

TRINITY NEWS

JANUARY 10, 2010

Epiphany: Ever-Increasing Glory

The Season of Epiphany begins with the wise seeking what they cannot know except by God's revelation in the heavens. And even then, what the star makes known requires the added precision of the Prophets' record before the Child can be found. Last Sunday we rejoiced in this coming together of the world's wisdom and the divine revelation, which led us to Jesus in his infancy.

This week we recall the baptism of Jesus. About 30 years passed before God's revealing light breaks forth again in such a public way. They have been silent years, nurturing this God-Man into fully-formed maturity, hidden away in Mary's home, apprenticed to the humble trade of Joseph. Now that time is past. The Light must shine out to a world deeply in need of a Savior.

This Baptism of Our Lord is like no other baptism. It follows the traditional form only to a point, and then bursts out of all previous understandings. It is the great "Aha!" It takes one's breath away. Our minds spin out of control as the One who breathed Spirit into flesh, having taken on our common flesh, is infused with this same Spirit. Father's voice claims paternity, and Sonship is conferred, a sonship like no other, begotten, not made.

And yet... and yet. He goes on his way as the Servant. He is among us as one who has emptied himself of all claims to deity and all powers not native to mankind. He is among us as one of us, and as one so gentle and kind that we are ashamed to have him wash our feet. As he restores right relationship between us and God, so he does within our families and communities and nations. Indeed, all the nations will put their hope in his self-sacrificing life. In him, the Beloved, we find ourselves loved. We find ourselves able to live in his self-giving ways.

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And yet... and yet. He is SON. Unique. One-of-a-kind. And he is Lord of all. And when the nations have heard, when the light of his face has shone upon them, they must choose. There is a day coming when all will be revealed according to this Light made known in Jesus.

We, too, have seen. We, too, must choose. And as we have chosen so are we known. For the epiphany does not stop with Jesus. Oh, no. The nations are still caught in the awe of his revealed light. Their sudden comprehension still escapes their mouths in an unintended "Aha!" Perhaps more amazing still, is our realization that God would be so gracious as to let them see him in us. Yes, in us! Epiphany: We, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory (2 Cor. 3:18). Epiphany!

Fr. Marc Jacobson

I. CHT-ECW ,Outreach Schedules:

1. Gift giving-Cainta,Igorot Village,December 31,2009 recipients 56 families-
accomplished.
2. Gift giving- Payong Antipolo, December 31,2009 recipients 59 families-
accomplished.
3. Palawan Mission - target date ; January 22,2010
4. Nueva Ecija Mision - target date ; January 29, 2010

Interested volunteers can join , please contact Cecil, Elvie , Patricia at the parish Hall before and after 9:30 am service.

II. CHT- Youth Program 2010 (all congregations).

1. Youth Assembly - After the 9:30 am service at the Parish Hall.
2. Everyone is encouraged to participate (ages 12 to 29 years old).

Please contact Mr. Juanito Dalmas - Youth program committee - chairperson.

First Sunday after the Epiphany: January 10, 2010
We are thankful to those who are ministering
in the church this morning

Celebrants: [7:30] The Rt. Rev. Arthur L. Jones

[9:30] The Rev. Barry J. Cumberland

Preacher: The Rev. Marc R. Jacobson

Eucharistic Ministers: [7:30] Bernice Elaine Ong

[9:30] Clark Brown / Robin Whale

Readers: [7:30] Christopher Yu [9:30] Kristine Mariz Ursua

Seminarian: Melvin Bautista

Ministers of Music: Ferdinand Bautista / Domino Marcos

Ushers: [7:30] Mary Tan / Emily Yap

[9:30] Josephine Co / Darlene Teodoro

Acolytes: Patrick Dagas / Alexis Dalmas / Dexter Fanged

Eric Gatulla / David Joaquin / Loren Ursua

The altar flowers are donated to the glory of God by:

Lance Masters; Lionel & Tessie Shau

Offering of the Bread and Wine & Hospitality:

Andrew & Alma Malpass

Collect: Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

Scripture Readings:

First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-9 page 821-822

Second Reading: Acts 10:34-38 page 1241

Gospel: Luke 3:15-16,21-22 (NRSV)

Sunday Hymns:

[7:30] Gradual No. 135, Songs of thankfulness and praise
Recessional No. 535, Ye servants of God

[9:30] Processional No. 135, Songs of thankfulness and praise
Gradual No. 411, O bless the Lord
Communion No. 490, I want to walk as a child of the light
No. 341, For the bread
Recessional No. 535, Ye servants of God

Your prayers are asked for:

Those who are celebrating their birthdays especially

Andrew Malpass (Jan. 12) Brian Murray (Jan. 14)
Sherry Gue (Jan. 13) Leslie Murray (Jan. 14)
Rod Martin Sariola (Jan. 13) Janet Kennedy (Jan. 15)
Wennie Tan (Jan. 13) Gilbert Yu (Jan. 16)
Jean Edith Friborg (Jan. 14)

Those who are in need of healing especially Allan Waterfield,
Beryl Tanner, Bonnie SyCip, Carlyn-Fern Manning, JPeter,
Isabel Yu, Rom Vildzius, Johnny Manning Jr, 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.

The repose of the soul of Bishop Ernest Kenneth Leslie, *mentor of Bp. Arthur Jones*.

Gue Keng Ann, Norbert Dimanche, Helen Hsia on the occasion of their death anniversaries.

This week:

Jan. 12, Tuesday	10:00 Bible Study
Jan. 14, Thursday	10:00 Eucharist, Chapel
Jan. 17, Sunday	7:30 & 9:30 Eucharist
	9:15 Sunday School