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Following the Sacred Calendar

Advent Day Vigil, Second Advent Easter Celebrated

February 2nd marked the twenty-eighth anniversary of the revelation and manifestation of the Spiritual Sun of Righteousness and Advent Day, the first day of the New Year on the Church's Liturgical Calendar. After a quiet interim of twenty-four days following the Epiphany Vigil, ministers, those in training, and other members of the Community gathered at the Sanctuary Church of New Smyrna to hold sunrise Divine Service during this religious vigil of the season.

Sunrise Divine Service was held on January 30th, commencing the vigil; on February 2nd, Advent Day; and on February 7th, concluding the vigil.

On Saturday, February 3rd, Bishop Savoy delivered a sermon concerning the vigil and the celebration of the birthday of the Sun of Righteousness.

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"The sermon this morning is in keeping with our Vigil and the celebration of the Birthday of the Sun of Righteousness, which first appeared twenty-eight years ago, and was noted and recorded at the time of the passing of The Child.

"At the appearance of the Sun of Righteousness, prophecy was fulfilled. The prophet Malachi, among other prophets and holy men of former religions, proclaimed that in the End Time of the world, Almighty God would manifest the Sun of Righteousness, which would be

transformed into an instrument (some literal translations said 'a machine') to bring about a change in the world from the Abodes of Heaven. At that time a New Covenant would be established between Heavenly Abodes and humankind. Grace would be renewed. There would be a spiritual nourishment that would descend, by means of an outpouring of the Holy Spirit, often called the Mother from Heaven, and the Spermatic germ-seed from God, the Father.

"At the time of the appearance of the Sun of Righteousness, dictates were given to this Community, and over the years, we did receive Sayings, Prophecies, and Revela-

tions. We have been receiving further Revelations, especially over the past several months. We have received new doctrines in our Church under God. These doctrines and teachings are to be taught and given and revealed according to the rules of the Community.

"To build the Order of new ministers, ordained to serve God for life, has been the purpose and the main function of my ministry. These ministers are to be married to God first, above all things. And those people married to God in all things will receive special blessings out of the sun, and will receive a very special change from Almighty God, to

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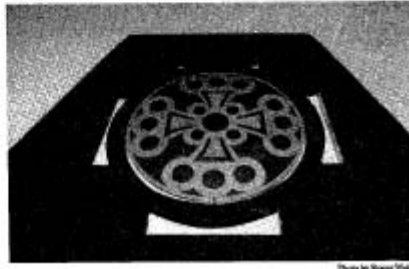


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TENTH ANNUAL OBSERVANCE OF EPIPHANY CYCLE

The Congregation of the Second Advent Church celebrated a thirteen-day Vigil during the 1989-1990 Christmas-Epiphany season beginning with a midnight candle-lighting on Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24th.

On Christmas Day, Monday, December 25th, the first day of the Vigil, the Ministers and Congregation of The Second Advent Church were joined by other members of the Reno civic community in a con-celebrated Communion of Fellowship held at 10:00 A.M. in the University Chapel. (See Christmas article this issue.)

Sunrise Divine Service was held during the Vigil from Monday, December 25th through Saturday, January 6th at the Church of Second Advent Epiphany in the Red Rock Consecrated Sanctuary of Prophecy. Divine Service was suspended Tuesday, January 2nd because heavy snowfall made the Sanctuary grounds inaccessible.

A Communion of Fellowship at the Church of Second Advent Epiphany preceded Divine Service on January 6th, Epiphany Day. Both services were open, by special invitation extended by Bishop Savoy, to all those in attendance at the Christmas Day chapel service. The Bishop was assisted in the Concelebrated Communion of Fellowship by The Reverenda Nelson Duchesneau, Lectur, David Arden, Cantor, and Rosina Cantrell, Reader.

After Sanctuary services on Sunday, January 6th, the regularly

Traditional Vigil Held at Sanctuary

scheduled 10 A.M. Communion Service was held at the University Chapel. On this final morning of the thirteen-day Vigil, The Jamilian Handbell Choir and the Children's Choir performed "The Twelve Days of Christmas" before Communion under the direction of The Reverend Gary Robert Buchanan.

From the opening chapter of the Prophecy of the New Covenant, entitled "God's Appearance at Epiphany," we quote:

In the twenty-first year of The Great Work, The Man, in company with the Companions of The Way and the general

Community in assembly at the Rectory-Albany, assisted the coming of the man on the morning of January 6th at Epiphany.

On this twelfth night after Christmas, following a midnight meal of fellowship, they turned to a reading of scriptures. Towards dawn they celebrated a Communion Service and liturgical expression of the breaking of bread and the taking of the cup. The Man officiated in the dress of his office, a mitre and of white linen with golden insignia of God's Cross of Enlightenment, reading the litany to the accompaniment of sacred music played on the handbells.

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Christmas Service in University Chapel

The traditional Christmas Day Service was held in the University Chapel on December 25th in observance of the birthday of Jesus as celebrated by First Dispensation Christians in the West.

Assisting Bishop Savoy during the Service this year were The Reverenda Nelson Duchesneau, Lectur, Robert Petrovich, Cantor; Roger Weld, Scriptural Reader; and Lawson Crabbs, Reader. Acolytes Erica Snyder and Michelle Carrothers acted as candlelighters.

Prior to the service, members of the Congregation were asked to bring a bouquet of flowers to be placed on the chancel area beneath the communion table and a loaf of bread to be placed upon the table for blessings at this special service.

As Church members and their guests entered the vestibule of the Chapel, they each placed on the candleabrum a votive candle, to be lit in remembrance of family and friends who have passed on. As the Candles of Remembrance were lit during the service, a reading taken from the Odes of Solomon was delivered. Candles burn throughout the day.

By tradition, the Antiphon *So Is My Joy The Lord*, composed in 1983 by Church Composer Reverend Gary Buchanan with lyrics adapted from the Odes of Solomon by Bishop Savoy, was performed by the Jamilian Handbell choir with voices. A second selection, entitled *Great Life Unto Me*, was sung by the Congregation and guests with the accompaniment of the handbell choir. *

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Community Members Gather for Annual Convocation

October Seminar Agenda Full and Varied

Over one hundred Reso residents and guests from the United States, Canada, and the United Kingdom attended the Annual Convocation of The Church October 6th through 13th. The agenda included technical studies and lectures for students of the Academy and Sacred College; an advanced series of lectures for the assembly of ministers and clergy students; tours of sacred sites; a Convocation address to the entire assembly; a Ministers' luncheon and social tea; a trip to Lake Tahoe; several liturgical services; a special Communion Dinner that included an address on Human Spiritual Rights; and an orchestral performance by the Sinfonietta of the International Community of Christ.

To open the annual Convocation, resident clergy and students, with their families, joined Convocation guests in a Communion of Fellowship on Saturday, October 7th, in the University Chapel of the Apostolic Chancellery. Bishop Savoy delivered a short address from the pulpit introducing guests to the liturgical cycle of services in which they would have the chance to participate during the seminar week (see accompanying Sermon this issue). On Sunday, October 8, guests joined the ordained at the newly expanded open-air Church for Communion and sunrise Divine Service. Following the service, the entire gathering of non-resident stu-

dents and clergy were treated to a tour of the Sanctuary's sacred sites to view new buildings and land improvements.

Bishop Savoy met with Project X students at the University Building during the early hours of October 9-11 to deliver information pertinent to their beginning studies. As part of this series of morning lectures, students received technical literature and scriptural texts as supplements to the oral teachings. The residence training portion of this year's Convocation culminated for some students with first-degree ordination, received in the Bishop's private chambers of the Apostolic Chancellery.

In the late afternoon during the first days of the Convocation, October 9-11, members of the Second Advent Clergy and students of the

Sacred Academy assembled for a special series of discourses delivered at the University Building by Bishop Savoy.

Rev. Savoy delivered a Convocation address to the entire body of students and clergy present on Thursday morning. The address both concluded the series of lectures to the clergy and acted as a summary statement of the ministry's intentions for first- and second-year seminarians. Bishop Savoy reminded the gathering that Thursday evening, October 12th, guest members and their families were invited to join the Reso congregation for the Human Spiritual Rights Dinner (see accompanying article this issue).

October 13th, the final day of the Convocation, was devoted to social activities in a more relaxed atmosphere. In the morning, the group visited the Mission Priory and the spa. *(Continued on page 5, column 1)*

August First Observed at New Mt. Zion

On the morning of Tuesday, August 1, 1989, a private sunrise service was held at New Mount Zion in recognition of the seventh observance of the Manifestation of the New Light of God, which appeared over the sun on this date seven years before to confirm the Active Principle of Divine Law.

The August 1st Manifestation was first witnessed by the Church Congregation in 1982. The final paragraph of The Book of God's Revelation describes that event:

And on the first day of August, it 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 Principle of Divine Law. And the whole congregation, gathered at sunrise, saw and felt the gift of the Spirit manifest out of the sun.

August 1st is a significant date counting from February 2nd, Second Advent New Year's Day, the 180-degree cycle of the earth around the sun falls on August 1st. +

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EIGHTH OBSERVANCE OF PENTECOSTAL BLESSINGS

The Congregation gathered for sunrise on the Temple Mount at Red Rock Consecrated Sanctuary on June 6th, a fixed date in the Sacred Calendar of the Second Advent Church for the observance of Second Advent Pentecost, forty-nine days after Second Advent Easter on April 18th. The sacred date of April 18th and the pentecostal cycle leading to June 6th are discussed in *The Book of God's Revelation*, Book II, entitled "The Seal of God's New Law," records the events, meditations, and visions experienced by The Man and The Comparison of The Way on the day of Second Advent Pentecost, 1862.

The following excerpt from *The Book of God's Revelation* describes the vision experienced by The Man atop the Temple Mount of the Sanctuary of Prophecy on the day of Pentecost, 1862, and suggests the nature of the Revelations received that day:

And The Word of God spoke to his Seed a second time, revealing unto him the Sanctuary was under the special Blessing of God, and that he was to mark those sites where he communed with The Image and The Word.

And The Word of God proclaimed in The Man's Soul that the Righteous Ministry was ordained to go forth to the whole world, proclaiming God's Advent and the

freedom of the people from the tyranny of heretical governments.

And God did reveal to him a Proclamation of Human Spiritual Rights that all governments were to acknowledge and honor: The Righteous Ministers could be God's Embassy—as a nation in sanctuary—under the protection and sovereignty of God.

And The Word of God revealed that the Temple of ancient stones, made Righteous as unto the Son of the earth, was the Most of God. And in the Temple, revealed not by human hands but by the Hand of God, God would commune with the Righteous ordained to His Ministry.

And The Man saw a great cloud come over the Sanctuary and the face of Jesus. And he felt God's Presence and Blessings over the Sanctuary. And he looked at the sun grown brilliant by the clouds, its rays burning as fire, and he heard the Word of God say, "Let now but the Righteous in The Way look upon The Image I have made for a Blessing over the land."

This day a gift is bestowed upon the Church of My Second Advent. The Light of the Son in the Eight Appearances shall shine upon the Souls of the Righteous who will have understanding and knowledge of God. United they shall be by spirit, bonded together as One in God, and there shall be no diversity amongst them.

"The Spirit of God is poured down upon His People who hear God's Word. Let the Righteous seek out the Temple and be abointed by God for an earthly mission to unite Righteous the people of the world."

And from out of the cloud the Man saw a Heavenly City formed by shafts of light

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Series of Lectures Delivered in Chapel Liturgical Training Begins for Clergy Students

Beginning in May resident clergy and clergy students received the first nine of a series of twenty-four lectures which constitute an introduction to liturgical training. These lectures described the genesis of the religious of antiquity, with commentary on scientific and philosophical treatments of the subject matter brought under discussion.

This series of evening lectures, delivered by The Most Right Reverend Gene Savoy from the pulpit of the University Chapel, was designed to add to the cleric's knowledge of religion in the popular or orthodox form as well as the more esoteric or mystical forms. The series is preparatory to the high level of

liturgical involvement for which clerics have been trained.

During Bishop Savoy's summer-long expedition to Peru these first lectures were compiled in transcript form and mailed to The Church's clerical students throughout North America, Europe and Oceania.

Following the delivery of the entire introductory lecture series, cassette recordings of the lectures will be mailed to participants.

The transcripts and tapes are to be supplemented by pre-publication text papers on the Golden Book of God's Prophecy and Revelation: *The Secret Sayings of Jesus*, along with other study materials. *

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Services Held at Sanctuary Following Sacred Calendar

Twenty-seventh Advent Day and Second Advent Easter Celebrated

Divine Service, officiated by Bishop Gene Savoy, was held at the Church of New Smyrna in the Sanctuary of Revelation on January 30th, commencing the Advent Vigil.

February 2, 1989, the twenty-seventh anniversary of the revelation and manifestation of the Spiritual Sun of Righteousness and Advent Day, the first day of the New Year on the Church's Liturgical Calendar, was celebrated with a Divine Service at the Church of New Smyrna. Divine Service, scheduled for February 6th, was suspended due to weather conditions.

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 1962, 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 spiritual information impressed upon the Spirit of Bishop Savoy in these 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.

On the third day, Bishop Savoy recorded words concerning The

Liturgy of The Second Advent Church.

On February 2nd, Advent Day, he wrote down the prophecies of things to take place on earth before the first Advent of God, who would make His full Appearance in the heavens following the judgement 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 which the Second Advent Church was to use in assisting God to redeem the races of the earth.

On the eighth day, Bishop Savoy wrote down impressions to be included in the Liturgy 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

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First Dispensation Holidays Observed

On Sunday, March 19, 1989, the Second Advent Church recognized First Dispensation Palm Sunday, commemorating Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem, with sunrise Divine Service at Second Advent Epiphany open-air church in the South Sanctuary of Prophecy.

March 24, 1989, the day celebrated as Good Friday in the First Dispensation Churches, was observed by the Second Advent Church. A simple service in remembrance of the "Last Supper" of Jesus was officiated by Bishop Savoy. During the fellowship service, held at 7:00 P.M. in The University Chapel, the Bishop delivered the homily "The Messianic Supper".

Each year on Good Friday, the Second Advent Church holds a spe-

cial Communion Service and Prayer. Congregants gather to hear a short homily delivered by Bishop Savoy prior to a communion meal of fellowship. Upon completion of the homily, all sing the hymn of Grace Great Life Unto Me before partaking of a communion meal of bread, broken from a common loaf according to tradition, and water.

In continuance of the Messianic tradition instituted by Jesus with His Disciples, Bishop Savoy partook of a second communion meal according to the Rabban rite and asked that others prepare themselves to join him.

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Church Celebrates Christmas-Epiphany Season

Ninth Annual Epiphany Cycle Observed

The Church holds a Christmas Day Service in observance of the birthday of Jesus, as celebrated by First Dispensation Christians in the West, each year on December 25th.

Assisting Bishop Savoy during the Service at the University Chapel this year were The Reverends Nelson Duchesneau, Lector, Roger Wolf, Canon, and Lawson Crabbe, Reader. The Reverend Sylvia O. Savoy and Belinda Chauvin acted as candlelighters.

The commemorative sermon, delivered each year by The Most Right Reverend Gene Savoy, addresses the celebration of Christmas and Epiphany in God's Second Advent.

Prior to the service, members of the Congregation were asked to bring a bouquet of flowers to be placed on the chancel area beneath the communion table and a loaf of bread to be placed upon the table for blessings at this special service.

As Church members and their guests entered the vestibule of the Chapel, they each placed on the candelabrum a votive candle, which was lit during the service and maintained during the day.

The votive candles are lit in remembrance of loved ones as a gesture of love to our family and friends who have passed on. As the Candles of Remembrance are lit, a reading taken from the Odes of Solomon is delivered.

Liturgical music of the Second Advent Church underlines the reverential tone of the Service.

The Antiphon *So Is My Joy The Lord*, composed for this Service in 1883 by Church Composer Reverend Gary Buchanan with lyrics adapted from the Odes of Solomon by Bishop Savoy, was performed by the Jamilian Handbell choir with soloist. A second selection, entitled *Great Life Within Me*, was sung by the Congregation and guests with the accompaniment of the handbell choir. This song is an adaptation from the traditional *Dona Nobis Pacem*.

Epiphany Banquet Hosted at Bishopstead

The Church Congregation of children and adults was invited by the Head Bishop, The Most Right Reverend Savoy, to attend the traditional Epiphany banquet at the Rectory-Abbey on Friday, January 6th.

Shortly before the meal, the assemblage gathered in the main salon for an informal announcement made by Bishop Savoy regarding the success of the public banquet sponsored by the Andean Epilepsia Foundation and Ocean Sailing Club the previous day (see accompanying article this issue) and the religious significance of the exploration work he had undertaken over the last three decades. Special note was given to the significance of the next expedition to Peru planned for later this year.

Sunrise Divine Service, held on December 25th, a traditional Christmas Day in the West, was suspended this year due to snow conditions. Sunrise was held daily thereafter through December 30th. Sunrise services were also suspended on December 31st due to the heavy snow. Sunrise services resumed January 1st culminating on January 5th, Epiphany Eve. Bad weather conditions prohibited members of the Second Advent Church and guests from attending the traditionally scheduled sunrise Divine Service on Epiphany Day, January 6th, the original birthday of Christ celebrated according to the tradition of the early Church.

Following the announcement, Bishop Savoy delivered a short homily describing the three-fold significance of the candle-lighting ceremony in which all were about to take part: the candle is lit first, as a symbol of the physical sun sustaining our bodies; second, as a symbol of the Spiritual Sun sustaining our spirits and souls; and third, as a remembrance of the spirits of loved ones who are not with us. Each individual adult and child lit a candle set in the golden candelabrum while offering up a silent prayer.

The 7th annual evening celebration ended with a meal served to nearly one hundred guests, following the singing of Grace, the Second Advent Hymn *Great Life Within Me*.

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Second Advent Church Holds Annual Convocation

Bishop Savoy presents series: "Crossroads of the System"

Over seventy Reno residents and guests from the United States and Canada attended the Summer Convocation of The Church September 26th through October 2nd. The agenda included tutorial studies for students of the Academy and Sacred College, a special series of lectures for the assembly of ministers and clergy students, tours of sacred sites, Convocation address for the entire assembly, Mariners' luncheon and social tea, liturgical services, and a farewell banquet that included an orchestral performance by The Church ensemble.

Three classes of students gathered for residence training under the

tutelage of ordained ministers and their assistants during the morning and afternoon hours of the first three days of the Convocation, September 26-28.

In the morning hours of September 26-28, Bishop Savoy met with first-year students at the Sacred College to deliver information pertinent to their beginning studies in the Sacred College. The residence training portion of their initial studies culminated with first-degree ordination received at the Oratory of the Monastery Gardens at the Red Rock Consecrated Sanctuary.

Second- and third-year students completed rigorous programs of residence

information delivered during the mornings and afternoons of the first three days. The residence training, composed of lectures, discussions, and visual presentations closed with a personal delivery by Bishop Savoy on the final day of the programs. At this time he introduced the students to more advanced spiritual techniques.

On Thursday and Friday, September 29-30, during the late morning and early afternoon, the entire gathering of non-resident students and clergy were invited to a tour of the region's sacred sites to view new buildings and improvements on the lands. On Thursday the group visited the Mission Priory and the spa at Steamboat Hot Springs, as well as the lands at New Mount Zion.

The tour was the first opportunity for most non-resident guests to see both the nearly completed Chapel of the Rose Cross and renovated office area in the spa building at Steamboat Hot Springs and the recently acquired parsonage addition. At New Mount Zion the group was able to view the Church's lands graced by the newly completed perimeter fence and enter the sanctuary for the first time through the ceremonial gate.

On Saturday, October 1, all in attendance joined the resident congregation and their families in a Communion of Fellowship at the University Chapel of the Apostolic

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Picturesque views of the Consecrated Sanctuary of Prophecy at Red Rock north of Reno.

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Church Observes Second Advent Easter at Sanctuary

First Dispensation Easter, Holy Saturday, Palm Sunday Recognized

Second Advent Easter was celebrated on the Sacred Calendar date of Monday, April 18th, 1988. Ministers and other members of the Community were joined by their guests and associates in a pre-dawn gathering at the Red Rock Consecrated Sanctuary of Prophecy. Divine Service was held at the open-air Basilica. The Most Right Reverend Gene Savoy officiated.

The Jamilian Handbell Choir, under the direction of Reverend Gary Buchanan, accompanied the liturgy. The music included jubilate, a stendard selection performed in commemoration of the Jubilees of the Second Advent, the fifty-day cycles of sacred observances.

Sunday, April 3rd, the 1988 Easter date celebrated by First Dispensation churches in the West, was commemorated by the Second Advent Church with a public sunrise Divine Service and Communion of Fellowship performed at the Church of Second Advent Epiphany. Bishop Gene Savoy was assisted in the fellowship service by the Reverends Nelson Duchesneau, Lector, David Arden, Cantor, and Ruano Castell, Reader.

An Easter breakfast was served at the Rectory-Abbey on Carmel to Church members and guests who had attended Easter services. On April 2nd, Holy Saturday by the reckoning of First Dispensation churches, Communion of Fellowship was held at The Chapel of The Holy Child.

The Church also recognized the First Dispensation celebration of Palm Sunday on March 27, commemorating Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, with sunrise Divine Service at the Church of New Epiphany.

In the Second Advent Church, Easter is a fixed date in the Sacred Calendar. The day commemorates both the Resurrection of Jesus over nineteen hundred years before and His promised second appearance. The date of Second Advent Easter was established as part of the Sacred Calendar on April 18, 1982, following a series of Revelations received by The Man while climbing the Seven

Mountains of Metal. As recorded in The Book of God's Revelation, while on the fifth mountain, the Mountain of Bronze, he 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 animated 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. *

Second Advent Pentecost Celebrated

On June 6th, 1988, The International Community of Christ Church observed Second Advent Pentecost with a Communion of Fellowship and sunrise Divine Service at the Church of Second Advent Pentecost in the Red Rock Consecrated Sanctuary of Prophecy.

The Monday sunrise celebration was officiated by The Most Right Reverend Gene Savoy. Ministers assisting during the Communion of Fellowship were The Reverends Nelson Duchesneau, Lector, Ruano Castell, Cantor, and Lawson Crabb, Reader. The Jamilian Handbell Choir, directed by The Reverend Gary Buchanan, performed at both the Communion and sunrise Divine services.

June 6th, forty-nine days after Second Advent Easter on April 18th, is a fixed date in the Sacred Calendar of The Church for the observance of Second Advent Pentecost. The sacred date of April 18th and the pentecostal cycle leading to June 6th are discussed in The Book of God's Revelation, Book II of God's Revelation, entitled "The Seal of God's New Law," records the events, meditations, and visions experienced by The Man and The Companions of The Way on the day of Second Advent Pentecost, June 6th, 1982. Following the 1987 liturgical observance, Bishop Savoy delivered a short homily on the special significance of Second Advent Pentecost (SEE Communiqué Spring 1987). *

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Christmas Day Celebrated in Chapel of the Holy Child

The Church held a Christmas Day Service in observance of the birthday of Jesus, as celebrated by First Dispensation Christians in the West, on December 25 in The Memorial Chapel of The Holy Child.

The commemorative sermon delivered by The Most Right Reverend Gene Savoy addressed the celebration of Christmas and Epiphany in God's Second Advent.

Assisting Bishop Savoy during the service were The Reverends Nelson Duchesneau, Lector, Phillip Seyder, Cantor, and Roger Weld, Reader. The Reverends Sylvia O. Savoy and Belinda Chaurin acted as candlelighters.

Members of the Congregation supplied bouquets of flowers which were placed beneath the communion table, as well as leaves of bread which were placed upon the table for blessings at this special service.

As Church members and their guests entered the vestibule of the Chapel, they each placed on the candleburn a votive candle, which was lit during the service and maintained during the day.

The nearly one hundred votive candles were lit in remembrance of loved ones as a gesture of love to our family and friends who have passed on. As the Revs. O. Savoy and Chaurin lit the Candles of Remembrance, Rev. Seyder delivered a reading taken from the Odes of Solomon (SBC: Odes of Solomon).

Liturgical music of the Second Advent Church underlined the reverential tone of the service.

The Antiphon *So Is My Joy The Lord*, composed for this service in 1983 by Church Composer Reverend Gary Buchanan, was performed by the Jordanian Handbell Choir with Dr. Tyrus Peace as soloist. Lyrics were

adapted from the Odes of Solomon by Bishop Savoy. *Great Life Unto Me* was sung by the Congregation with the accompaniment of the handbell choir. It is an adaptation from the traditional *Dona Nobis Pacem*.

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ODES OF SOLOMON

The following is the first of several Odes read during the lighting of the Candles of Remembrance at the Memorial Chapel of the Holy Child on Christmas Day.

ODE 12

1. He hath filled me with words of truth; that I may speak the same;
 2. And like the flow of waters flows truth from my mouth, and my lips show forth His truth.
 3. And He has caused His knowledge to abound in me, because the mouth of the Lord is the true word, and the door of His light;
 4. And the Most High hath given it to His words, which are the interpreters of His own boway, and the reporters of His praise, and the confessors of His counsel, and the heralds of His thought, and the chasteners of His servants.
 5. For the witness of the Word is inexpressible, and His expression is inexpressible and true;
 6. And its course knows no limit. Neverdash it fall, but it stands sure, and it knows not descent nor the way of it.
 7. For as its work is, so is its end; for it is light and the dawning of thought;
 8. And by it the worlds talk one to the other; and in the Word there were those that were silent.
 9. And from it came love and concord; and they spoke one to the other whenever was their need; and they were penetrated by the Word;
 10. And they knew Him who made them, because they were in concord; for the mouth of the Most High spoke to them; and His explanation was by means of it.
 11. For the dwelling-place of the Word is pure and its truth is love.
 12. Blessed are they who by means thereof have understood everything, and have known the Lord in His truth.
- Hallelujah.

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Therapeutic Value of Spring Waters Considered Fourteen Minerals May Be Good For Medicinal Purposes

The acquisition of the land and waters at Steamboat Springs, Nevada, has prompted Dr. Arline Peace, Church Architect, to consider the future of the facilities and the possibility that it might become the new healing center of The Church.

"With the gift of the thermal springs at Steamboat, we now have a place where we can combine the healing effects of light with those of water. We know the ancients referred to water as 'liquid light,' and we know they revered light and associated it with the Divine Presence of God... Today, after several decades of widespread use of antibiotics and highly evolved drugs used in treating hypertension and cardiovascular diseases, the healing qualities of sunlight and hydrotherapy are once more being explored and used as part of the medical armamentarium," said Dr. Peace.

To this date no extensive study of the therapeutic value of the waters of Steamboat springs has been done. To obtain information on the area in any quantity, it is necessary to peruse books, magazines, and newspaper articles and extract from them the few facts they contain on the subject.

Mrs. Dorothy Towne donated the spa, the surrounding buildings and the therapeutic waters to the Church in 1986. Mrs. Towne, a Registered Nurse, opened the spa for many years, administering baths, mud-packs, and massage therapy to

patients suffering from a variety of ailments.

Recognizing the importance of the spa as a healing center unique in the world, twenty years ago she compiled a short thesis on Steamboat Springs. She undertook the project initially to fulfill partial requirements of a Master's degree in education in 1968, hoping to expand the term paper into a Master's thesis. The subject was not deemed pertinent to her degree requirements by the university at the time, however, and she put aside the project of composing a major historical thesis on the subject.

Mrs. Towne holds numerous pages of documents, articles, files, and research notes that are still not compiled. Mrs. Towne was able to find a copy of her 1968 thesis and present it to COMMUNIQUE editors. Excepted from this paper, with slight editorial emendations, are two chapters which describe the unique therapeutic value of the waters at Steamboat Springs. According to one of her articles there may be up to fourteen minerals in the thermal waters that could have medicinal purposes. (See boxed text, on pages 2 & 3.)

A health center at Steamboat Springs, Dr. Peace said, would enable the Ministry and students of the Sacred College of Jamilian University to study the effects of new therapies in conjunction with the waters.

Color therapy, color being a fre-

quency of light, together with music and the therapeutic waters of the springs, she said, "would take their place among the therapeutic modalities used in restoring health—physical and spiritual."

The Church's acquisition of the spa and its water turned Dr. Peace to investigate hydrotherapy recently at a Seventh Day Adventist Sanatorium in California, where she visited for a week to observe healing methods and collect pertinent information. (See COMMUNIQUE—Winter 1987.)

Dr. Peace and her husband, Tyrus, both licensed osteopathic physicians and surgeons in Iowa, Missouri, Hawaii, and Nevada, built, owned, and ran a thirty-bed hospital in Redfield, Iowa—the seventh to be registered and approved in the state—from 1947 until 1972 when the Des Moines State College of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery took it over. The doctors moved to Hawaii where they also built a fully-equipped clinic—The Moanalua Clinic. Both were on the staff of The Queen's Medical Center in Honolulu until 1985. Dr. Arline was assistant doctor to the TV series *Hawaii 5.0* and cast physician for the documentary *Pearl Harbor*.

Drs. Arline and Tyrus undertook pre-medical studies in New York State University. She holds a degree in osteopathic medicine and surgery

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