

January 3, 2010

# TRINITY NEWS

## Epiphany - The First Pilgrims Come to Bethlehem

The scene in Matthew 2:1-12 is heavily laden with Eastern mystery trappings. The star that goes ahead and eventually hovers over where the child is located is the light that we all look for in life. It was real to the wise men, and it is real to us as we read the story. The journey that the Magi undertake is a perilous one, and yet they persist and reach their destination. The gifts that they bring have always been seen as symbolic, and Matthew no doubt saw it that way. What are we to make of this story in the twenty-first century?

What did the three wise men see when they gazed into the eyes of “Destiny’s child, eyes like mirrors?” They obviously saw enough, because they knelt before him and offered their gifts. Then they went away, avoiding Herod’s spies and any reprisal from Herod against them. According to T.S. Eliot’s poem, *The Journey of the Magi*, they went back to their own country and were unsettled there with their own gods because of what they had seen at Bethlehem. Eliot’s reading of the situation may be quite right, but like him we can only speculate about it. What we can do is compare the journey of the Magi with our own journey towards Christ. We can think of what gifts we might bring to him. We can think of what we might bring to the table of life because of what we have seen when we have looked into the eyes of Destiny’s Child.

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Look for the Christ in every corner of your life and you will find him. Look for the Christ in every step of the journey and you will find him. Look for the Christ at the end of the journey and you will find him looking at you. Bring your gifts to him and bend the knee, and then rise up and get on with your life. We are all pilgrims and sojourners upon earth. The goal of our journey affects how we conduct our life now. We “saw the light” when we were born, and we look for it all of our days. We all have a great deal to offer. My own personal resolve in 2010 is to bring a blessing to as many lives as I can and to end each day with a reflection on what I have done about it. May the “Light of the world” shine on your face and may you find a piece of heaven in this New Year of our Lord.

-Bishop Arthur Jones

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### Mark your calendar . . .

**Jan. 31, the last Sunday of this month**, has been designated by the Vestry as the **Annual General Membership meeting date** for the Church of the Holy Trinity.

Activities for Jan. 31 will include 2009 Year-End reports of the various committees and casting of votes to fill up the 6 positions that will be vacant in the Vestry for 2010.

Nomination forms are now

available at the church office for those interested to nominate a parishioner to sit in the Vestry. Please note that the form requires the signed confirmation of the person nominated.

The list of those eligible to vote is also posted on the church bulletin board. Please check the listing to ensure that your name is included. If your name is not in the list, please advise Claire Agustin, our church secretary.

## Second Sunday of after Christmas: January 3, 2010

### We are thankful to those who are ministering in the church this morning

*Celebrant / Preacher:* The Rt. Rev. Arthur L. Jones

*Eucharistic Ministers:* [7:30] Vicky Yu

[9:30] Suzanne Jacobson / Richard Biteng

*Readers:* [7:30] Mary Bangay

[9:30] Rufino Bomasang

*Seminarian:* Melvin Bautista

*Ministers of Music:* Ferdinand Bautista / Domino Marcos

*Ushers:* [7:30] Sherry & Matthew Gue

[9:30] Sybille Ann Kawi / Delphina Ocquaye

*Acolytes:* Patrick Dagas/Alexis Dalmas/Dexter Fanged  
Eric Gatulla/David Joaquin/Loren Ursua

*Offering of the Bread and Wine & Hospitality:*

James & Marylou Parminter

### Collect:

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### Scripture Readings:

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6,9 page 845-846

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:1-12 page 1317

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12 (NRSV)

### Sunday Hymns:

[7:30] Gradual No. 119, As with gladness

Recessional No. 680, O God our help

[9:30] Processional No. 128, We three kings

Gradual No. 119, As with gladness

Communion No. 126, The people who in darkness

No. 116, “I come,” the great Redeemer cries

Recessional No. 680, O God our help

**Your prayers are asked for:**

Those who are celebrating their birthdays especially

Aurora Yu (Jan. 3)

Genette Pamplona (Jan. 7)

Clark Brown (Jan. 4)

Bonnie SyCip (Jan. 7)

Anne Hawkins (Jan. 6)

Charles Albert Dimanche (Jan. 9)

Suzanne Jacobson (Jan. 7)

Those celebrating their wedding anniversaries especially

Joaquin & Francoise Garcia; Jacques & Marie Dimanche.

Those who are in need of healing especially Allan Waterfield,

Beryl Tanner, Bonnie SyCip, Carlyn-Fern, JPeter, Isabel Yu,

Rom Vildzius, Johnny Manning Jr, Audrey Lacson,

Loy Solasco, Benjie Conzales, Jovel Llagas, Richard Kendall,

Aris Paraman, Diana Croyston, Ted Whale, Merly Quiapos,

Susan Dalmas, Helen Irvine, Carrie Angus, Valerie Jones,

Emerinciana Gatela, Ron Jacob, Suzanne Jacobson,

Joy Bondad.

Juanita Lee, Lois Black on the occasion of their death anniversaries.

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