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Christmas-Epiphany Vigil observed at desert Sanctuary *Church congregation celebrates New Covenant promise*

The Church's Christmas-Epiphany Vigil was liturgically observed this year at the Red Rock Consecrated Sanctuary, 40 miles north of Reno.

The Vigil began on December 25, 1985, and continued through the thirteen days of First Dispensation Christmas, ending on January 6, 1986, Second Advent Epiphany.

The Most Right Reverend Gene Savoy officiated the sunrise Divine Service at the Church of Second Advent Epiphany, Sanctuary of Prophecy, each morning of the first twelve days of celebration. The clergy, ministers-in-training and members of The Church participated in the observance.

The Bishop extended an invitation to relatives and friends of the congregation to attend a Christmas Day Service on December 25 at 10:00 A.M. in the Memorial Chapel of the Holy Child in Reno. Those gathered at the Chapel Christmas morning were also invited to attend Communion and sunrise Divine Service at the Sanctuary on Epiphany Day, January 6.

On January 6, 1986, the Church congregation and guests gathered in the pre-dawn for Communion of Fellowship and Divine Eucharist at the Church of New Pergamos, one of the Seven Churches of Revelation. There, atop the Mountain of Silver, the communicants were blessed by God's Presence manifest in their midst with a strength not known to them before.

From the foot of this mountain, in the northern Sanctuary of Revelation, Church members witnessed the first manifestation of the New Sun on January 6, 1981. The solar manifestation on that date con-

firmed the authority of The Church and its mandate to establish the cycles and liturgical dates of the Sacred Calendar of the Second Advent.

Bishop Savoy officiated the Divine Service. He was assisted during Communion Service by The Right Reverends Sylvia Ontaneda de Savoy, Phillip W. Snyder, and The Reverend Nelson Duchesneau as Lector, Cantor, and Reader, respectively.

Second Advent Epiphany is the subject of the opening chapter of the *Prophecy of the New Covenant*, entitled "God's Appearance at Epiphany."

The Prophecy states that the Old Covenant, lost to the world with the passing of Christ Jesus, has been restored with

the Second Coming of God as Christ. The manifestation of God's Light come as His Image and Word — the Logos, Christ, or Messiah — dictates a New Covenant. God's Law is written in Heaven and manifests to us in the New Sun of Righteousness.

The Ministry of the Second Advent Church has inherited this New Covenant and holds to it in Community. Ministers of The Church are to go forth into the world speaking with New Authority come from God and from within the Light of their own beings.

This is the promise of the New Covenant celebrated at Epiphany. It is the hope of humankind during the Second Advent Age. ♦



ROGER WELD

Church members and guests join the Second Advent clergy in Communion of Fellowship early on January 6, 1986 at the Church of New Pergamos, Sanctuary of Revelation, Red Rock

Christmas Day Service held in Chapel of the Holy Child

Bishop's homily explains physical, spiritual birth of Jesus

A Christmas Day Service, in remembrance of the birthday of Jesus as celebrated by First Dispensation Christians in the West on December 25, was held that day at 10:00 A.M. in The Memorial Chapel of the Holy Child in Reno.

The Most Right Reverend Gene Savoy officiated the service assisted by The Reverend Phillip W. Snyder. The Reverend Roger Weld read the introduction to the service and the day's announcements. At appropriate moments prior to the service of Communion of Fellowship he also gave explanations regarding new and old aspects of the observance.

The order of service included *So Is My Joy, The Lord*, sung by Dr. Tyrus Peace and chorus, accompanied by the Jamilian

Handbell Choir and organ. The Congregation then joined in the singing of *Grant Life Unto Me*.

The hymning was followed by the lighting of the Candles of Remembrance. A two-tiered brass candelabrum — each tier shaped like the solar cross — held nearly one hundred votive candles which were to be lit in remembrance of those loved ones, living or gone beyond, who could not be with us during the holiday season.

The candelabrum, placed at the forefront of the Chapel, below the Chancel, was attended by The Reverends Sylvia O. Savoy and Belinda Chauvin, who lit the candles of remembrance on behalf of each person present. As they did so, Reverend Snyder read Psalm 36 from the Odes of Solomon.

The officiating minister, The Mt. Rt. Rev. Savoy, then read the Petition; Rev. Snyder continued with the Invocation. Following these prayers, Bishop Savoy read the Oblation and invited the congregation to Communion of Fellowship after which all partook of the Bread of Health, praying in silence, each in his or her own

way, for health and long life in the service of God.

During the Sermon, the Bishop spoke of the meaning of Christmas and Epiphany in God's Second Advent. He said that though the Second Advent Church could recognize December 25 as the date for the physical birth of Jesus, His spiritual birth as God's Messenger occurred at His Baptism by John and the descent of the Holy Spirit which incarnated in His Being on January 6. Thus, this date, confirmed by special manifestation from God in 1981, is marked in the Sacred Calendar of The Church as the true birthday of Jesus, and is commemorated by the Clergy and Congregation with sunrise Divine Services at the Consecrated Sanctuary every year.

The Christmas Day homily further expounded upon the history of the two dates and closed with a statement on the difficulties inherent in the Church's work to establish itself today in a world motivated so much by material interests.

The Chapel observance was opened to the public — family and friends of Church members — by tradition. ♦



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The Church observes eight-day Advent Vigil

Sermon messages speak of Child, Lord's Day

An eight-day Vigil was observed at the Red Rock Consecrated Sanctuary beginning January 30, 1985. Divine Services at sunrise were celebrated each morning of the vigil, which concluded on February 6, 1986.

January 30, the first day of the Advent Vigil, was observed at the Church of Second Advent Epiphany. The Most Right Reverend Gene Savoy delivered a short sermon and reading in remembrance of the passing of The Child Jamil twenty-four years before at midnight January 29.

Bishop Savoy read a passage from the *Book of Jubilees* that told of The Child to come in the end times. The Child's presence and passing after a few years in the world would mark the beginning of the Advent Age. In this Age the children

would grow towards righteousness and their span of life would increase towards 1000 years as the Age progressed, as has never before occurred on Earth, the passage said.

On January 31, following Divine Service at the same Church, Bishop Savoy told the congregants that the coming of The Child marked the last days of the previous age and the beginning of the New Age. He recalled from prophecy that God will plant a "Tree of Righteousness" on Earth. "But the Tree must be nourished; and it is by the Light of the Sun of Righteousness that it will grow. Jamil The Child was the first of these Trees in the forest to come," the Bishop said. He added, "We must be no ordinary men and

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women, but be transformed, as was Enoch. Like Noah in his time, we must begin to build our Ark."

Worshippers gathered again at Second Advent Epiphany on the morning of February 1 for Communion of Fellowship and sunrise Divine Service. Bishop Savoy officiated the service of Communion assisted by The Reverends Phillip W. Snyder, Lector, and Nelson Duchesneau, Cantor. Steven Brooks read the day's announcements from the Chancel.

Following Divine Service the Bishop read from the writings of Baruch and Malachi, who spoke of the end times. The morning's message focused on the fact that the appearance of The Child marks the inauguration of the final age, the beginning of the Day of the Lord.

Amidst strong winds and heavy snowfall, the congregation gathered on February 2 at the Church of New Smyrna, atop the Mount of Copper, one of the highest peaks in the Sanctuary of Revelation. At noon Lamentation Service was held at New Mount Zion in Reno.

In commemoration of the Divine Manifestation and the appearance of the white cross over the sun confirming the Child's ascension that day, twenty-four years before, Bishop Savoy delivered a short homily. He read a passage from Malachi describing the events of the end times and the Advent of God's New Sun of Righteousness in these times. In conclusion he pointed out the work and destiny of The Church in our time.

"We do not accept Jesus as the Sun of Righteousness, but rather as the Messenger and Son of God who taught the Way of Light and taught that God would manifest in the Sun of Righteousness in later days," he said.

He stressed that "ministers ordained in this Church are not to remain silent. They are to preach in the world and reflect to God. We will use the laws, and especially the Law of God, to protect ourselves."

The Bishop emphasized that "our purpose is to teach and to build The Church on earth, to create a refuge for our people in the material world. No one can do this alone. Only together can we

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Sixth year in-residence Clergy studies begun

First address expounds on Church's status

The Most Right Reverend Gene Savoy, President of the Jamilian University of the Ordained, inaugurated the sixth year of in-residence clergy training on Friday, March 7, with an introductory lecture.

Bishop Savoy announced that the bi-weekly lectures are designed as commentary on the Prophecies of Jamil. The lecture series will move forward through the eight current publications chapter by chapter.

In addition to exegetical analysis, the message of the text will be explained in relation to other Second Advent scripture as well as to the scripture and traditions of earlier revealed religions. The lectures will also establish connections between the fulfillment of Prophecy and the present-day events in the life of the Second Advent Church.

As a preliminary to the Clergy 6 lectures, the introductory address expounded upon the peculiar position of The Church within the Judaeo-Christian tradition. "Our authority is derived from the Bible. But the Biblical writings — the

Old Testament, the New Testament, the Apocrypha, the Dead Sea Scrolls, and others — are part of our scripture. Our authority is not 'from Peter' as the Roman and Eastern Churches claim for themselves; yet, we do not break from traditional values. Ours [The Church] is an outgrowth of the old Church. It is not outside of the Judaeo-Christian tradition," said the Bishop.

He further explained the relation of the ministry of Jesus to the ministry of Jamil and emphasized that "the ministry of Jesus ends with the Second Advent of God." He pointed out, however, that "God's Second Advent does not discount the ministry of Jesus . . . but it makes a New Age, and with it a fresh start, a fresh scripture, . . ."

Bishop Savoy went on to say that Jesus, in fact, prophesied the coming of The Child and, in a way, the coming of the Sun of Righteousness; thus, "the ministries of Jesus and Jamil are separate, but of the same Kingdom. Jamil does not replace Jesus" ♦

Epiphany Eve banquet celebrated in Reno

Gathering joins in candle-lighting ceremony

As is traditional in The Church a banquet and festivity was celebrated at the Rectory-Abbey at Bishopstead on Epiphany Eve, January 5. The clergy and entire congregation, with their families, were guests of The Most Right Reverend Gene Savoy, Head Bishop of The Church.

A sumptuous, four-course Middle Eastern dinner was served to nearly one hundred guests at the beginning of the evening. Six tuxedo-clad waiters and their young assistants, all members of The Church, served the exotic dishes following the singing of Grace.

The Hymn of Grace *Grant Life Unto Me* was first instituted at the Fourth Annual celebration of Epiphany Eve the preceding year.

Shortly after the sit-down dinner, the assemblage gathered in the main salon of the Rectory for an informal homily and

a candle-lighting ceremony. Bishop Savoy explained briefly the three-fold significance of the ceremony: first, a symbol of the physical sun sustaining our physical bodies; second, a symbol of the spiritual Sun sustaining our spirits and souls; third, a remembrance of the spirits of loved ones who are not with us.

Each individual approached the large golden candelabrum, holding close to one hundred candles, and lit a candle offering up a silent prayer. A total of ninety-two votive candles were lit that evening.

Soon after, laughter and merriment filled the halls as the youngsters participated in the traditional breaking of the *piñata*.

In contrast with past years, when the *piñata* simply represented the Mexican festivities generally held during the Christmas season and on birthdays, this year it

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Church transfers civil rights suit to Washoe District Court

State Court to test validity of DA's interpretation of law

Early this year The Church transferred its suit against Washoe County in the Red Rock Sanctuary tax exemption dispute from U.S. District Court to Washoe District Court.

An order issued in December, 1985, by Federal Court Judge Bruce R. Thompson renounced jurisdiction of the federal court on the case.

"Essentially, the judge is saying that the State Courts should have first chance at testing the validity of the District Attorney's interpretation of Nevada's tax exemption statutes. It appears the judge felt the issue of tax exemption should be resolved in the Washoe District Court before The Church tackled the question of civil rights infringements and First Amendment freedoms," said Reverend Phillip W. Snyder, Canon Lawyer of The Church.

According to information received from the Canon Law Department, the suit was originally filed in federal court for two reasons: it seemed appropriate under

the provision of the Federal Civil Rights Act of 1964; and, the remedies to resolve the dispute in the State Courts appeared complex and confusing.

In April, 1984, The Church filed suit in U.S. District Court, claiming violation of its religious civil rights after a reversal of the tax exempt status of the Red Rock Consecrated Sanctuary — the revocation of the Sanctuary tax exemption appeared to be a perfect example of discriminatory abuse of power.

Tax exemption was first granted in June, 1982, by Chan Griswold, then Chief Deputy District Attorney, Head of the Civil Division for Washoe County. Written confirmation of the ruling was presented to The Church in October of that year.

Suddenly, and in an unexplained manner, the exemption was withdrawn in December, 1983, by the new Chief Deputy District Attorney, Thomas F. Riley. The new County decision lay claim to back taxes to be paid in full. All efforts of The

Church to reach a settlement were rebuffed by County officials who had taken title to the Red Rock property and threatened to dispose of it through a tax sale.

Reverend Snyder explained recently that "we are not arguing as much against the law as against this Deputy District Attorney's interpretation of the law. After all, his predecessor felt the statute, as written, allowed for full tax exemption of the Sanctuary grounds. Our arguments on this point will be as clear in Washoe District Court as they would have been in the Federal District Court."

The Church expected a transfer of this matter to the State Courts and does not consider it a setback of any sort.

"Jurisdictional questions are common in complex cases like this," the Reverend added.

The case is not yet set on the court docket, but it is assigned to be heard by District Court Judge Robert Shouweiler. ♦

Guild expands, restores Sanctuary facilities

Crosses of new design erected at select sites

An expansion and restoration project was initiated at the Consecrated Sanctuary by the Church Building Guild on Saturday, February 1.

The entire Congregation of women, men, and children volunteered to aid in the project. Work crews were assigned to building, repair, and landscaping duties at selected church sites.

Crosses of a new design were constructed at the field headquarters to be erected by the volunteers at the Churches of New Laodicea and New Sardis in the Sanctuary of Revelation, and at the Church of the Prophecy on the End Times in the Sanctuary of Prophecy, where strong winter winds and excessive moisture had destroyed earlier crosses.

An additional new cross was placed at Castle Peak Road at the point where it branches out toward the Church of Second Advent Epiphany. It was set into a

mound fronted by a large concrete sign reading "Community of Christ consecrated Sanctuary."

Communion tables were repaired at several of the Churches in both Sanctuaries. Certain facilities for worship were expanded by adding vestry areas, while others were landscaped for easier access.

The project continued over several weekends during February and March, as weather permitted. ♦

ANOINTING

Christa M. McIntyre, daughter of Michael McIntyre of Reno, was Anointed in private ceremony in the Bishop's Chamber on March 15, 1986. Following Communion of Fellowship that day, she was formally presented to the Congregation in The Memorial Chapel of the Holy Child. ♦

BLESSING

Children and Youths of The Church gathered at the Rectory-Abbey on the afternoon of Saturday, January 11, 1986 for the annual prayer service and blessing on their behalf.

The Right Reverend Sylvia O. de Savoy officiated the service, calling the children to give serious thought to their place in The Church as future workers and builders. She added, "great things are not accomplished by a miracle but by hard work; by application to duty and responsibility; by thoughtfulness and regard for one another; and by respect and consideration of one's elders."

She also reminded them that The Church shall always seek to nurture them and help each to be God's best friend. They were further encouraged to do their very best at home, in the school, and in church, remembering to set a good example everywhere.

Parents and guests joined the ministers in prayerful silence invoking God to shed His Blessings upon the youngsters.

Following the service all were invited to a special tea as guests of the Head Bishop. ♦

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accomplish this, each living out his or her destiny within The Church."

"We must recognize that in this world both Dark and Light have a right to exist. We cannot judge men, nor can we punish them or take advantage of them. We will be given the power of God's Sun to work with. God will judge," he added.

February 2 is the Anniversary of the Birth of the Sun of Righteousness and marks the first day of The Church's Liturgical Calendar.

Divine Services at sunrise continued to be held at the Church of Second Advent Epiphany during the following days.

The eight-day observance closed on February 6 with sunrise Divine Service at the Church of New Smyrna. Following the service, Bishop Savoy explained that this day commemorates the day the Angels will come to our aid. He asked the Congregation to pray that the Angels help them with their work on this day. "God is manifesting Himself in the world. Heaven will be married to earth," said Bishop Savoy.

The Advent Day Vigil, lasting eight days, was first celebrated liturgically by The Church in 1982. The events of this first Vigil observance are recorded in "Prophecy On The Revelation And The Opening Of The Seals," Chapter 90 of the book *Prophecy of the New Covenant* of The Sacred Teachings of Light. ♦

ORDINATION

Mr. Robert J. Chauvin, Jr. was ordained in private ceremony on March 8, 1986, in the Bishop's Chambers at the Apostolic Chancellery in Reno.

Under Canon Law regulating first degree ordinations, Mr. Chauvin is eligible to undertake theological studies at the Sacred College Jamilian University of the Ordained as a resident minister-in-training.

A native of Louisiana, Mr. Chauvin moved to Reno from New Orleans in October, 1985. He has been a member of The Church since 1981. He is presently in business with his son, Robert Chauvin III, a long-time member of The Church. ♦

SUNDAY OPEN-AIR SERVICES

RED ROCK CONSECRATED SANCTUARY

Sanctuary of Revelation

1986	Church	Time	Officiating Minister
Jan. 5	New Laodicea	8:40 A.M.	Roger Weld
	New Ephesus	8:30 A.M.	Rev. Phillip Snyder
	New Mt. Tabor	8:30 A.M.	Belinda Chauvin
	New Mt. Carmel	9:00 A.M.	Amanda Buchanan
	New Damascus	8:30 A.M.	Diane Mauer
26	New Mt. Hebron	9:15 A.M.	Belinda Chauvin
Feb. 2	New Qumran	8:00 A.M.	Amanda Buchanan
	New Bethany	8:15 A.M.	Diane Mauer
	New Mt. Tabor	8:15 A.M.	Belinda Chauvin
	New Mt. Carmel	8:30 A.M.	Amanda Buchanan
	New Damascus	8:00 A.M.	Robert Chauvin III
16	New Mt. Hebron	8:45 A.M.	Thomas Rees
23	New Qumran	8:15 A.M.	Thomas Rees
	New Bethany	8:30 A.M.	Bartlett Brock
Mar. 2	New Mt. Tabor	8:00 A.M.	Bartlett Brock
	New Mt. Carmel	8:30 A.M.	Larry Coesens
	New Mt. Hebron	9:00 A.M.	Robert Chauvin III
	New Damascus	7:30 A.M.	Thomas Rees
	New Qumran	8:15 A.M.	Robert Chauvin III
9	New Bethany	8:45 A.M.	Larry Coesens
	New Philadelphia	7:15 A.M.	Rev. Carol Salverson
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Sanctuary of Prophecy

1986	Church	Time	Officiating Minister
Jan. 5	(NSS)		
	Of the End Times	9:15 A.M.	Rev. Robert de la Cruz
	(NSS)		
	(NSS)		
Feb. 2	(NSS)		
	(NSS)		
	(NSS)		
	(NSS)		
Mar. 2	(NSS)		
	(NSS)		
	Of the Golden Age of Light	8:15 A.M.	Vickie Hewlett
	& the Nation of Nations	8:45 A.M.	Gail Fosbury
9	Of the Universal Theocracy		
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*No Service Scheduled

COMMUNION SERVICES

CHANCELLERY COMPLEX

The Memorial Chapel of the Holy Child
 Saturday 10:00 A.M. Wednesday 12:00 M.

Officiating Minister
 The Most Right Reverend Gene Savoy

1986	Assisting Ministers	1986	Officiating Minister
Jan. 4	Larry Coesens (C)	Jan. 1	(NSS*)
	LaCynda Gibson (R)	8	Rt. Rev. Sylvia O. Savoy
11	Tom Rees (C)	15	Elizabeth Reece
	Michael McIntyre (R)	22	Rev. Nelson Duchesneau
18	Mark Lord (C)	29	Victoria Skinner
	Lawson Crabb (R)		
25	Bruce Kanzelmeyer (C)	Feb. 5	Rt. Rev. Carol Salverson
	Lawson Crabb (R)	12	Rev. Robert de la Cruz
Feb. 1	Rt. Rev. Phillip Snyder (L)	19	Rt. Rev. Ileana Isfan
	Rev. Nelson Duchesneau (C)	26	Rt. Rev. Phillip Snyder
	Stephen Brooks (R)		
8	Rev. Nelson Duchesneau (L)	Mar. 5	Rev. Roger Weld
	Lawson Crabb (C)	12	Dave Arden
15	Landon Thorneburg (R)	19	Robert Petrovich
	Rev. Robert de la Cruz (L)		
	Lisa Pincus (C)		
22	Richard Floyd (R)		
	Rt. Rev. Phillip Snyder (L)		
	Donald Crook (C)		
	JoAnn Hainline (R)		
Mar. 1	Rev. Nelson Duchesneau (L)		
	Diane Mauer (C)		
	Ted Staver (R)		
8	Rt. Rev. Sylvia O. Savoy (L)		
	Rt. Rev. Phillip Snyder (C)		
	Michael McIntyre (R)		
15	Rev. Nelson Duchesneau (L)		
	Rt. Rev. Ileana Isfan (C)		
	Landon Thorneburg (R)		
22	Rt. Rev. Phillip Snyder (L)		
	Robert Petrovich (C)		
	LaCynda Gibson (R)		

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

*No Service Scheduled

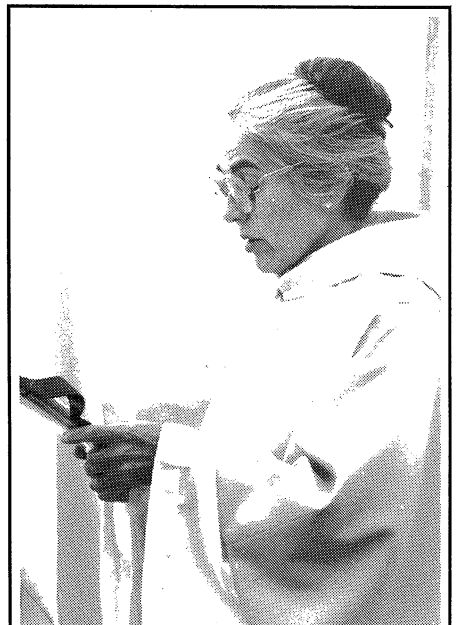
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CHANCELLERY COMPLEX

*The Memorial Chapel
of the
Holy Child*

<i>January</i>		
Sat. 18	Eleanor Schneider	
	Lee Strekow	
<i>February</i>		
Sat. 8	Rita Pearson	
Sat. 15	Edith M. Chase	
	Deborah B. Chase	
	Dorothy Kubiak	
Sat. 22	Claristine Mason	
<i>March</i>		
Sat. 1	Steve Trudell	
Wed. 5	Ethel Reece	
Sat. 8	Dorothy Kubiak	
	Celia Opdyke	
Sat. 15	Jeanne Huston	
	Harold Bartlett	
	Hope Aguilera	
	Rita Pearson	
Sat. 22	Evangelina S. Moreno	
	April Adams	
	Mrs. Harold Bartlett	

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Rev. Ileana Isfan reads prayer on Mt. Zion

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signified the "Egg of Plenty," which, like God's Sun, opened up to shed its gifts, as explained by The Reverend Sylvia O. de Savoy. Of particular significance, according to the Reverend, is the fact that the children and youths of The Church aid in bringing forth the blessings to be showered upon all.

The joyful event concluded — sweets having been enthusiastically collected by the children — and the younger ones were ushered into adjoining rooms to await the arrival of that jolly personage known for

his mysterious appearances at this time of year. The silent expectation and mock sleep was soon broken by the bombastic entrance of a red-garbed visitor, to the delight of young and old, bringing with him a bagful of gifts.

Once the cheerful figure had left, all the children eagerly gathered at the foot of the holiday tree to receive their respective presents, handed out by The Reverend O. de Savoy, which would be taken home to be opened next morning following sunrise services. ♦

SUNDAY DIVINE SERVICE**CHANCELLERY COMPLEX****Officiating Minister**

The Most Right Reverend Gene Savoy

1986	Church	Time
Jan. 5	Second Advent Epiphany	7:20 A.M.
12	Second Advent Epiphany	7:24 A.M.†
19	Second Advent Epiphany	7:30 A.M.
26	Second Advent Epiphany	7:20 A.M.†
Feb. 2	New Smyrna	7:20 A.M.†
9	Second Advent Epiphany	7:05 A.M.†
16	Second Advent Epiphany	7:05 A.M.†
23	Second Advent Epiphany	6:45 A.M.
Mar. 2	Second Advent Epiphany	6:39 A.M.†
9	Second Advent Epiphany	6:29 A.M.†
16	Second Advent Epiphany	6:20 A.M.†

† Exact horizon time

LAMENTATION SERVICE**New Mount Zion Sanctuary**
Southwest Reno

Sunday 12:00 M

Officiating Minister

The Most Right Reverend Gene Savoy

Assisting MinistersRt. Rev. Phillip W. Snyder
Rt. Rev. Ileana Isfan
Rev. Nelson DuchesneauRt. Rev. Sylvia O. Savoy
Rt. Rev. Carol Salverson
Rev. Robert de la Cruz

1986		Feb. 9	High Service
Jan. 5	High Service	16	High Service
12	High Service	23	High Service
19	High Service		
26	High Service	Mar. 2	High Service
		9	High Service
Feb. 2	High Service	16	High Service

*Lamentation and Prayer is held every Sunday at noon on New Mount Zion in protest for Washoe County's denial of a Special Use Permit.

Bishop Savoy clarifies rule for Minor Order of Acolytes

In his sermon message of January 25, The Most Right Reverend Gene Savoy clarified the rule for the office of Acolyte, the purpose of this office, and its relationship to the Second Advent Ministry.

A child becomes eligible to enter the Minor Order of Acolytes at ten years of age when the inductee begins training for Chapel service duties. The trained Acolyte may attend Sanctuary services beginning at age thirteen.

The Rite of Emancipation may be administered to an Acolyte Major at fifteen years of age. Once Emancipated, at this age the Acolyte enters the Seminary and begins studies under the Head Bishop or other minister while also apprenticing in some guild or office.

Bishop Savoy's sermon described the relationship of Acolytes to the ministry of their parents. He said, "The purpose of the Acolyte Program is to unite the family in the ministry on a dignified and spiritual level. Acolytes train in the Church for the

purpose of becoming successors to the office of a parent who is assigned a divine office in the lay ministry, the secular ministry, or a monastic order. In this way, children are encouraged to support the family interests in the Church. An Acolyte who reaches legal age will not be prevent-

ed from going on to an active ministry should he or she decide to do so."

The Acolyte Program will be supervised by two appointed ministers who will collaborate in this training with the Director of Music, the Vestry, and the Sacristy. ♦



From left to right: Junior Acolytes Amy Buchanan, Jalayne Grady, Erica Snyder, and DeEtta Fosbury train as choristers and assist the Music Director. Acolyte training is open to boys and girls

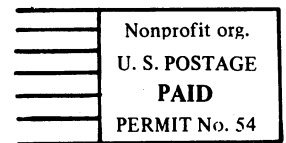
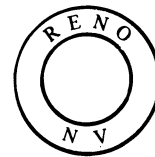
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