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Epiphany revered at original Sanctuary site *Church of New Pergamos blessed with mists*

The third annual celebration of God's New Covenant, Second Advent Epiphany, was observed with liturgical services on the morning of Friday, January 6.

A Divine Service was conducted at the Church of New Pergamos, the mount where the first Epiphany of the Second Advent was observed in 1982.

The Most Right Reverend Gene Savoy officiated the Eucharist, assisted by The Reverends Sylvia Ontaneda de Savoy, Phillip W. Snyder, and Elena Baugh.

The Jamilian Handbell Choir accompanied the litany under the direction of The Reverend Gary R. Buchanan. Among other selections, the sacred music included *Jubilate* performed annually for Epiphany and other "jubilee" dates marked on the Sacred Calendar of the Church.

New Pergamos, one of the North Sanctuary Seven Churches of Revelation is situated at the crest of the north peak on the Mountain of Silver.

On Epiphany morning the Church was completely veiled by clouds of snowy mist as sextons and sacristans arrived in the pre-dawn. While a single cumulus cloud, aglow with light, hovered over the Church, the communion table was reverently prepared for the concelebration.

As the ordained quietly ascended the mount in the early morning mist, winds flowed from the ancient seabed valley below, gradually exposing the majesty of the Sacred Mounts upon which repose the Seven Churches of Revelation. By the time all had gathered for worship, the clear sky revealed the Mounts, each with its Church and white cross, towering above the valley filled with rolling waves of mist.

Colored bows appeared in the sky, highlighting each of the seven promontories that stood as silent witnesses of God's Omnipresence. And the luminous cloud settled above New Pergamos and the congregation of the faithful.

Bells tolled and the chanted words of

the sacred liturgy were offered up. And the cloud cast a network of glistening spirals upon the assembly. Laden with crystals of snow and ice, the valley winds swept up the craggy mountain side enveloping the Church and the devout in golden

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Sinfonietta premieres at Christmas Service

Odes of Solomon sung at Chapel

The Sinfonietta of the International Community of Christ gave its premiere performance on Saturday, December 24, 1983 during Communion Service at the Memorial Chapel of the Holy Child.

Under the baton of Music Director, The Reverend Gary Robert Buchanan, Ministers and Consociates, in association with the Jamilian Handbell Choir and Children's Chorus, executed for the first time a new composition based upon verses from the "Odes of Solomon."

Adapted from the sacred scriptures of the earliest Mid-Eastern Christian churches by The Most Right Reverend Gene Savoy, the lyrics of *So Is My Joy The Lord* (see box) were set to music and orchestrated by The Reverend Buchanan.

An instrumental version of the work was performed by the Sinfonietta and Handbell Choir prior to morning chapel service. The entrance of sextants and officiating ministers was accompanied by the processional *Song Without Words*.

The orchestral and vocal rendition of *So Is My Joy The Lord* preceded the prayer of Invocation offered by the assisting

minister at the onset of the liturgical order. The Reverend Savoy officiated at the Saturday public worship service. Assisting him was The Reverend Theodore Alhberg.

Later in the Holiday Season, accompanied only by organ, handbells, vibraphone, and orchestral bells—without winds, brass, or strings—the Children's Chorus and bass soloist, The Reverend Doctor Peace, performed the new hymn with antiphonal choirs in canonic imitation. The style was adagio cantabile with rubato phrasing, in contradistinction to the more martial style of the December 24th presentation.

The musical performance was part of the Epiphany Eve's agenda of liturgical discourses delivered by The Most Right Reverend Gene Savoy at the Bishopstead Rectory-Abbey, on January 5.

The liturgical programme concluded with chants, based on the new musical material, vocalized by The Most Right Reverend along with *responsoria* from the choir.

Much of Second Advent liturgy, as explained by Reverend Savoy, has to do

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Essaei Document revised in Millennium Edition

The Essaei Document: Secrets of an Eternal Race, by The Most Right Reverend Gene Savoy, Chancellor of the Sacred College of Jamilian Theology and President of the Jamilian University of the Ordained, has been reprinted in a new Millennium Edition. Copies of this work were issued to Ministers and Consociates of the Church during the Christmas-Epiphany season of observances and celebration.

Materials presented in earlier editions have been expanded upon. The historical development and theological tenets of the ancient Essaei Order, from which Jesus sprang, are more highly researched and complete in elucidation.

An authorized and licensed certiorate primer text for exegetical studies, this volume, together with the Millennium Editions of *The Decoded New Testament* and *The Lost Gospel of Jesus*, brings to

light the role of the ancient Essaei in the birth of Messianic Christianity, describes the early 'edah-church, proclaims Jesus as Messiah and Teacher of Righteousness, and illustrates the true "Gospel," the System of Rebirth essential to the Teachings of Light.

The up-dated edition of *The Decoded New Testament* was released in June, 1983. The Millennium Edition of *The Lost Gos-*

pel of Jesus is scheduled for publication this coming winter. Following completion of the new trilogy, a fourth volume, *The Miracle of the Second Advent*, is planned for production and release.

Together, these texts form a valuable introduction to the history of Christianity as well as to the Church of the Second Advent. They will be made available internationally to select candidates interested in ministerial studies. ♦

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SINFONIETTA

with musical presentations, accompaniments, and settings of materials. In this light, it can be expected that the Sinfonietta will play an ever increasing important role in the ceremonial format of the Church's liturgy. Inaugural rehearsals of the mixed ensemble were initiated early last August, as reported in the 1983 Sum-

mer issue of the **Communique**.

Participating in the Chorus and Handbell Choir during the holiday celebrations were students of the Jamilian Parochial School together with The Reverends Tyrus Peace, Jacklynn and Mark Lord, and Stan Fortmeyer, senior members. ♦



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SO IS MY JOY THE LORD

Second Advent Liturgical Hymn

*Behold the Lord,
Learn the manner of your face.
Open your eyes,
Vest yourself with robes of Light.
As the eyes of a son to his Father,
So my eyes are towards Thee.
For with Thee,
For with Thee,
My Delight!
Turn not away from me.
Thy Kindness!
Thy Mercy!
Stretch out to me, O Lord.*

*Thy Glory,
Let me be well-pleasing to Thee.
Thy Holy Name,
Let Thy meekness abide with me.
And teach me the Psalms,
Of Thy Holy Truth,
That I may bring forth Thy Fruit.*

*Harp of Spirits!
Notes of Truth!
Let me hear Thy Holy Word.
Thy Glory!
Thy Mercy!
Let me sing these Psalms to Thee.*

*As the Sun,
Is the Joy to them that seek.*

*Just as the daybreak,
So Is My Joy The Lord.
He is my Sun,
His rays have lifted me up.*

*His Light
Hath dispelled
All Darkness
From my face.*

*Through Him
My eyes
Have seen
His Holy Day.*

*Through Him
My ears
have heard
His Holy Truth.*

*The Way
of Error
Hath left me,
And God is my Salvation.*

*Harp of Spirits!
Notes of Truth!
Let me hear Thy Holy Word.
Thy Glory!
Thy Mercy!
Let me sing these Psalms to Thee.*

Jamilian Library develops steadily

Research and reference stressed

Research in the Second Advent Church is necessarily unique, though it draws on centuries of academic work by scholars in religion and other fields.

In contrast to the modern academic who pursues original scholarship in which no concept is held sacred for it must stand up to scientific or rational examination, the Jamilian researcher attempts to shed greater light upon Truths of the Second Advent, which are known to be fact by the developed spiritual reason that transcends intellectual functions or science.

The intent of the modern academic is to be innovative, to create new knowledge. The Jamilian researcher bridges common knowledge to higher Truth by the search and application of timeless wisdom.

In view of this, The Jamilian Research Library, must go beyond the traditional academic and scholastic research concepts to give a sound bibliographic base to the Jamilian researcher.

A modern Indian Librarian, Ranganathan, expressed the five laws of Library Science thusly: *Books are for use. Every reader his book. Every book its reader. Save the time of the reader and the library staff. The library is a growing organism.*

Looking beyond constructive rules of service to applied higher principles, the Jamilian Librarian identifies with the ancient keepers of sacred books, such as the god Thoth, revered by the ancient Egyptian librarians. His instruction was, succinctly, *fit books to fit persons for proper use.*

Thus, Second Advent philosophy of library service could be best described in the following manner: librarians preserving holy writ, made available only to enlightened holy men and women, for a holy purpose. Granting, of course, that no sacred written material, however enlightened, can be fully comprehended without the *Paradosis*.

The Jamilian Research Library, the core of the Church research program, acquires significant printed materials of traditional standard works held by theological libraries, selected writings of the world's



religions, certain scholarly texts, choice scientific treatises, portions of the classics, and other publications of selected fields.

Book selection in the Church is a highly specialized art as well as a science. With an eye to Truth, the Jamilian Librarian searches for the best possible books from material available in the modern world, and identifies extant source materials.

Volumes of speculative philosophy and metaphysics, common writings on the occult, and esoteric philosophy are of no direct value, except, perhaps, as examples representing certain writers or groups. Academic texts may provide information on secular topics or orthodox religions, e. g., history of Christianity, scientific discoveries, legal data. These books may also contain vestiges of special "knowledge" held by the ancients.

It is essential that the Jamilian researcher probe further into ancient commentaries and genuine source materials, preferably in straightforward English translation — such as works on the Essenes and others who held key Knowledge already under examination in the Community.

At present a substantial portion of the research collection of the Church is kept in the Archives at the Rectory-Abbey. Materials for departmental research are supplied by the Chancellery Reference Library, which houses copies of all editions

of the Community's texts as well as sound recordings and transcripts of simposia and theological discourses.

The library program continues to contribute actively to the on-going work of the Church, and is developing steadily to meet the research needs of The Most Right Reverend Gene Savoy and his staff.

Head Librarian is The Reverend Carol Salverson, who has provided her professional skills since 1975. She is listed in *Who's Who in the West*, and is presently a candidate for inclusion in *Who's Who in Religion*. The Reverend has taught a library course at the Jamilian Parochial School and acts as advisor to the School Library. ♦

ORDINATION

In private ceremony in the Bishop's Chambers, Mr. Mark Lord was ordained on February 18, 1984, at the Apostolic Chancellery in Reno.

Mark is a resident minister-in-training undertaking theological studies at the Sacred College Jamilian University of the Ordained.

The Reverend Lord moved to Reno from Taiwan last year in May. He is an expert musician, his instrument being the trumpet, as well as being skilled in the art of Tai-Chi. In the Church he works in close collaboration with The Reverend Buchanan in the Music Department. ♦

Weddings this Winter

Reverends Crook and Brooks exchange vows

Elizabeth Jean Brooks of Minneapolis, Minnesota, was married to Donald George Crook of Rochester, New York, on Wednesday, February 15, 1984, at 11:00 A.M., in the Memorial Chapel of the Holy Child.

The ceremony was conducted by The Most Right Reverend Gene Savoy, Bishop of the Second Advent Church. Assisting were The Reverends Sylvia Ontaneda de Savoy and Robert de la Cruz.

Matron of honor and best man were The Reverends Amanda Buchanan and Reano Castell. Amy and Bradley Buchanan acted as flower girl and ringbearer, respectively.

Elizabeth is a resident of Reno where she works as a registered nurse at Saint Mary's Hospital. She teaches health and art at the Elementary Level in the Jamilian Parochial School and assists with many other activities of the Church.

Donald is a professional Nurse's Aid at the Riverside Hospital for the elderly in Reno, and is a member of the Building Guild of the Church.

Elizabeth and Donald are third-year postulants in the Divinity School and will be entering their fourth year of evangelical and liturgical training in the Jamilian University of the Ordained.



Back: *The Reverends Elizabeth Brooks and Donald Crook.* Front (Left to Right): *The Reverend Amanda Buchanan, Miss Amy Buchanan, Master Bradley Buchanan, and The Reverend Reano Castell.*

The wedding ceremony included a Service of Communion officiated by The Most Right Reverend Savoy.

The Wedding Processional and Recessional were played at the organ by The Reverend Gary Buchanan. Master Gene Savoy, Jr. conducted the Jamilian Hand-

bell Choir, assisted by The Reverend Mark Lord on the vibraphone.

Coordinator for the wedding was The Reverend Carol Salverson.

Following the ceremony, a light reception was held in the narthex of the Apostolic Chancellery. ♦

Reverends Lord and Carrothers wed in Rectory Service

In private ceremony at the Bishopstead Rectory-Abbey of the Church on La Fond, Jacklynn Jean Carrothers (nee Opdyke), of Santa Cruz, California was married to Mark William Lord of Belmar, New Jersey, on March 5, 1984, at 4:00.

The ceremony was conducted by The Most Right Reverend Savoy, assisted by The Reverend Sylvia Ontaneda de Savoy.

The Reverend Doctors Tyrus and Arline Peace stood as best man and matron of honor. Guests for the bride were her mother, Celia Opdyke of Aptos, California; daughters Tau-Mie Nielsen and Michelle Carrothers; and granddaughter, Brynn Nicole Nielsen. Guests of the groom were Bruce Kanzelmeyer and his daughter,

Shawnti.

Jacklynn has been a member of the Apostolic Chancellery Staff since 1974. She attended Sacramento State College and worked for 15 years in marketing and public relations with Bell Telephone, in California and Reno. At present she works as Assistant to The Reverend Savoy in the Admissions Department. Jacklynn teaches chorus and practical arts in the Jamilian Parochial School.

Mark moved to Reno in May, 1983. A professional trumpeter and teacher, his last position was in Taipei, China, as instructor at both Soo Chow University and Ban Chow Music Academy. While in China, Mark also served as Principal Trumpet in

the Taipei Philharmonic, as 1st Trumpet in the Taipei Brass Quintet, and as studio musician for movies and television commercials, and has been feature trumpet on several albums.

As a skilled musician, Mark has lent his talents to the Music Department of the Church. He has worked closely with The Reverend Buchanan, the Sinfonietta, and the Jamilian Handbell Choir. He has also assisted in the preparation of educational materials.

A special communion and anointing marked the simple wedding ceremony. A light reception followed. ♦

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WEDDINGS

Reverend Ahlberg weds Jesselyn Watson

Jesselyn Q. Watson of the Phillipines was married at 3:00 P.M. on Saturday, March 17, to The Reverend Theodore P. Ahlberg of Reno.

The Most Right Reverend Gene Savoy conducted the private ceremony held at the Bishopstead Rectory-Abbey. A communion and special anointing were included in the sacrament.

Acting as matron of honor and best man were The Reverends Belinda Chauvin and Robert Chauvin. Guests for the bride and groom were Gary and Amanda Buchanan, Phillip and Barbara Snyder, Nelson Duchesneau, Clare Mead, the Rectory Staff, and Mr. & Mrs. Lewis Bell of Reno.

Reverend Ahlberg has been associated with the Second Advent Church since its sojourn in Peru. Since his move to Reno from the Phillipines where he was attached to the U.S. Army, the Reverend has provided his services to The Church as Media Secretary and as Math Instructor in the Jamilian Parochial School.

Reverend and Mrs. Ahlberg have made Reno their home. Ted is a resident minister-in-training undertaking studies in the Sacred College Jamilian University of the Ordained.

Assistant to The Most Rt. Rev. was The Reverend Ontaneda de Savoy. The Reverend Buchanan provided music at the organ before and after the wedding ceremony. A light reception followed. ♦

CHRISTENINGS

Gary Frank Huss, Jr., son of The Reverends Gary and Sun Cha Huss of Reno, was Christened at 12:00 M. on Saturday, December 31, 1983 in the Memorial Chapel the Holy Child.

Godparents were The Reverend Sylvia Ontaneda de Savoy and The Most Right Reverend Gene Savoy, who also officiated the service.

A Baptismal Hymn and Music for a Christening were played at the organ by Music Director, The Reverend Gary Buchanan, assisted by Consociate Diane Mauer on the concert bells. ♦

INVOCATION &

INTERCESSION SERVICES

*The Memorial Chapel
Of The Holy Child*

1984

January

Wed., 4 Jeanne Huston
Tau-Mie Nielsen
Sat., 14 Theresa Andronis
Wed., 18 Susan Komor
Sat., 21 Alyce F. & John H. Hewlett
Tau-Mie & Brynn Nicole Nielsen

February

Wed., 1 Dorothy Felice
Sat., 4 Marion Hainline

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EPIPHANY

sprays as the morning star burst forth luminously in resplendent beauty. And the rays of the rising sun touched and warmed the congregants, and a very special blessing was bestowed upon them from on High.

The sacred assemblage of the ordained, who had ascended the height to partake of communion and celebrate Second Advent Epiphany, were witness to the blessed events and the manifestation of God's Divine Presence and His Ruah.

Following the Eucharistic service, the valley mists were set in motion; rising, they slowly enveloped the Sacred Mounts, one by one. And a canopy of clouds descended upon Pergamos as worshippers, uplifted of spirit, walked down the paths to lower levels. In the quietude and solitude of the Sanctuary, all had been blessed and renewed this Epiphany. ♦



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