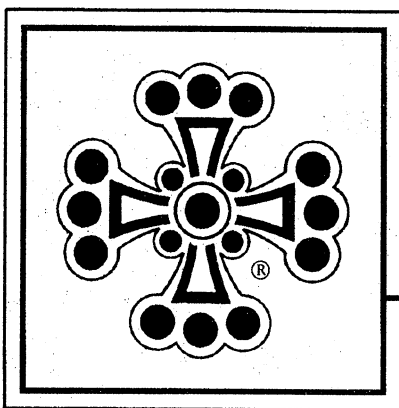




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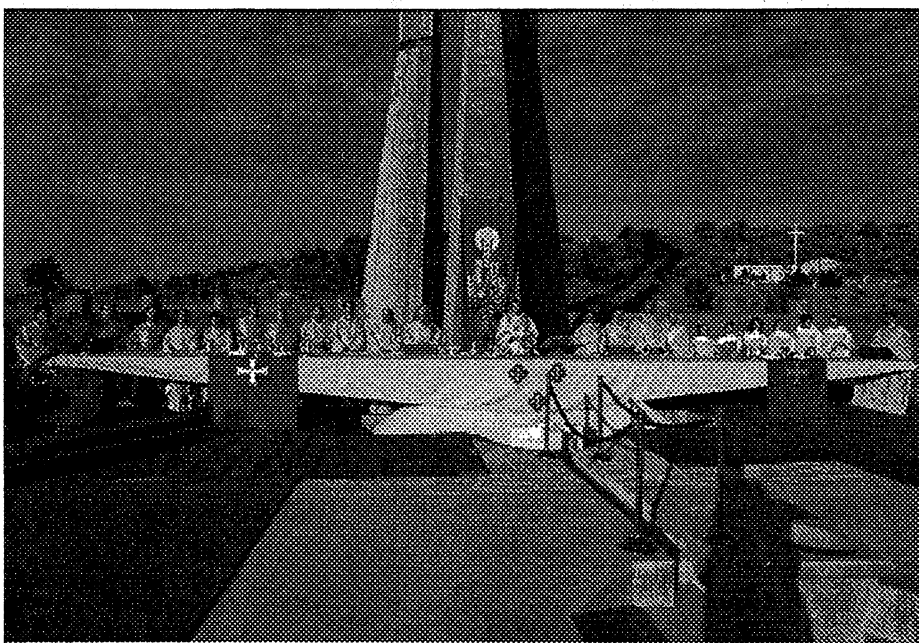
SECOND ADVENT RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS OBSERVED *Open-Air Services Performed at Consecrated Sanctuaries*

Advent Vigil: Jan. 30; Feb. 2, 6

The twenty-ninth anniversary of the Birth of the Sun of Righteousness was observed with sunrise Divine Services on January 30th, February 2nd (Advent Day), and February 6th. Bishop Gene Savoy officiated the services held at the Church of New Smyrna in the northland Sanctuary of Revelation.

The Most Right Reverend Gene Savoy, First Disciple of The Child, witnessed the first manifestation of the Sun of Righteousness on February 2, 1962, in Yungay, Perú. Chapter 27 of *Jamil: The Child Christ* speaks of this birth. In *The Prophecy of the New Covenant*, the observance of the Birth of the Sun of Righteousness during the 1982 vigil is discussed in the chapter entitled "Prophecy on the Revelation and the Opening of the Seals":

"On the second day of February, in the twentieth year of God's appearance — as heralded by the resurrected Child Christ manifesting in the newborn Sun, encircled in a rainbow and marked with the Cross of Enlightenment — The Man stood in company with The Companions of The Way under a cloudy sky awaiting the sun. Again the two eagles were seen to perch on the same cross. And the sun did rise, brilliant and beautiful to behold. On this fourth day of the vigil, The Man was impressed by The Divine



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Second Advent Easter, April 18th, was celebrated with a Concelebration service of twenty-four ministers, officiated by Bishop Gene Savoy, at the Cathedral Church of the Americas in the south Sanctuary of Prophecy.

Word of God. And 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."

S. A. Easter, April 18

Second Advent Easter was established in 1982 following a series of Revelations which are recorded in The Book of God's Revelation. The

1991 observance of the holy day was celebrated with a sunrise Concelebration on Thursday, April 18th. The sacred holiday, commemorating the resurrection of Jesus, is a fixed date within the Sacred Calendar of The Church.

Ministers, members of the Congregation, and guests gathered in the pre-dawn hours at the Cathedral Church of the Americas where The Most Right Reverend Gene Savoy officiated. Twenty-three ministers concele-

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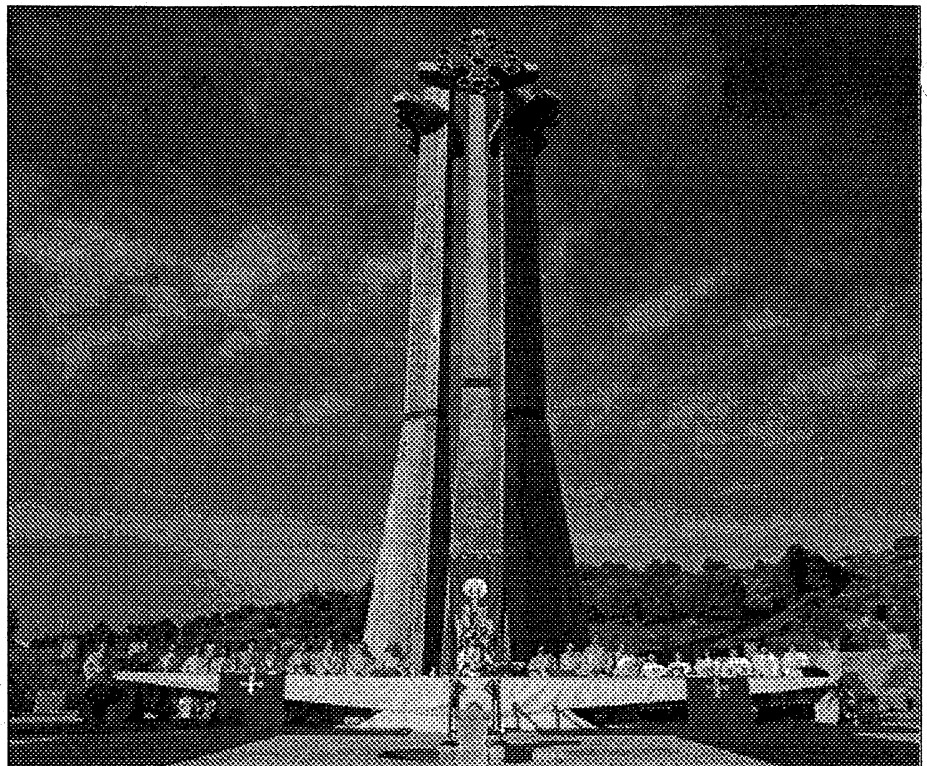
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brated with the Bishop at the special service (see inset on page 3 for full list of ministers). The liturgical rite included canting by male and female ministers and readings by the Rabbin of The Church. The service was accompanied by the Jamilian Handbell Choir and singing choir under the direction of The Reverend Gary R. Buchanan. Liturgical music included the *Essaei Hymn: Plea for Grace*, performed liturgically for the first time at the Epiphany Day Concelebration on January 6, 1991.

The following announcement on the celebration of Second Advent Easter was delivered during the Concelebration:

"On the eighteenth day of the month of April, Easter in the Second Advent calendar, the day that commemorates the resurrection of Jesus,



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The Church received, through revelation, confirmation of the Second Appearance of God. The year was 1982, and the site was the Sanctuary of Revelation. At this time, the Angel of the Lord in the form of Jesus manifested in visible form at His Second Advent.

"We, the Ordained of The Church, have been entrusted with the keys to the opening of the Seals of the Book of Revelation. The gospel message told of Jesus 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.'

"For it was written down 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 that God would come as a fire to refine the world. The book says, '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.'

"We acknowledge the appearance in visible form in the Sun of Righteousness on the second day of February, 1962. Thus, the Second Advent of God and the manifestation of Jesus and the Angelic Host has transpired and is presently at work for the salvation of the righteous.

"We celebrate true Easter each year on April 18th in a two-fold manner: (1) We know that the Eastern Church had celebrated Easter every year on April 16th, the 16th of Nisan, also known as Passover... We hold that in present-day time reckoning, by holding to the solar calendar of the Essaei, the date cannot be movable, as is done under the lunar calendar. We of the Second Advent ministry use a fixed Sacred Calendar... An annual alignment of the earth and sun, planets, stars, and the cosmos in general, makes this day cosmologically important. (2) Because of the manifestation that took place on April 18th, 1982, we consider this day to be in alignment with the original date of the Resurrection. Thus, it is important for us to keep this day sacred. We therefore honor the day of the Resurrection of Jesus. We honor the day of the Revelations and of the Appearance of Jesus in Sanctuary." ♦

Holy Order of Patriarchs Established As Ordained Founding Announced to Members of Second Advent Clergy

The Holy Order of Patriarchs of The Church of the Second Advent was formally established by the Most Right Reverend Gene Savoy, Cardinal Head Bishop of The Church, on February 22, 1991. Before resident clergy, Bishop Savoy announced the founding of the Order during a liturgical lecture delivered on that evening (see accompanying article this issue).

In conjunction with the establishment of the Order, Bishop Savoy resigned as President of the Church Corporation at a meeting of the Sacred Oversee on February 26th. At the same meeting, Bishop Savoy appointed his successor to that office with unanimous confirmation by the Overseers of The Church (see accompanying article this issue).

The Order was established in accordance with the Sacred Scripture of The Church, specifically *The Sacred Teachings of Light*, Codex V, *The Secret Sayings of Jamil*, Volume IV, "Saying 18":

"Each of the religions of the world is to be given the Teachings by the Ordained. And by means of these Teachings, the older religions inspired by the Image and Word of God given to the Prophets and Holy Ones in former ages will be regenerated and fulfilled. And from within these religions and the Ordained, the Enlightened of God will emerge to form a Holy Order of Patriarchs, an Order of Progenitors of a new race of man.

"And they shall be called Holy Fathers of the Church. They will emulate the Prophets and Holy Ones of ancient times, and take the necessary vows as a condition of this Holy Office. And they shall inspire the formation of a True Church, a universal Church, brought out of the many churches of the world. This True Church will live the new laws of God and, by so doing, restore the sun and the earth and the cosmos to goodly order

for a New Creation in which God's Image and Word will manifest openly as in the beginning of the First Creation.

"The Patriarchs will be those who, having fulfilled their obligation to their wives, joined in holy matrimony, will cease to live as ordinary men in order to live as priests of God, each accepting his wife as a sister and spiritual Companion of the Way, thus separating themselves from all things of the world that they may be free to reflect the Image and the Word of God.

"And this Holy Order of Patriarchs shall lead the multitudes of churches of the world, inspiring them by their Light and wisdom. And by these means the Patriarchs will become fathers unto the churches, joining the noble family of Holy Men of times past, protecting and safeguarding those in their charge with love and understanding, justice, sympathy, patience, tolerance, generosity, honesty, peace, goodness, and Light as a unified whole, un-

separated from one another; of one mind, one body, one spirit—universal and one.

"And the Order of Patriarchs will have its beginnings when, upon a pre-ordained time, you shall withdraw from the activities of man and devote your whole life to God within the Community. And by the sign and color of your vestment, the holy members of the Order will recognize that the Order of Patriarchs has been formed. Once the Order is formed, you shall initiate disciples into it, and they shall subscribe to the vows after the passing of 52 years of age. And allow no man to take these vows and live a chaste life until they have provided for their offspring and pledged to care for their wives and family within the Community.

"And let the Patriarchs of the Church make their withdrawal from human society complete, dedicating their entire lives to the service of the Community as a glory and a power to God, seeking their origins

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SECOND ADVENT EASTER CONCELEBRATION

RED ROCK CONSECRATED SANCTUARY

Cathedral Church of the Americas

April 18, 1991

6:00 A.M.

Officiating Minister

The Most Right Reverend Gene Savoy

Assisting Ministers

Nelson Duchesneau
Robert Petrovich
Donald Crook
Gene Savoy, Jr.
Albert Edgecomb
Robert Roy
Clare Mead
Belinda Chauvin

Reano Castell
David Arden
Mark Lord
Sean Savoy
Larry Coesens
Ted Staver
Dr. Arline Peace
Edith Forgy

Roger Weld
Tom Rees
Gary Buchanan
Ralph Hewlett
Michael McIntyre
Carol Salverson
Jacklynn Lord

First Dispensation Easter Holidays Liturgically Observed

Good Friday, March 29

On the day celebrated as Good Friday in the First Dispensation Churches, The Most Right Reverend Gene Savoy officiated a simple sunset Communion of Fellowship to recall the life of Jesus and celebrate with him in a memorial meal. The open-air Service was held at the Church of the Prophecy to the Americas in the Sanctuary of Prophecy.

Bishop Savoy closed the gathering with a short homiletic message, delivered from the mountain height. The sermon message illuminated the nature of the Messianic Banquet, which Essene tradition held would be celebrated by the Messiah of Aaron and Israel in new form, at which Jesus declared himself to be the expected Messiah. The symbolic meal, though not a meal of sacrifice as is commonly believed, reflects Jesus' anticipation of his destiny as human messiah, a pre-existent being come into the world as a servant of the Father to be rejected and crucified. His was to be the final sacrifice that was to do away with sacrifice forever.

Essene literature and extracanonical scripture tell us that God was to come again at the Second Advent, when the Light of Righteousness would appear out of the Heavens to feed and nurture the spirit at the Great and Final Messianic Banquet served from the True Temple of God.

"By breaking this bread and taking the cup at this communion table," Bishop Savoy said, "we remember Jesus and his ministry out of love, respect, and devotion. And we give thanks unto almighty God for His Second Advent and the Divine Presence which truly feeds our spirits and souls with the Bread and Cup of Eternal Light that is destined to create a New Heaven and a new earth. While we are joined with the ministry of Jesus, we do acknowledge that God will create a New Ministry, abolishing what was established of old due to His Second Coming into the world. The sacred literature of former times prophesied this event, as did the words of Jesus as

preserved in the gospels. Thus our ministry fulfills the old, come to teach of the new things given of God."

Holy Saturday, March 30

Holy Saturday in the early Church was associated with a vigil in expectation that Jesus would return on an Easter Sunday to announce His Father's Second Advent. The Second Advent Church recognized this First Dispensation holy day with a Communion of Fellowship performed at the Church of New Epiphany.

Easter Sunday, March 31

The Second Advent Church celebrated this special day commemorating the spiritual Resurrection among the First Dispensation Churches of the West with a pre-dawn Communion of Fellowship open to the public at the open-air Cathedral Church of the Americas in the Red Rock Consecrated Sanctuary of Prophecy. The Most Rt. Rev. Gene Savoy officiated the Concelebrated Communion Service of twenty-four ministers and choir. He was assisted by eight Rabbin, male and female cantors, and two readers (see inset this page for full list of ministers). Special readings during the service were delivered from the *New*

Testament ("Sermon on the Mount," Matthew 4:25-5:16), the *Old Testament* (Psalm 19:1-14), and the *Qumran Hymnal* ("The Morning Hymn," 1-11).

Following the Service, the officiating minister, Bishop Savoy, delivered a short commemorative sermon on the Incarnation of God's Image and Word in Jesus, which resulted in his spiritual rebirth, and the Resurrection of the Spiritual Body out of the mortal, which is now promised to all mankind in the Second Advent. He closed the sermon with these words:

"The resurrection is extended to all people everywhere, not as a form of faith or belief, not in worship of Jesus, but rather in acceptance of God, upon Light and Redemption through the Eternal Spirit of Righteousness."

He asked those gathered to remember that the world killed Jesus, matter and spirit being contrary. "A Church of the world, a human Church, or a Church of spirit — this is our choice. If the world kills this Church, the Teaching will go out of the world and the Light will dim forever."

"Remember Jesus' words: 'The righteous shall shine forth as the sun in the Kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.'" (Matthew 13:45) ♦

EASTER SUNDAY CONCELEBRATION

RED ROCK CONSECRATED SANCTUARY

Cathedral Church of the Americas

March 31, 1991

5:30 A.M.

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The Most Right Reverend Gene Savoy

Assisting Ministers

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Lawson Crabb
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Michael McIntyre
Robert Roy
Rebecca Willis
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WILL CHURCH LOSE ITS SACRED SANCTUARIES?

Payment of Back Taxes Only Way to Save Land

After several discussions between The Church and Washoe County regarding the amount of property tax actually owed on the Church's Sanctuaries as a result of the 1990 Nevada Supreme Court decision (see **Communique**, Fall 1990), the District Attorney's Office informed Church officials that the County will not consider any of the legal arguments presented by The Church which would serve to reduce ten years' worth of property tax owed on its Sanctuary lands, namely, New Mt. Zion and the Red Rock Sanctuaries of Prophecy and Revelation. Although the County has granted The Church tax exemptions on its chapels, parsonages, and other buildings, it will not grant full exemption on the Sacred and Holy Abodes of God, which are required by The Church for the practice of Second Advent Christianity. In its August 1990 opinion, the Nevada Supreme Court stated, "The Washoe County Assessor had been reasonable with its grant of exemptions totalling more than ten percent of the two square

miles of land... Spiritual or constructive use should not be considered actual use." In effect, they have presumed both to define what constitutes a Second Advent church (as opposed to chapel) and to determine how much land is necessary for the performance of Second Advent liturgy. The District Attorney's Office informed The Church that it has until May 1st to pay approximately \$112,000 or the County will be forced to take tax deeds to the Sanctuaries and sell them at auction.

Because only a small portion of each of the parcels that together constitute the Sanctuary property has been exempted (thereby creating small, exempt pockets within the integral Sanctuary) it is not clear at this time whether churches, shrines, oratories, and other structures would be put into jeopardy. In any case, surrounding Sanctuary land not exempt at this time would be seized.

The Most Right Reverend Gene Savoy called a meeting of the General Assembly of The Church on April

30th to determine the course of action The Church would pursue. The options were clear and simple. The first provided for The Church to allow the County to take the tax deeds and seize the properties; The Church would then pursue means of obtaining retribution for damages inflicted by the County. The second option provided for The Church to seek a temporary restraining order against the County to prevent it from taking tax deeds to the Sanctuaries. The purpose of obtaining the court order would be to allow The Church time to raise money for the taxes owed.

Following extensive debate, a roll call vote resulted in unanimous favor of paying the tax rather than chance losing the sacred lands. Shortly after the Assembly was adjourned, members of the Sacred Oversee met to confirm the decision made earlier by the General Assembly. The Sacred Oversee voted unanimously to confirm the Assembly's decision and authorized The Church's President, Department of Canon Law, and Finance Council to take appropriate action towards furthering its resolve. ♦

The Rev. Gene Savoy, Jr. Receives Appointment Granted Seat on Oversee

The Reverend Gene Savoy, Jr. was appointed to the office of President of the Church Corporation, in accordance with Article II, Section 2, of the Constitution and Canon Law of the International Community of Christ, Church of the Second Advent. The appointment, which grants him a seat on the Sacred Oversee, was made by the Cardinal Head Bishop following his resignation from that office and the establishment of the Holy Order of Patriarchs on February 22nd (see **accompanying article this issue**). The appointment was confirmed by the members of the Sacred Oversee during a special meeting on February 26th.

Called upon to address the Cardi-

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*in Light until their final
mergence with God at the conclu-
sion of their lives on Earth. Let
the Patriarchs live the Image
and Word as did I, the Child,
emulating the Way. Let the
laws and statutes be im-
pressed upon their hearts
and minds and spirits, to be
lived and not spoken, for*

nal Overseers of The Church, The Reverend Savoy, Jr. accepted the responsibilities of office and concluded with these words:

"I would like the very reverend members of the Sacred Oversee to know that The Church is my life and its members my family; this is what I was dedicated to from the moment of my birth. I am your servant." ♦

*the Word of God is neither
found on paper nor revealed
by the tongue. And by these
means, the Holy Race shall
be instructed and taught how
to receive God in its midst." ♦*

MEMORIAL

During the Chapel Communion of Fellowship on Saturday, February 16th, Bishop Savoy read a passage from the Book of Job in special remembrance of Mr. Sidney Stern, who recently passed out of this world. The Service of Lamentation and Prayer held at New Mount Zion that day was also dedicated to him. ♦

SERMONS

delivered by The Most Right Reverend Gene Savoy
Cardinal Head Bishop of The Church

On Liturgy and the Expansion of the Second Advent Church

The short sermon chosen for public report during the spring season was delivered on February 2nd, birthday of the Second Advent.

The importance of its message, both to Church members at a difficult time in The Church's history and to the public as an announcement of The Church's future plans, has prompted the editors to publish it in full, with only slight emendations of the original transcript.

To provide in this issue the space necessary for the full publication of this holiday sermon, the publication of a three-part sermon series on Second Advent Liturgy, also delivered during the spring season, will be reserved for the summer issue.

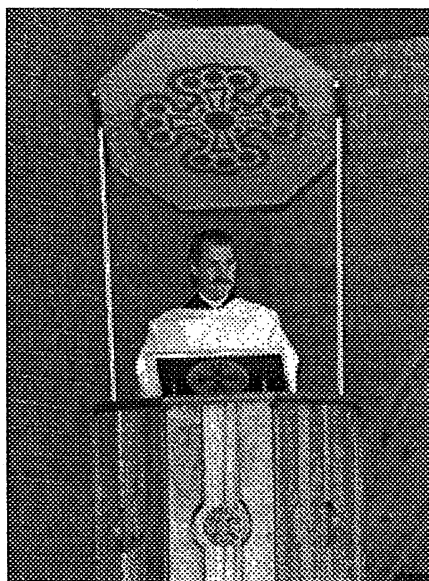
The Most Right Reverend Gene Savoy, Cardinal Head Bishop of The Church, delivered this sermon before the resident Congregation in the University Chapel at the Apostolic Chancellery.

February 2, 1991

"The sermon today is more of an announcement since we are in the sacred days of our calendar at this time.

"At our sunrise service Wednesday at New Smyrna, we received a very special, comforting manifestation of Light. And this morning we received, it would appear, God's Ruah, the strong winds that came over the Church during the services, which were quite symbolic. And it would appear that our Lamentation Services today will be filled with the blessings of the sacred dew or rain which similarly came in olden times.

"In this year of 1991, which is very symbolic to the Church, we will establish our collegiate cathedral churches, fourteen in number at the North and the South Sanctuary, and assign the archcanons to attend those churches. My person will head the Episcopal Cathedral Church which has recently been built. Special services and sacred music will be performed on a perpetual basis according to the canonical hours at these churches.



"Additional churches will be named, appointed, and consecrated, at which special services will be performed, for a total of fifty churches in Sanctuary. (We will get into all of the details during our sessions in liturgy.) The object of these churches is to represent each state of the Union. Eventually there will be seventy other churches named and appointed for the seventy nations of the world, which is a symbolic figure.

"We have a design for these churches, and we have a reason for building them. Our ministers, to experience the second level of ordination and appointment, will not be able to teach or go forth into the nation with the Word of God to be inspired without liturgical help and assistance. The churches will allow you to participate in a sacred liturgy for perpetual communion with Almighty God in the Divine Light in the Sun of Righteousness, and you will find that you will be on a higher level than you were before. As mortals we would find it very difficult to go into this very materialistic world without support from God, without support of spirit, and without support from one another. The pastors of these churches

will, of course, become members of the Episcopal See.

"We have been charged this year to begin the building groundwork for the Shrine of God's Waters. As you know, we have a well going down thirteen hundred and sixty feet. We are to bring that water up this year and build the foundations for the Shrine and the Tower of Light, which we are appointed to build according to the Book of Revelation of our Church. There is a long list of things that we are to begin accomplishing this year. We will plant the seeds. We are to build the Tabulary of the Sanctuary and install the sacred books. This is our year of coming out. Our nation is at war, and it seems strange that the Church of God would come forth at this time. But it only shows and dramatizes the difference and the duality of the material world and the spiritual world, the life of mortal man and the life of spiritual man.

"Today, February 2nd, is the sacred birthday of the Second Advent, which is in its 28th year. There are those in this room who have been with the Church since its infancy and before. We have waited a long time for our sacred charge, and you have all studied very hard. But now your work begins through your diligent learning of liturgy and what it means to be a minister of the Second Advent in the Church of God.

"I, as a person, as a man, hesitate in my charge of going forth to preach of the Second Advent, even though I have been disciplined over the years both on land and sea, and I know what it is to stand before the elements and what it is like to stand before the criticism of men. I had sought the comforts of a quiet life in the Andes of Perú, and I had carried that longing for comfort and peace, and perhaps sanctuary, here to Nevada. I have received in my life enough publicity and

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New Lecture Program of Liturgical Studies Initiated

A program of lectures in Liturgics was initiated this February by The Most Rt. Reverend Gene Savoy, Cardinal Head Bishop of the Second Advent Church and President of the Jamilian University of the Ordained. On Friday evenings during the spring season, Bishop Savoy delivered eleven lectures of the introductory series for instruction of resident clergy at the University Chapel. The latest lectures prior to these were delivered in spring 1989.

The main theme of this introductory series was the preparation required for liturgical practice by those ministers. Performance of the Liturgy requires that the individual holding holy office acquire expertise and scholarship in The Church. With first-level ordination, the individual may receive the Teaching and involve himself in it. Second level ordination requires completion of clerical studies and the written reports required by those studies. High office or degree issuing from The Church licenses one to administer the sacraments.

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notoriety that I run away from it. I am not interested in money or riches or fame or glory. I do not particularly want to write any more books or appear on television. In fact, I have told the publishers I am not interested in that any more. My interest now is to preach, to teach in the Church, to write in the Church, and to go forth to call forth those souls that are pre-ordained to come to this Church.

"I am not interested in arguing with people who are opposed to this Church or opposed to God, nor am I interested in teaching people who are filled with the spirit of Darkness; for you must understand, and you will find this to be true in your lifetime, the world is divided between Light and Dark. I have long since ceased to pass judgment upon those people of Darkness. They are not particularly evil. They are just simply in another world. They follow the ways of this world

Liturgical training lectures prepare one to fulfill the requirements of second level ordination in relation to the Great Work. The introductory lectures in the series emphasized that the Great Work undertaken represents the communion of ministers, adepts, and monastics that is maintained with God and established through the Sun of Righteousness, in which each ceases to live for himself and becomes a servant of God to battle the Powers of Darkness and aid in the rebirth of spiritual Consciousness. The Work has begun at the Sanctuary with the building of the 14 churches there, the 7 churches of Revelation and the 7 churches of Prophecy.

Ministers will be trained to build their congregations and to perform their duties in a meaningful way, lecturing and travelling. This body of ministers will apply the Teaching and build up a force that will unify the Order. Ministers must assume the responsibility of fighting for The Church and its liturgical freedom, and learn to touch the spirits and souls of

and the world of Darkness. We see them going to war in the name of their God and sacrificing, even if symbolically, the blood of fallen men, great prophets, or slain animals to this God of Darkness, which they believe to be the true God.

"But Jesus and the Essenes and the great prophets had long since moved away from worship and sacrifice to Darkness towards a benevolent God of Light, a Light that can be perceived and experienced by people everywhere. And because they loved God, and because God made man, and by man I mean woman too, they loved the spirit that was in each person. Because God had given them life, they felt the need to go forth in dignity to preach to people who wanted to hear the Word of God, not to convince people of Darkness or to change them or to disturb any of their tranquility, but

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The Church's opponents on a higher level. Ministers of Light loyal to the Order will maintain the great schools and preserve the youth of our Community. By building guilds, by becoming involved in the worldly responsibilities of the Church, ministers will find their places which, though established in the realms of Light, are still assuming shape in their physical lives.

The Bishop asked that ministers witness their Church as a fulfillment of prophecy. Ministers, animated by God in a materialistic age, living in a world of humanism, are obliged to bring into the world a Godly instituted order animated by the spirit for liberation of the spirit. The Great Work is to be diversified as ministers learn to make a place for themselves as members of an institution of learning and assume the obligation of defending the faith. Second Advent ministers must have a religious foundation upon which to base their functions. They need to be authoritative and not allow The Church to go astray, directing itself to human and social ends rather than to its spiritual destiny.

The Great Work is accomplished by mutual effort and not by individual achievements. God is driving each member of The Church according to what He has destined us to do. The ministry's ship is its liturgical expression, which will expand and empower the ministry to undertake the tremendous responsibility of the Great work.

The Bishop stressed that The Church is at a crossroads. After working in Nevada for 20 years, he said it is time to complicate the teaching, to give it more depth and take it to a higher form along a divinely instituted path. He called the ministers "pathfinders," who are charged with bringing back the knowledge that has been lost by following The Church's Order and Disciplines.

On February 22nd, during the second part of the third lecture in the

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Church Appeals to State Board for Tax Exemption

No Decision on Whether Church Will Pay New Taxes

The Second Advent Church initiated the first steps towards launching a new tax case for the 1991/92 tax year by appearing before the Washoe County and Nevada State Boards of Equalization. The Most Right Reverend Gene Savoy, The Reverends Rebecca Willis and Gene Savoy, Jr. of the Department of Canon Law, and Attorney Paul Bancroft appeared before the County Board on February 4, 1991,

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series, Bishop Savoy announced the official establishment of the Order of Patriarchs (see accompanying article this issue). Following a reading of the 19th Saying of Jamil, on the establishment of the Matriarchy, with commentary, the Bishop elucidated the purpose of the Patriarchy: "The Patriarchs follow in the footsteps of prophets of times past, an office not attained by earthly intelligence but by power of spirit and Consciousness. Their Enlightenment will be discerned by all. They will lead a spiritual Church, not incorporated or licensed by the State and not visible to the eye. They will form the True Religion.

"The Church moves according to the Twelve Active Principles and teaches the priestly science of divine logic and divine reasoning, serving as a new force in the world. It is God's Will that The Church, by way of therapeutic ritual, establish a living communion with Him. The ministry's job may be defined as divine intervention.

"The Church is a ship to take us over the waters, an instrument, like an ark, to get through this world. The undertaking is not the act of an individual but an act of community. We institutionalize a center of learning so that the Teaching can perpetuate itself. This is achieved through liturgics, which brings about and maintains a spiritually developed person, prepared to submit to a power beyond himself." ♦

to protest the failure of the County Tax Assessor to grant full exemption on Sanctuaries which The Church argues are used exclusively for religious purposes.

The County Board of Equalization is set up to hear grievances from citizens after the County Tax Assessor has either appraised property or assessed taxes. The District Attorney's Office sends a representative as legal counsel to this Board. For this hearing, Deputy District Attorney Chester Adams, who schedules legal counsel for the Board, appointed himself as County representative. Mr. Adams acted as co-counsel with Chief Deputy District Attorney Thomas Riley for the County against The Church in the 1988 district court case before Judge Schouweiler (see **Communique, Spring 1988**).

When Church Attorney Paul Ban-

croft presented the Church's argument, Mr. Adams advised the Board that it did not have jurisdiction over the matter because a decision had already been made by the State Supreme Court (see **Communique, Fall 1990**). One of the Board members immediately moved to dismiss the hearing on the DA's advice. Mr. Bancroft attempted to explain that the issue being brought before the County Board was a totally new case relating to the present tax year on which the Supreme Court decision had no bearing; however, the motion carried and the case was closed.

The Church appealed the decision of the Washoe County Board of Equalization and appeared before the State Board of Equalization on March 18th. Once again, Mr. Bancroft presented The Church's case. Reverends Rebecca

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rather to go forth to preach to people possessed of the spirit of Light, pre-ordained to be in this Church.

"Therefore, when you go forth to preach, seek out and look for those people who will welcome you, and put aside your thoughts of being criticized by those people of Darkness. God is the only judge. We are not here to judge. We are here to preach the truth of God's Second Advent and to lead people to awareness of His coming, the result being life immortal with God.

"You only need to look around you in this world today to see people struggling, fighting, harming one another, trying to keep people away from God, trying to change them to their ways. Therefore, our Church comes at a time when God's Light needs to be taught. It needs to be exposed to people. People are crying out for life, for peace, for tranquility, for goodness, for righteousness, for love and beauty, not ugliness and pain.

"So when remembering your ap-

pointment to your pastorship, in whatever form it takes, remember that you must rise above yourself. It will not be your mental powers or your intellectual prowess that will allow this. It will be the spirit moved by Almighty God. Your Consciousness will come forth, inspired by God's Word. You will speak from your heart, and you will speak from your spirit.

"So long as you are guided by doctrines of the Second Advent Church, which have been revealed by Almighty God, and conform to all of the laws and the prophecies in our Bible and the sacred scripture of other Churches, so long as you are guided by those doctrines and by truth, and do not attempt to rise above them or to distort them or to change them or to interpret them in an improper manner, all will be well with you. Have faith in God. Trust in His Law. Believe in His Word and love your neighbor in the ministry as God, who is your neighbor, loves you." ♦

Religious, Secular Leaders Attend Prayer Breakfast

Crisis in the Persian Gulf the Main Subject of Prayer

The Governor's Prayer Breakfast was held Tuesday, February 19, 1991, at Bally's Grand Hotel. Hundreds of secular and religious professionals, including representatives of the Second Advent Church, gathered at of Bally's Reno in prayerful support of the Governor and leaders of the state of Nevada.

Master of Ceremonies Reverend Max Hale of Sierra Meadows Church opened the ceremonial portion of the program with the posting of colors, Pledge of Allegiance, and the Invocation, delivered by Reverend Chester Richardson of the Second Baptist Church.

Governor Bob Miller, with his message on the meaning and purpose of prayer as a human activity of asking and thanksgiving, initiated the program of prayer messages and song. Readers representing a variety of faiths and cultural backgrounds, including Hindu and native American Indian, cited scriptures and oral traditions to announce their prayerful support of the gathering.

Choir selections performed by the LDS Combined Choir, under the direction of Pamela Kellerstrass, provided a short interlude before the presentation of the event's keynote speakers. A rendition of the "Battle Hymn of the Republic" was dedicated to U.S. troops in the Middle East.

The first speaker, Rabbi Cutler, of Temple Emanu-El, spoke on the nature of prayer from his many years of

experience as a prison chaplain. Prayer, he said, was a bridge between man and God. He explained how the combination of heart and soul merged with divinely guided words portrays the Hebrew word for prayer, which means "to feel out," as well as the Hebrew phrase for communal prayer, meaning "the service or work of the heart." Idleness brings fatigue, he said, and activity, like prayer, is untiring. "We must all work and wait, and leave a little for God."

The second speaker, Jean Sokol, of Holy Cross Catholic Church, in reference to the power of prayer, said she once heard a speaker say, "Words sound, but actions thunder." She exclaimed that words sometimes also thunder and, referring to the 8th century prophet Micah as a champion of the oppressed, and his example cited in the Old Testament passage Micah 6:9, declared that we all are called upon to raise our voices as he did. Ms. Sokol ended with an old family prayer in which she called for all present to join hands.

The third speaker, Islamic scholar and teacher Dr. Ahmed Essa, representing the Muslim Community, opened with an Islamic entreaty: What to do on the occasion of the Gulf War when Muslims are both allies and adversaries? Since Islam believes itself an extension of both Judaism and Christianity, Dr. Essa explained that he thought it proper for him to

address the situation by commenting on a saying from the Torah once told him by Rabbi Myra Soifer. The saying, focusing on the Biblical crossing of the Red Sea, was a lyrical expression of personal tragedy and concern for the safety of a dying people.

The program closed with a Benediction delivered by The Reverend Roland Grumm of Holy Cross Lutheran Church and a singing of "America the Beautiful" by the LDS Combined Choir together with all those assembled. ♦

TAX CASE

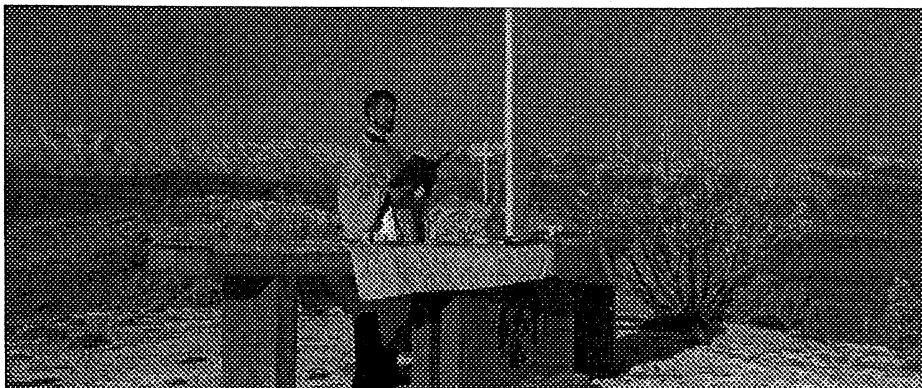
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Willis, Gene Savoy, Jr., and Sean Savoy attended as observers. Representing Washoe County was Chief Deputy District Attorney Thomas Riley.

Riley presented his case, arguing that the action taken by the County Board at the February 4th hearing was valid. He was in agreement with the County Board that the question of tax exemption regarding The Church's Sanctuaries had already been decided by the Nevada Supreme Court. Mr. Bancroft countered by arguing again that the case before the State Board was an entirely new case for the 1991/1992 tax year and that the Supreme Court's decision covered previous tax years 1980/81-1990/91.

The State Board eventually determined that the County Board had failed to review the evidence and remanded the case back to the County Board with instructions for a hearing to be held within 30 days at which time the County Board will determine whether The Church's Sanctuaries are exempt from taxation.

If The Church does not gain full tax exemption on its Sanctuaries at the County level, it may again appeal to the State Board. If a full exemption is not granted there, The Church has the option of bringing suit against Washoe County in Federal District Court. ♦



ROGER WEID

Bruce Kanzelmeyer reads the Communion Prayer during a service at the Church of New Laodicea.

COMMUNION SERVICES

CHANCELLERY COMPLEX

The University Chapel

Wednesday 12:00 N.

1991 Officiating Minister

Feb. 6 Roger Weld
13 Carol Salverson
20 David Arden
27 Ileana Isfan

Mar. 6 Robert Petrovich
13 Gail Fosbury
20 Reano Castell
27 Vickie Hewlett

Apr. 3 Clare Mead
10 LaCynda Gibson
17 Gene Savoy, Jr.
24 Sean Savoy



ROGER WELD

The Reverend Clare Mead officiates an open-air service of Communion at the Red Rock Consecrated Sanctuary.

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COMMUNION SERVICES

CHANCELLERY COMPLEX

The University Chapel

Saturday 10:00 A.M.

Officiating Minister

The Most Right Reverend Gene Savoy

1991	Assisting Ministers	1991	Assisting Ministers
Feb. 2	Nelson Duchesneau (L) Ileana Isfan (C) Victoria Skinner (R) Reano Castell (L) Belinda Chauvin (C) Gary Huss (R)	Mar. 30	Nelson Duchesneau (L) David Arden (C) JoAnn Hainline (R)
9	Roger Weld (L) Larry Coesens (C) Elizabeth Crook (R) Robert Petrovich (L) Clare Mead (C) Amanda Buchanan (R)	Apr. 6	Roger Weld (L) Donald Crook (C) Gene Savoy, Jr. (R) Reano Castell (L) Jacklynn Lord (C) Sean Savoy (R)
16		13	Robert Petrovich (L) Elizabeth Reece (C) Ted Staver (R)
23		20	Nelson Duchesneau (L) Dr. Arline Peace (C) Rebecca Willis (R)
Mar. 2	Nelson Duchesneau (L) Tom Rees (C) Barbara Snyder (R) Reano Castell (L) Mark Lord (C) Michael McIntyre (R)	27	
9	Roger Weld (L) Ralph Hewlett (C) Robert Roy (R)		
16	Robert Petrovich (L) LaCynda Gibson (C) Edith Forgy (R)		
23			

(L) = Lector
(C) = Cantor
(R) = Reader

INVOCATIONS AND INTERCESSIONS

CHANCELLERY COMPLEX

The University Chapel

February		Sat. 16 (cont'd.)	George Carlin Paul Opdyke
Sat. 2	Celia Opdyke Taumie and Brian Roberts & family Robert Dale Sharp †	Sat. 23	James Chandler James Chandler
Wed. 13	Gerald Roy	Wed. 27	Shahin Roy and Debbie Roy Rabbi Irwin Cutler
Sat. 16	Elizabeth Slepica † Sidney Stern † Brian Roberts	Sat. 30	
Sat. 23	Edward Yanick Roger Large Brian Roberts Jacklynn Lord	April	
		Wed. 3	Betty Whitney Betty Whitney
		Sat. 6	James Chandler Howard Kelly Caryl Gregory William Trout
March		Wed. 10	Caryl Gregory James Chandler
Sat. 2	Jacklynn Lord Roger Large Brian Roberts Ed Connolly	Sat. 13	Theresa Andronis & family Sun Ok and Gary Siroshon & family
Wed. 6	Jeanne Huston Ann McHugh Lora Hahn	Sat. 20	Theresa Andronis & family Sun Ok and Gary Siroshon & family
Wed. 13	Jeanne Huston		
Sat. 16	Roger Large		

† In Memoriam

These appeals are made upon request.

SUNDAY OPEN-AIR SERVICES

RED ROCK CONSECRATED SANCTUARY

Sanctuary of Revelation

1991	Church	Time*	Officiating Minister
Feb. 3	(NSS)		
10	New Laodicea	8:45	Ileana Isfan
	New Mt. Hebron	9:15	JoAnn Hainline
17	(NSS)		
24	New Qumran	8:15	JoAnn Hainline
Mar. 3	New Laodicea	8:00	Roger Weld
	New Mt. Tabor	8:30	Dr. Tyrus Peace
	New Mt. Carmel	9:00	Gary Huss
10	New Bethany	8:00	Dr. Tyrus Peace
	New Qumran	8:30	Gary Huss
17	New Mt. Carmel	7:30	Gary Huss
	New Mt. Tabor	8:00	Ralph Hewlett
24	(NSS)		
31	New Philadelphia	9:00	Roger Weld
	New Bethany	9:15	Gary Huss
	New Qumran	9:30	Ralph Hewlett
Apr. 7	New Laodicea	7:30	Jacklynn Lord
14	New Philadelphia	8:30	Barbara Snyder
21	New Ephesus	8:00	Clare Mead
28	New Philadelphia	7:30	Jacklynn Lord

(NSS) = No Service Scheduled

* Daylight Saving Time begins April 7th.

Sanctuary of Prophecy

1991	Church	Time*	Officiating Minister
Feb. 3	Christian Churches	8:15	Ileana Isfan
	End Times	8:45	Dr. Arline Peace
10	(NSS)		
17	(NSS)		
24	Golden Age of Light & the Nation of Nations	9:15	Ileana Isfan
	Universal Theocracy	9:45	Dr. Arline Peace
Mar. 3	(NSS)		
10	Races of Man	9:00	Roger Weld
17	Christian Churches	8:45	Roger Weld
24	(NSS)		
31	(NSS)		
Apr. 7	Races of Man	8:15	Barbara Snyder
	New Covenant	8:30	Clare Mead
14	Christian Churches	9:30	Clare Mead
	End Times	10:00	Jacklynn Lord
21	Golden Age of Light & the Nation of Nations	9:00	Jacklynn Lord
	Universal Theocracy	9:15	Barbara Snyder
28	Races of Man	8:30	Clare Mead
	New Covenant	9:00	Barbara Snyder

(NSS) = No Service Scheduled

* Daylight Saving Time begins April 7th.

SUNDAY DIVINE SERVICE

RED ROCK CONSECRATED SANCTUARY

Officiating Minister

The Most Right Reverend Gene Savoy

1991	Church	Time*
Feb. 3	New Epiphany	7:10
10	New Epiphany	7:05**
17	New Epiphany	6:55
24	New Epiphany	6:47**
Mar. 3	New Epiphany	6:40
10	New Epiphany	6:25
17	New Epiphany	6:10
24	(NSS)	
31	(NSS)+	
Apr. 7	New Epiphany	6:45
14	New Epiphany	6:31**
21	New Pentecost	6:21
28	New Epiphany	6:11**

* Daylight Saving Time begins
April 7th.

** Exact sunrise horizon time

+ No Service Scheduled due to Easter
Communion and Concelebration.

(NSS) = No Service Scheduled

CHRISTENING

Jan-Margaret Olga Gould, youngest daughter of Janet and John Gould, was baptized on Saturday, March 2, 1991, at 11:00 A.M. in the University Chapel.

The child was anointed in private service by Bishop Savoy in his Chambers prior to the Chapel service.

The Christening and Rite of Baptism were performed by The Right Reverend Nelson Duchesneau, assisted by Reverend Sean Savoy. Rt. Rev. Ileana Isfan and Rev. Tom Rees avowed themselves as Godparents of Jan-Margaret during the service.

Rev. Gary Buchanan accompanied the service on the organ with the traditional *A Baptismal Hymn* and *Music for a Christening*. ♦

LAMENTATION SERVICE

NEW MT. ZION SANCTUARY

Officiating Minister

The Most Right Reverend Gene Savoy

Assisting Ministers

Roger Weld	Nelson Duchesneau
David Arden	Reano Casetll
Lawson Crabb	Robert Petrovich
Donald Crook	Mark Lord*
Gary Buchanan	Ileana Isfan

Carol Salverson

1991	Saturday, 12:00 N.	1991	Saturday, 12:00 N.
Feb. 2	High Service	Mar. 30	Private Prayer
9	High Service		
16	High Service	Apr. 6	Private Prayer
23	High Service	13	High Service
		20	High Service
Mar. 2	High Service	27	High Service
9	High Service		
16	High Service		
23	High Service		

* Mark Lord replaced Kjell Sveen on February 9th.

The Service of Lamentation & Prayer is held in protest of Washoe County's denial of a Special Use Permit which would have allowed the building of an open-air Cathedral and Shrine.

RABBAN SERVICE

CHANCELLERY COMPLEX

The University Chapel

Officiating Minister

The Most Right Reverend
Gene Savoy

1991	Time
Feb. 2	11:00 A.M.
9	11:00 A.M.
16	11:00 A.M.
23	11:00 A.M.
Mar. 2	10:30 A.M.
9	11:00 A.M.
16	11:00 A.M.
23	11:00 A.M.
30	12:00 N.
Apr. 6	11:00 A.M.
13	11:00 A.M.
20	11:00 A.M.
27	11:00 A.M.

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