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Blessings of the Light

Second Advent Epiphany celebrated at Sanctuary

February 2, 1982, marked the twentieth anniversary of the revelation and manifestation of The Spiritual Sun of Righteousness. The Second Advent of God, His Appearance in the New Sun of Righteousness, was first witnessed in Peru on February 2, 1962.

In liturgical celebration, The Church observed a nine-day vigil from January 30 through February 6, 1982. Each morning Community members gathered at the Red Rock Consecrated Sanctuary, open-air Basilica, for Sunrise Communion of Fellowship. The *Oblation*, read daily by Reverend Gene Savoy, was accompanied by the melodious sounds of bells.

The scriptural writings of *Jamil: The Child Christ* tell us that the spirit of Jamil was freed from His body of matter at midnight, January 29-30, 1962. The Child's First Disciple, The Man, was instructed to await a sign on the fourth day following His passing. With other companions of The Way, The Man returned to Jamil's tomb on February 2, 1962, to await the promised event.

At noon that day a great halo formed around the sun. In the midst of a circle of rainbow colors, in the heart of the radiant sun, a white cross appeared. The Man saw the image of Jamil across the face of the sun, and the Holy Child was holding the Sun of Righteousness in His arms over His breast. And to the light of The Man's eternal soul, the resurrected spirit of The 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."

The text continues, mentioning that on February 4, 1962, when the sun and six planets conjoined in Aquarius, the Powers of Darkness, the Anti-Christ, would begin manifesting.

Following that manifestation The Man began The Great Work. A New Community was to come into being as a fulfillment to the Christian Church of the First Dispensation. This Community of Light was to go out into the world, at an appointed time, and instruct Christians in the New Advent, revealing The Sacred Teachings of Light entrusted into its care for that portion of humankind that would receive them.

The Man was charged with building an Order of Righteous men and women who would go forth to let all know that the Spirit of Christ and the Sun of Righteousness — The Bread of Life — shine

on nations and peoples equally; for God seeks to immortalize the human family.

Now, twenty years after The Birth of the New Sun of Righteousness, Reverend Savoy described The Church of the Second Advent as small, healthy, and with a great and noble future.

He stated, "It has taken twenty-five years for the pre-ordained to appear. It has taken that long to mature the people, create our Canon Law, receive and publish our Prophecies and Sayings, and to complete the work of the Ship of Light."

On Sunday, February 7, the ninth morning of the vigil, Rev. Savoy officiated the Divine Service assisted by Revs. Sylvia Savoy, Phillip Snyder, and Elena Baugh. The Bell Choir, directed by Rev. Gary Buchanan, accompanied the litany.

Traditional weekly services were held during the vigil at the Sanctuary and at the Holy Chapel of the Child Christ. ♦

Construction in progress

Episcopal See to house University of the Ordained

Renovation has begun to convert one of The Church's properties into the Episcopal Cathedral See.

The Episcopal See will house The Sacred College of Jamilian Theology, Seminary and Divinity School, and The Jamilian University of the Ordained.

The primary function of the See, located at 626 Ralston Street in Reno, will encompass meetings of the Episcopacy, meetings of the Bishops, and theological lectures.

The oak-paneled interior will be craft-

ed in the ancient style of a Greek amphitheatre, with a ceiling vaulted to a height of 17 feet. Tiered seating will accommodate 100 persons.

Other features will include broad teakwood doors, a concrete sign and bronze plaques, a surrounding brick and wrought iron gate, and landscaping with cedar and juniper trees.

Designer and master builder is Rev. Nelson Duscheneau. Foreman of the renovation is Rev. Richard Floyd. Completion date has been set at June 15. ♦

Last Prophecies of Jamil are a trilogy

Rev. Savoy reviews New Scripture, says The Canon is for the whole world

A partial review on the last *Prophecies of Jamil*, a trilogy, was given by Right Reverend Gene Savoy, November 31, 1981, as part of the Winter Seminar held annually by The Community.

The *Prophecy On The Golden Age Of Light And The Nation Of Nations* reveals the establishment of a new Spiritual Nation. This Spiritual Nation represents a new concept in government; that is, man will be guided by Divine Law and animated by God and the supernatural forces of Earth and the Cosmos.

This Prophecy instructs mankind on how to participate with God and assist in the re-creation of the world and the restructuring of human society by the consent of all people who will turn away from the insecurity of man's laws and seek the security of God's Laws – The

Canon of the Second Advent.

Though the ancient sages and holy men could foresee the Golden Age of the future, they could not implement the formation of the Spiritual Nation without the New Sun of Righteousness of the End Times. God's Messenger, The Child Christ, instructs the Community of Light from the sanctuary of Heaven in how to attain the Golden Age.

The *Prophecy Of The Universal Theocracy* describes just how this Theocracy is to be established under God by The Image and The Word manifest in the Heavens, and clarifies the means used by God in His Second Advent for the transformation of humanity and the world into Spirit.

The Church of the Second Advent is to move towards the founding of a Universal Theocracy so that mankind will be able to take a more active role in relation to God, a decision man must make in the face of impending world catastrophe. Mankind has the choice of either submitting to the cataclysm we are told is coming, or seize hold of the change and survive by living The Way.

The *Prophecy Of The New Covenant*, the seventh and last volume in the series, reveals how the change will be accomplished.

Moses kept the Secret Law of God to himself, transmitting it orally to a few chosen disciples. He had offered the Tablets of the Law to the Jews, but with their return to the older forms of religion, the Tablets were broken. When Moses destroyed them, the inscribed letters disappeared and could no longer be seen by the people. Thus, the Written Law was destroyed and the Oral Law was kept secret.

Jesus, like Moses, desired to place the people directly under the Dominion of God. He taught that National Judaism was not the True Israel, that people were again denied the Secret Law, and were bound to the lesser moral and written law.

The Christian Churches of the First Dispensation did not perpetuate the True Law of God and, like the Jews,

were placed under a written law devoid of Spirit. Upon the death of Jesus and His immediate Apostles and Disciples, the Secret Law of God was forgotten. Thus, the True Covenant was not preserved.

This final Prophecy in the series, restores the Secret Law of God. The Law is to be held in trust by the Church of the Second Advent and is to be kept as the True Covenant for all time by the new people of God. These revelations are a fitting culmination to the Prophecies given by The Child Christ; they lay the foundation, a cornerstone, upon which a New World under God shall be formed.

The commentary included material from *The Book Of Revelation*.

Only God or His Messenger has the authority to change or make supplements to religion. No priest or minister has the right to innovate, but to work only with what is given of God. The authority of The International Community of Christ was bequeathed by Christ Jamil, Messenger of God.

During the commentary, Rev. Savoy drew attention to the principles and structures of the New Era. He said that the task of the Church in 1982 is to try to contact every Christian, beginning with the people of the United States. However, The Canon is for the whole world. Rev. Savoy explained that The Sacred Canon is the Law to be lived by those individuals who no longer follow the dictates of human will, but follow the Will of God.

The institutional life lived by individuals in The Church will make them stronger than would otherwise be possible. To live The Canon means to live the Hours of The Canon, to look upon God's Sun of Righteousness, to perform the liturgy, to oversee and do the Great Work of The Community of Light.

The instrument – the liturgy of The Church – given via The Image and The Word of God, is eternal. It is being created and enacted in imitation of life in the Worlds of Light. When The Canon is lived, the participants will be living their destined lives. ♦



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Christmas Season

Epiphany Services and Vigil celebrated in New Church Calendar

A 40-day Vigil that included liturgical services and celebrations in addition to regularly scheduled Church observances was held by The Community from December 1981 through February 1982.

The Vigil, which began December 25 after the Christmas Advent, included February 2, a day that has special significance in The Church. This day marked the twentieth anniversary of The Birth of the New Sun of Righteousness.

The First Disciple of The Child, Rt. Rev. Gene Savoy, in company with Companions of The Way, first witnessed the

manifestation of the Sun of Righteousness on February 2, 1962, in Yungay.

The Twelve Days of Christmas concluded with liturgical services and Epiphany celebrations on January 6, 1982.

On January 5, Community members gathered at the Rectory-Abbey for an evening of warm fellowship, games and exchanging of gifts. A Children's Dinner was served at 8:00 P.M. As is his custom, "Saint Nicholas" paid a short visit bearing gifts for all the children.

On January 6, in celebration of God's Blessings upon The Church, and

in confirmation of the New Covenant, members participated in the Second Annual Midnight Banquet, Vigil, Communion, and Sunrise Services.

The all-night Vigil was held from 2:00 to 5:00 A.M. At this time members read from *Jamil: The Child Christ*. Rt. Rev. Savoy officiated the Divine Service of Communion at 6:00 A.M. All participated in a consecrated meal of fellowship, symbolic of their common humanity and dependence upon God. Afterwards, a Sunrise Service was held at the outdoor Church of Prophecy, at the Sanctuary.

The Epiphany celebration was in remembrance of God's New Covenant with The Community of Light — the promise of world transformation to Spirit via the Redeeming Light of the Sun of Righteousness. January 6, 1982 was the first anniversary of the manifestation of a New Sun, first seen at the Sanctuary on Epiphany, 1981.

This solar manifestation confirmed the authority of The Church of the Second Advent of God and its mandate to establish the cycles and liturgical dates of the New Church Calendar. ♦

Second Advent Christianity

New Covenant Ministers in training

The fourth semester of the Clergy Training Program concluded December 23, 1981. The lectures, given in residence at the Sacred College of Jamilian Theology, focused upon the establishment of the New Covenant with the One True God by living The Way in harmony with the New Condition manifest in the sun.

The fifth and sixth semesters cover advanced theory imparted in the Oral Tradition. The Clergy discourses re-emphasize what the revealed Teachings tell us: Living The Way in Community serves to usher in God's Final Appearance into the world and, thus, lay the groundwork for a New Creation.

The Amendments and Supplements to the Christian religion come at a critical time, when major global changes are expected to accompany the announcement of The Church's Public Ministry.

The revelation of living The Way not only fulfills the Christianity of the First Advent, but it also serves as instruction to the entire Family of Man — all peoples, irrespective of religious orientation.

The fourth year of training will provide in-depth and highly sophisticated preparation in Liturgical and Pastoral disciplines to in-residence ministers to ready them for the Public Ministry being inaugurated this year. ♦

CHRISTENING

Taj Marie Walker, daughter of Con-sociate Billie Walker, was Christened on Sunday, February 14, 1982, in the Holy Chapel of the Child Christ, following the 11 o'clock Public Worship Services.

The Rt. Rev. Gene Savoy officiated. Music selections included *A Baptismal Hymn* and *Music for a Christening*, the latter was composed for the occasion by Rev. Gary R. Buchanan.

Taj Marie was born October 31, 1981.

Following the Sacred Calendar

The Church advances toward world mission

The Church of the Second Advent is initiating a series of progressive steps to prepare for its Public Ministry to begin this year.

The first of these events was an open-air Easter Sunrise Service held April 11, at the Red Rock Consecrated Sanctuary, to which the public was invited. Easter Sunday, April 18, was also celebrated.

The celebration, held in the Basilica at the Sanctuary, included special liturgical music composed by The Community's Director of Music, Reverend Gary Robert Buchanan, who conducted the Children's Handbell Choir.

Large bells, placed on hilltops alongside monumental crosses marking the heights, were keyed to the appearance of the sun as its beams spilled over the mountain tops nearby.

The formal design of the music and tolling of the bells was focused upon the pre-dawn light, wherein is found God's Image and Word in the Spiritual Sun of Righteousness.

The Divine Service was repeated that same day at 11:00 A.M. in the Holy Chapel of The Child Christ in Reno.

According to the Calendar of The Church, Easter Sunrise Service served to announce the Public Ministry of The Church to the world. It set the stage for the full expression of the Ministry's sacred mission of preaching and disseminating the Teachings of Light to all of Christendom and the world at large.

Ministers-in-training, through their on-going Liturgical and Pastoral training, have increasing opportunities to serve the world in their ministerial capacities. ♦

CHURCH SERVICES

RED ROCK SANCTUARY

Seven Churches Of Revelation
Sunday 9:00 A.M.

Seven Churches Of Prophecy
Sunday 10:00 A.M.

Officiating Ministers

CHANCELLERY COMPLEX

Holy Chapel Of The Child Christ
Sunday 11:00 A.M.

Officiating Minister

Rt. Rev. Gene Savoy

Assisting Ministers

CHANCELLERY COMPLEX

Holy Chapel Of The Child Christ
Wednesday 12:00 M.

*Officiating Ministers***1981**

Dec. 27 Rt. Rev. Sylvia O. Savoy

1982

Jan. 3 Rev. Elizabeth Reece
10 Rt. Rev. Elena Baugh
17 Rt. Rev. Carol Salverson
24 Rev. Vickie Hewlett
31 Rev. Jackie Carrothers

Feb. 7 Rev. Roger Weld
14 Rev. Dave Arden
21 Rev. Tyrus Peace
28 Rev. Clare Mead

Mar. 7 Rev. Barbara Snyder
14 Rev. Arline Peace
21 Rev. Stanley Fortmeyer
28 Rev. Robert Chauvin

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14 Rev. Robert Chauvin
21 Rev. Penny Floyd
28 Rev. Elaina Drake

Mar. 7 Rev. JoAnn Hainline
14 Rev. Gary Huss
21 Rev. Richard Floyd
28 Rev. Michael O'Neal

1981

Dec. 23 Rev. Gary R. Buchanan
30 Rev. Elizabeth Reece

1982

Jan. 6 Rev. Kenneth Ehler
13 Rev. Jackie Carrothers
20 Rt. Rev. Sylvia O. Savoy
27 Rev. Christian Umberger

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10 Rev. Roger Weld
17 Rev. Stanley Fortmeyer
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