Vigil, 2024-2025



Bishop Gene preparing for the Blessing of the Rectory East Wing.

A parsonage blessing was performed over the Rectory East Wing on January 3, 2025. The ceremony involved censoring all the major rooms of the building with incense and sprinkling them with Holy Water by the Head Bishop, The Right Reverend Father Gene Savoy, Jr. Following the extensive ritual, Bishop Gene read the Solemn Dedication and offered Communion to those in attendance. The service concluded with a Seal of Blessing. The Bishop was assisted by The Reverend Father Robert Petrovich, The Reverend Mother Elizabeth Reece, The Reverend Canon Amanda Buchanan, and Sabrina Savoy. Also in attendance were The Reverend Mother Barbara Whitney, The Reverends Robert and Noriko Roy, The Reverends Shane Grady and Radheka Patel Savoy, Sophia and Helena Savoy, and Joseph Roy. This special service was conducted following a major remodel of the East Wing exterior over the past two years. (An article on the remodeling project will soon appear in *The Community Communique*.)



Blessing of a residential space.
Photo by The Reverend Robert Roy.



Blessing of an office space. Photo
by The Reverend Robert Roy.



Blessing of a residential space.
Photo by The Reverend Robert Roy.