

TRINITY NEWS

ADVENT 4- We are ready to celebrate- but not yet.

Tomorrow night most Christians all over the world will sleep belatedly until midnight and afterward welcome with rejoicing, and often with lavish feasting, the nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is the culmination of the Advent season.

Christmas carols tend to celebrate the arrival of our Lord Jesus and the joy that it brings to the hearts of many Christians. However, we are still in Advent so our song still tends to be more of anticipation, thus:

*“O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel”*

How can we better enjoy Christmas? All 12 days of it from Christmas Day to Epiphany?

John the Baptist, God’s herald during the past four weeks taught us how. We can truly enjoy Christmas by giving the celebrant, Jesus himself his rightful place in our life, indeed, in our hearts. We then learned and laboured in thoughts of repentance and reckoning, of surrendering our old ways that are not pleasing to God and struggled doing His will. We changed, we prepared ourselves for him. This deliberate change, this “conversion of our hearts”, is the condition that allows us to truly take pleasure and look forward to Christ’s coming.

Our greatest challenge yet, then is to maintain awareness of Christ’s coming in our very lives. Tomorrow midnight, He is coming, yes, that is symbolic; but it can be now or at any moment. Its truth is a continuous and living reality. Hitherto, we are ready to celebrate- but not yet.

Deacon Melvin Bautista

ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING FOR 2013

The Senior Warden, and Vestry Members of The Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity are pleased to announce that our Annual General Membership Meeting (AGM) has been scheduled for the **27th of January 2013 (last Sunday of January)**.

During the AGM, elections will held to replace Vestry Members, whose terms either have expired or have resigned. There are 6 vacancies to fill for 2013.

1. We enjoin all parishioners to check the parish bulletin board (by the parish church office) for the list of parishioners who are eligible to vote. If we missed your name, please advise our parish secretary, Claire Agustin, so the list can be corrected.
2. The list of Vestry Members who will continue to be part of the Vestry, and those who will step down or must seek reelection, will also be posted on the bulletin board.
3. Nomination forms are available in the parish office for those who wish to nominate a candidate. Candidates who agree to his/her nomination will have to sign the nomination form, with the confirmation that he/she will be present for the first Vestry Organizational Meeting on Monday, 28th of January, 2013. Last day for submission of nomination forms will be Jan. 20, 2013.
4. As per Vestry approved guidelines in the holding of Annual Elections for Vestry Members, no proxy voting will be allowed. Instead, advance voting shall be allowed starting from Thursday (Jan. 24) to Saturday (Jan. 26) for those who cannot be in church on Jan. 27. Ballots will be available at the Parish Office.

For information of all.

VICTORIA YU
Head, Vestry Election Process for 2013
December 18, 2012

The Vestry approved (in its monthly meeting of Dec. 17, 2012) to donate P10,000 on behalf of the Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity, to the Phil. National Red Cross to help the victims of typhoon Pablo in Mindanao. We are helping typhoon Pablo victims via the Phil. National Red Cross, instead of directly, since they are more logistically organized and have a wider reach. Vestry Member, Ruby Benitez, will coordinate and hand-over the check to Richard Gordon, the chair of the Phil. National Red Cross.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

Isaiah 61:10-62:3; Psalm 147; Galatians 3:23-25;4:4-7; John 1:1-18

**REMINDER: JANUARY 01, 2013
HOLY EUCHARIST, 10:00am**