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“Kde je ten novonarodený židovský kráľ? Videli sme jeho hviezdu na východe a prišli sme sa mu pokloniť.”

“Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.”



Slovenský kostol Sv. Cyrila a Metoda

Sts. Cyril and Methodius Parish

Zjavenie Pána

The Epiphany of the Lord

Budú sa ti klaňať Pane, všetky národy sveta.

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Keď sa kráľ Herodes dozvedel o narodení Ježiša, rozrušil sa a celý Jeruzalem s ním. Prečo sa kráľ i celé mesto rozrušili? Pre otázku, ktorú Mudrci kládli: Kde je ten novonarodený židovský kráľ? Ježiš sa narodil v Betleheme, ale nikto to nespovoroval. Ani Jeruzalemcia, ani panovník, ani židovskí kňazi. Až traja významní ľudia z Ďalekého Východu im pripomenuli Pánovo narodenie, otvorili im oči a naučili ich správne čítať Písmo. Keď položil Herodes veľkňazom otázku o mieste Mesiášovho narodenia, vedeli odpovedať: V judejskom Betleheme, lebo tak píše prorok.

Boh sa chcel dať všetkým. V dieťati však spoznali Božieho Syna najskôr len Mária, Jozef a niekoľko pastierov. Aby sa o ňom dozvedeli úplne všetci a uvedomili si čas milosti a spásy, prichádzajú traja pohanskí kráľi. Oni otvorili svoje srdcia Pánovi a nebáli sa obetovať aj útrapy na dlhých cestách, aby spoznali Mesiáša. Boh im dal zjavenie prostredníctvom hviezdy. Povieme si, že to mali ľahké, veď hviezda im ukazovala cestu. My máme pred sebou a medzi sebou omnoho viac – samého Krista. Nám sa Kristus dáva, môžeme sa s ním denne stretávať a zjednocovať v modlitbe a v Eucharistii. Využívame to? Boh nám už druhý raz prejavil svoju nesmiernu lásku, keď nám Krista zanechal ako pokrm pre naše duše, ako posilu do nášho života. Boh chce s nami prebývať, keď chce s nami a v nás žiť! Ale žije Ježiš mojej duši? Chcem mu patriť? Prijímam jeho ponuku alebo ju odmietam? Čo mi hovorí svedomie? Skusme poslúchnuť výzvu, ktorú

nám adresuje Svätý Otec Ján Pavol II., keď otváral Jubilejný rok 1983 slovami: *Aperite portas Redemptori!* – Otvorte brány Vykupiteľovi! Aké brány mu máme otvoriť? Všetci veľmi dobre vieme, že nie brány našich domov, ale brány našich srdiec. Patri mu moje srdce?

Dovoľme mu, aby zahoreli aj naše srdcia, nie však strachom ako u Herodesa, ani nie úžasom, ako u Jeruzalemcov, ale láskou. Láskou Ježiša Krista, ktorý sa nám stále dáva, keď ho požívame. Neustále s ním žime, aby sme s ním raz aj zomreli a žili vo večnosti, čo bude pre nás najkrajším a najväčším darom. Lebo väčší dar ako je Boh – láska a prítomnosť v tejto láske ani nemôžeme obsiahnuť. Vtedy zažijeme jeho opravdivú prítomnosť a cez nás ju budú prežívať aj ľudia, ktorých v živote stretneme.

Two special groups of people came to visit the new-born babe: the shepherds and the magi. The church has the feast of Epiphany to celebrate the visit of the magi. Why? Because the visit of the magi is an eye-opener. The shepherds learnt of the birth of Jesus through a direct revelation from angels appearing in the midnight sky. This is direct and supernatural revelation. The magi learnt of the birth of Jesus by observing a star. The star did not say anything to them. They had to interpret this natural sign of the star to know what it meant and where it led. The magi or the three wise men were nature worshippers, people who divined God's will by reading the movements of the stars. This is how the visit of the magi challenges some of our popular beliefs.

Religious people of all persuasions

tend to think that their religious tradition is the only way to God. However, the story of the visit of the magi is a unique story that opens our eyes to the fact that God is not limited to any one religious tradition.

See how people of different religious traditions came to know that the Son of God was born. The shepherds, regarded as unclean, came to know through a direct vision of angels. The magi knew through a reading of the stars. And King Herod's scribes through searching the scriptures. Visions, stars, scriptures -- different ways of arriving at the same truth. Of course this does not mean that any religious tradition is just as good as the other. Matthew indicates that when the guiding star got to Jerusalem its light failed and the magi had to consult the scriptures to direct them to Bethlehem. Over the natural light of the star the magi still needed the supernatural light of scripture to finally get to Jesus.

The main question in the story remains: Who found Jesus? Herod and his scribes who had the scriptures failed to find Jesus but the magi who followed the natural light of the stars were able to find him. Why? Because Jewish authorities, even though they possessed the shining truth of revealed scriptures, did not follow it. The magi, on the other hand, who enjoyed only a star light followed its guidance. It is not the possession of the truth that matters, it is how prepared we are to walk in the light of the truth that we possess. It is better to have the dim light of the stars and follow it than to have the bright light of the holy scriptures and neglect it.

Bulletin Announcements

***Winter Institute** Nourish your soul, explore your faith, developing ministry leaders. Archdiocesan Winter Institute offers one-day faith formation and ministry training for adults. Topics include: Core Catholic Life, Volunteer Management, Stewardship, Basics of the Faith and more. Ministry training offered for RCIA, PREP & Youth Ministry. Jan. 25, 2014 at Holy Cross Secondary School in Vancouver from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cost \$35, before Jan. 17, includes lunch. Everyone welcome. For more information and registration visit www.rcav.org/oc-winter

Our parishioner Kristina Carnogursky is a participant of "Surrey Christian School GUATEMALA 2014 TEAM". The purpose of the mission is to help to built more water wells for the local people and help local Christian School.. Fund raising lunch "Kapustnica" (Sauerkraut soup with sausage) will be served on Jan.19/2014 after 9:00am and 11:00 a.m. mass for \$5.00/portion. If you write a cheque (to cover meals) of min. \$ 20 to "Global Partners in Christian Education" it will be tax deductible. Thank you for you support.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2014 The 2014 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, Jan. 18-25, has the theme "Has Christ been divided? (1 Cor. 1:13), and is prepared by churches and Christian communions in Canada. In a world marked by diversity in language and culture, we express our Christian faith in diverse ways. During this Week we are called to celebrate this diversity and be faithful to Christ's call for the unity of his Church. All are invited to join with brothers and sisters of various churches in prayer, song, and witness to unity as followers of Christ. As Christians we come together in prayer and song and give witness to unity as followers of Christ. For the list of the ecumenical prayer services visit www.rcav.org/christian-unity

Prehíbtte si svoju vieru Začínajúc utorkom 7.januára 2014 budeme mať 4 januárové stretnutia farníkov sv. Cyrila a Metoda a ich pozvaných priateľov na prehíbenie našej katolíckej viery. Stretnutia budú mať 2 časti, od 6pm do 7pm bude tichá individuálna poklona - meditácia v kostole pred vyloženou Oltárnou Sviatosťou. Od 7pm do 8pm budú vo farskej hale semináre – prezentácie na rôzne témy katolíckej vierouky. Témy januárových seminárov sú nasledovné: **7.januára**-Zmysel života alebo „Prečo sme na svete?“, **14.januára**-Kto je to „ľudská bytosť“, **21.januára**-Prírodný morálny zákon, **28.januára**-10 Božích prikázaní.Viac informácií o seminári budeme priebežne uverejňovať na www.cyrilmetod.org/ **seminar2014** . Prídite a pozvite aj svojich priateľov. Semináre budú prevažne **v slovenskom jazyku**.

Sunday's Collection from the Last Week

Our Weekly Goal	\$1,500
Sunday's Collection	\$1,702
Weekly (Shortfall) Excess	+\$202
Silvestrovská zábava	\$1,750

Thank You. Vďaka. God Bless Your Generosity.

Pocas vianoc a prvý tyzden noveho roka nebude sluzba modlitba prihovoru. There is no prayer ministry during Christmas time and the first week

Sun 05 9:00am	The Epiphany of the Lord; Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a,5-6; Mt 2:1-12	For parishioners living and deceased	Fr. Juraj
Sun 05 11:00am	Zjavenie Pána; Iz 60:1-6; Ef 3:2-3a,5-6; Mt 2:1-12	Za mužov našej farnosti	Ivan & Fr. Juraj
Mon 06 8:00am	St. Andre Bessette; 1Jn 3:22-4:6; Mt 4:12-17,23-25	Za uzdravenie pre Dominiku a Pavla	Rodina Demčáková
Tue 07 8:00am	St. Raymond Panyafort; 1Jn 4:7-10; Mk 6:34-44	Za zdravie a Božiu pomoc pre Dianu	Mrs. Horvat
Wed 08 11:00am	Our Lady of Prompt Succor; 1Jn 4:11-18; Mk6:45-52	+ Jozef Tobiaš	Helena Sentivani
Thu 09 9:00am	1Jn 4:19-5:4; Lk 4:14-22a	+ Josefa Javier	Joyce
Fri 10 8:00am	1Jn 5:5-13; Lk 5:12-16	Joanne	Maureen
Sat 11 9:00am	1Jn 5:14-21; Jn 3:22-30	Eleanore	Maureen
Sun 12 9:00am	The Baptism of the Lord; Is 42:1-4,6-7; Act 10:34-38; Mt 3:13-17	For parishioners living and deceased	Fr. Juraj
Sun 12 11:00am	Krst Krista Pána; Iz 42:1-4,6-7; Sk 10:34-38; Mt 3:13-17	Pod'akovanie za Alenku	Janka