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*Videli sme jeho hviezdu
na východe a prišli sme
sa mu pokloniť.*

*We saw his star at its
rising and have come
to do him homage.*



Slovenský kostol Sv. Cyrila a Metoda

Sts. Cyril and Methodius Parish

Zjavenie Pána.

The Epiphany of the Lord.

Bože, buď nám milostivý a žehnaj nás.

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Dnes oslavujeme Zjavenie Pána pohanským národom. Dnes majú sviatok všetci, ktorí s úprimným srdcom hľadajú Boha. Čítanie z Evanjelia podľa Matúša je ukázkou toho, akou cestou ľudia prichádzajú k Ježišovi. Králi, mágovia alebo mudrci, o ktorých hovorí dnešné evanjelium sa vydali na cestu hľadania Mesiáša.

Snažili sa o poznanie Boha zo stvoreného sveta. Skúmali vesmír a objavili mnohé stopy božej múdrosti. Možno sa začudovane pýtame, ako je možné, že Boh k nim prehovoril skrze hviezdu, keď poznáme prísny postoj cirkvi k astrológii. Rímsky katechizmus hovorí na konto astrológie toto: Treba zavrhnúť všetky formy veštenia: utiekanie sa k satanovi alebo démonom, vyvolávanie mŕtvych a iné praktiky, o ktorých sa ľudia nepravdivo domnievajú, že by mohli „odhaliť“ budúcnosť. Radenie sa s horoskopmi, astrológia, čítanie z ruky, predpovede osudov z vonkajších znakov, jasnovidectvo, utiekanie sa k médiám, to všetko skrýva v sebe túžbu ovládnuť čas, dejiny a nakoniec človeka, snahu nakloniť si skryté mocnosti. Je to v protiklade s úctou a vážnosťou, zahrňujúcou v sebe aj pokornú bázeň, ktorými sme zviazaní jedine Bohu.

Ako je teda možné, že Boh k nim prehovoril prostredníctvom hviezdy? Boh si poslušil ich presvedčením a zobrazil svoju pravdu tak, aby ju mohli prečítať aj národy, ktoré boli v zajatí rôznych povier. Stará múdrosť hovorí, že Boh dokáže aj do krivých riadkov písať rovno. Už Cirkevní otcovia museli odpovedať na rôzne deterministické predstavy staroveku. V Staroveku sa verilo, že hviezdy určujú osudy ľudí. Podľa týchto predstáv sa každý človek narodil pod jednou z hviezd, ktoré tvoria nebeskú klenbu. Dejiny a život človeka sú riadené

vplyvom súhvezdí. Zaujímavú myšlienku o týchto skutočnostiach nachádzame u sv. Ignáca Antiochijského. Hovorí o tom, že keď sa narodil Kristus, musela sa pohnúť hviezda, lebo on určil smer jej pohybu. Podľa sv. Ignáca bola týmto spôsobom zrušená astrológia, čiže neúprosná vláda osudu, keď v Bohočloveku musela uznať pána kozmických síl. Epifánia je zjavením Ježiša ako Mesiáša Izraela, Božieho Syna a Spasiteľa sveta.

V „mágoch“, ktorí predstavujú okolité pohanské náboženstvá, vidí evanjelium prvotiny národov, ktoré skrze Vtelenie prijímú Dobrú Zvesť o spásе. Príchod mágov do Jeruzalema, ktorí sa prišli „pokloniť židovskému kráľovi“ ukazuje, že vo svetle mesiášskej Dávidovej hviezdy hľadajú v Izraeli Toho, kto bude kráľom národov. Ich príchod naznačuje, že pohania nemôžu poznať Ježiša a klaňať sa Mu ako Božiemu Synovi a Vykupiteľovi sveta, bez toho, aby sa pred tým neobrátili na židov a od nich prijali mesiášske zaslúbenie ako sa nachádza v Starom Zákone. Zjavenie Pána ukazuje, že „veľké množstvo národov“ vstupuje do „rodiny patriarchov“ a získava tým „dôstojnosť Izraela“.

According to theologian Paul Tillich, the great tragedy of modern man is to have lost the dimension of profundity. We seem to be no longer able to ask where we're from and where we're going. We don't know how to sit with the question about what we ought to do with ourselves in this brief span of time between birth and death.

These questions don't find any answer in many men and women of today. Even more, they aren't even raised when where people have lost that «dimension of profundity» To-

day's generations no longer seem willing to seriously ask these questions which were vital to past generations, for we prefer to go on walking through the darkness. That's why in these times we need to go back and remember that to be a believer means above all to passionately question the meaning of our life and be open to God's answer, even though we don't see it clearly or precisely.

The story of the Magi has been seen by the Fathers of the Church as an example of people who, though they lived in the darkness of paganism, were capable of faithfully responding to the light that called them to faith. By their actions, they invite us to listen to every call that urges us to walk faithfully toward Christ.

How often it seems that our life is too short. Work, contact, problems, meetings, various activities blow us around, and life passes, filling each instant with something we need to do, say, see or plan. So we run the risk of losing our proper identity, becoming just one more thing among other things, and living without ever knowing what direction to go. Is there a light capable of guiding our existence? Is there an answer to our deepest dreams and aspirations?

From the perspective of Christian faith, that answer exists. That light now shines in that Child born in Bethlehem. It's important to be aware of living in darkness, of having lost the fundamental sense of life. Whoever recognizes this is not far from beginning a search for the true path. Would that throughout this new year 2017 we never lose the capability of being open to every light that can illuminate our existence, to every call that can give profundity to our life.

Bulletin Announcements

***January 8th – Epiphany of the Lord** "Let the full number of the nations now take their place in the family of the patriarchs. Let the children of the promise now receive the blessing in the seed of Abraham, the blessing renounced by the children of his flesh. In the persons of the Magi let all people adore the Creator of the universe; let God be known, not in Judea only, but in the whole world, so that his name may be great in all Israel." - Pope St. Leo the Great

***Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta** Come and share a time of spiritual renewal and inspiration for 2017 as the Eparchy of New Westminster invites you to an event about the life and legacy of St. Teresa of Calcutta. Join Fr. Brian Kolodiejchuk, MC, the Winnipeg-born Ukrainian Catholic priest who knew St. Theresa very well and was the postulator for her canonization cause. Sunday, Jan. 15, 1-3:30 pm at St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church 550 West-14th Avenue, Vancouver. Call Deacon Mykhailo at 604-524-8824 for tickets and information. Tickets are \$50. Space is limited and this event is expected to sell out quickly so please get your tickets early. <http://nweparchy.ca/project/saint-mother-teresa-of-calcutta>

***Men's Discernment Night** Do you have questions about discerning God's call for your life? Vocations in Progress for men is an opportunity to meet priests, ask questions, and learn about their life and spirituality. Join us for an informal evening of prayer, dinner, and discussion with Fr. Rodney Nootebos on Wednesday, Jan. 18, from 7-10 p.m. at St. Patrick's Parish, Vancouver.

***Winter Institute** There's Something About Mary. Marian devotion can be a point of contention between Catholics and many Christians of various denominations. This workshop explores the division, the role of Mary in the Church today, and how we can share a conversation about the Blessed Virgin Mary with non-Catholics. Presented by Fr. Martin Moser, OMI, at the Archdiocesan Winter Institute on Saturday, Jan. 21, from 10-4p.m. at St. Patrick High School, Vancouver. Cost is \$40 and includes coffee and lunch. To register or for more info., visit rcav.org/oc-winter-institute

***Making Sense of Counterwill** The instinct to resist being controlled or coerced is one of the most perplexing and troublesome dynamics in dealing with children and youth. This course reveals the dynamics controlling this instinct and provides suggestions for how to deal with it. Material is applicable for all those dealing with toddlers through adolescents: teachers, parents and helping professionals. This video-course takes the best that science has to offer and renders it readily accessible to parents of children of all ages. Join us on Wednesdays, Jan. 25, Feb. 1, Feb. 8, Feb. 15, from 7-9 p.m. at St. Nicholas Parish, Langley. Cost: \$40. To register, visit rcav.org/event/making-sense-counterwill/

Sunday's Collection from the Last Week

Our Weekly Goal	\$1,500
Sunday's Collection	\$1,073
New Year Offering	\$665

THURSDAY ADORATION

Spend a blessed hour with Jesus on Thursdays at our church from 7:15pm - 8:15pm.

PRAYER MINISTRY

There will be no prayer ministry in our church this Sunday.

Sun 8 9:00am	Epiphany of the Lord; Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a,5-6; Mt 2:1-12	+Mária	Dcéra Marta
Sun 8 11:00am	Zjavenie Pána; Iz 60:1-6; Ef 3:2-3a,5-6; Mt 2:1-12	+Pavol a Mária Horianský	Fr. Juraj
Mon 9	Baptism of the Lord; Is 42:1-4,6-7; Mt 3:13-17	NO MASS	
Tue 10 8:00am	Heb 2:5-12; Mk 1:21-28	+ Maria Kubus	Family Palko
Wed 11 8:00am	Heb 2:14-18; Mk 1:29-39	+ Veronika a duše v očistci	Pavol Ondruš
Thu 12 8:00am	Heb 3:7-14; Mk 1:40-45	Za zomrelých príbuzných	Rodina Priškinová
Fri 13 8:00am	St. Hilary; Heb 4:1-5,11; Mk 2:1-12	Za zdravie a Božiu pomoc pre Olgu	Syn Viliam s rodinou
Sat 14 9:00am	Heb 4:12-16; Mk 2:13-17	Za zdravie a B.pomoc pre Luboša	Fr. Juraj
Sun 15 9:00am	2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time; Is 49:3,5-6; 1Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34	For parishioners and benefactors	Fr. Juraj
Sun 15 11:00am	2. Nedel'a v Cezročnom Období; Iz 49:3,5-6; 1Kor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34	+Jakub	Sestra Anna a Cecilia s rodinou