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**EPIPHANY  
OF THE LORD**

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## Iskanje Boga

Po prazniku Gospodovega rojstva se »božič« šele začne: iskanje Boga, iskreno iskanje vseh kažipotov in poti, ki nas morejo voditi k Njemu. »Revščina« najdenega nas ne sme razočarati, da bi mu odrekli svoje darove ali celo Njega zavrgli. Vrniti se je potrebno v življenje, ne nazaj v »Herodovo palačo«, ampak po drugi poti in to je najtežje, a edini resnični dokaz, da se je Bog rodil tudi v meni. Današnji praznik Gospodovega razglasenja nam torej oznanja, da smo vsi ljudje poklicani k odrešenju, nas kristjane pa posebej obvezuje, da s svojim življenjem in delom ne le oznanjamo nauk odrešenja, ampak soustvarjamo pogoje za njegovo uresničitev. To pa ne pomeni le pogojev odrešenja za »dušo«, temveč tiste osnove za celotno kvaliteto človeškega življenja, ki zagotavlja človeško dostojanstvo in uresničitev njegove veličine ne le po smrti, ampak že tu in sedaj, saj mora odrešenje postajati otipljivo preko nas že na tem svetu. Da je možno takšno odrešenje soustvarjati že v času in prostoru, nam na mnogih mestih zagotavlja evangelij, ki nam nakaže tudi poti in sredstva zanj; za ljudi drugačnih prepričanj pa takšen evangelij predstavlja Splošna deklaracija človekovih pravic, ki je v veliki meri izšla iz evangelija in bi jo lahko imenovali kar profani evangelij.



## NOVOLETNO PRAZNOVANJE PRI SV. GREGORIJU VELIKEM

Zadnji dan leta 2016 in začetek novega leta 2017 smo nekateri pričakali v naši župnijski dvorani. Kot lansko leto, smo tudi letos to praznovanje organizirali skupaj z društvom Bled. Zbralo se je 132 gostov (*poleg tega pa še vsi, ki so bili vključeni v strežbo, bar, kuhinjo, ansambel*) v praznično okrašeni dvorane. Kuhinjo in večji del dekoracije dvorane je prevzela Nancy Taylor (Dundek) ostalo so v četrtek, petek in soboto pripravili prostovoljci društva Bled in župnije.

Ob prihodu v dvorano, so se gostje okrepili z predjedjo, nato se je začela praznična večerja. Mladi strežniki so hitro in elegantno postregli na mize. V nadaljevanju je mnoge glasba, zelo uglašena družinskega ansambla »Spotlight Orchestra«, zvalila na plesišče. Med programom so bile tudi zabavne igre, žrebanje dobitkov, čas pa je hitro tekkel in bližala se je polnoč. Tisti, ki jih je ples utrudil, so si lahko potešili lakoto ob prigrizku. Na televiziji pa so si medtem pogledali odštevanje zadnjih minut iz kanadske prestolnice Ottawe, saj je Kanada z novim letom začela obhajanje 150 letnice obstoja. Ob polnoči so si, ob pokih balonov, gostje čestitali in si zaželeli vse najboljše v novem letu nato pa nadaljevali z zabavnim programom tja do dveh zjutraj, ko so se počasi razšli, vsak na svoj dom.

Hvala vsem, ki so se potrudili, da je bilo vse kar najboljše pripravljeno in upam, da se letos ob koncu leta zopet srečamo.







## EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Response:

**Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**

### **First Reading** Isaiah 60:1-6

Israel will return from exile in Babylon and Jerusalem will be restored. God's presence in the new Jerusalem will radiate such a light that it will attract all nations through faith.

### **Second Reading** Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6

Paul announces the hidden mystery revealed to him through the Spirit: Jewish and non-Jewish people are no longer divided but united in the body of Christ.

### **Gospel** Matthew 2:1-12

Matthew recounts the quest of the wise men to find the infant king of the Jews and pay him homage. It then compares their courage and faith as Gentiles with the fear and falsity of King Herod.

*"We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage"*

### **Illustration**

Vast areas of land and mountains covered in ice and snow, at times spell-binding in their grandeur and beauty, with a deep tranquillity that seems to foretell eternity; at other times hidden in blinding blizzards, with a pervading bitter cold that eats away relentlessly – these are some of the images that come to mind when we think of Antarctica and the South Pole. Not many venture beyond the images into the harsh reality itself, but one man who did was Henry Worsley. From childhood he had been captivated by the adventures of the Antarctic ex-



plorers – Captain Scott, Roald Amundsen and Sir Ernest Shackleton – and he wanted to follow where they had gone, particularly Shackleton, his special hero and inspiration.

After serving in the British Army for thirty-six years, he retired in October 2015. Having already made two expeditions into the Antarctic, he lost no time in making his third. With the support of his wife and family, he began the first ever solo unsupported crossing of Antarctica, with the purpose of raising money for the Endeavour Fund, set up to help wounded service people in their rehabilitation. This was the central focus of his expedition. It also marked the hundredth anniversary of Shackleton's Endurance expedition.

Alone and unaided, he pulled a sledge with food and equipment across the Antarctic landmass in excessively bad weather and at unimaginably low temperatures. He went beyond the South Pole, but exhaustion and dehydration made it impossible to continue. He was airlifted to Chile, where, after surgery, it was found that he was infected with bacterial peritonitis. He died on 24 January 2016, aged fifty



-five. He had covered 913 miles across the Antarctic in seventy-one days and was only thirty miles from his destination. The expedition had raised well over £100,000 for the Endeavour Fund.

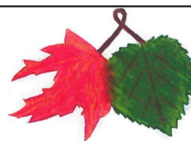
### Gospel Teaching

An account of another journey, one undertaken over two thousand years ago, is given in today's Gospel. The story of the wise men who followed the guidance of a star to Bethlehem is recorded only in Matthew's Gospel, but the event has been celebrated in the Eastern Church since the third century in honour of Christ's baptism and in the Western Church since the fourth century where it became associated with the first manifestation ("epiphany") of Christ to the Gentiles or non-Jewish people, represented by the wise men or magi, which can also mean astrologers. That they had come from the east indicates Mesopotamia, the centre of astrology, and therefore a long journey that could have taken many months. Over the centuries Matthew's account was embellished in Christian tradition: they were named kings; their number became three (probably because of their three gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh); and they were given the names Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar. They were venerated as saints from the Middle Ages, and their relics are enshrined in Cologne Cathedral. In all the images of the adoration of the magi is the central message: Jesus is the saviour of all people; none is excluded from his love.

Although separated by centuries, these two journeys were both expeditions into unknown and harsh environments. T.S. Eliot begins his poem *The Journey of the Magi* by quoting from a sermon preached by Bishop Lancelot Andrewes of Winchester in 1622: "A cold coming we had of it, / Just the worst time of the year / For a journey, and such a long journey: / The ways deep and the weather sharp, / The very dead of winter... / A hard time we had of it."

### Application

Henry Worsley's crossing of Antarctica was likewise a "hard time", even more so. It was a heroic gift of self for the sake of others and in his last message he described it as "a way of giving back to those far less fortunate than me". He reported with sadness that the "gradual grinding down" of his physical endurance had taken its toll: "it is journey's end – so close to my goal". Yet, in another sense he had reached his goal. The wise men had followed the star and he had followed the light given him by God to serve others. Each one had found the way to God. May that same light illumine our journey.



#### Canadian Slovenian Historical Society First Annual Fundraiser Luncheon "Eat in" or "Take out"

**Sunday, January 22, 2017**

*Following all masses*

**Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church Hall**  
739 Brown's Line, Toronto

**\$15 per plate Choose from Menu 1, 2 or 3:**

- Menu 1 Chicken schnitzel, potatoes, and salad*
- Menu 2 Vampe, polenta and salad*
- Menu 3 Golaž, dumplings and salad*

**Please order tickets in advance before  
January 15, 2017 by contacting:**

v Miriam Čekuta: 905-277-3992

Or: [mmcekuta@gmail.com](mailto:mmcekuta@gmail.com)

Jožica Vegelj: 905-661-9800

Or: [jjvegelj@gmail.com](mailto:jjvegelj@gmail.com)

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# OBVESTILA - ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## PEVSKE VAJE

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V četrtek, po večerni maši so pevske vaje za mešani pevski zbor. Mešani zbor poje danes 8. in 15. januarja, ko se mu bo pridružila tudi zasedba z instrumenti.

## DOGODKI V BLIŽNJI PRIHODNOSTI

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- ◆ 8. januar: maša pri društvu **Sava** ob 12:00, maša pri društvu **Triglav** ob 4:00 p.m. v cerkvi St. John the Divine
- ◆ 15. januar: ob 1:00 p.m., multikulturalna maša v **katedrali Kristusa kralja** v Hamiltonu
- ◆ 22. januar: **društvo Bled**, koline - Sausage Festival Banquet

## GIFT BEARERS - DAROVE PRINAŠATA

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- ◆ 8. januar, 9:30 a.m.: **Eva Erzetič** in **Jožica Vegelj**
- ◆ 15. januar, 9:30 a.m.: **Ivan** in **Angela Antolin**
- ◆ 22. januar, 9:30 a.m.: **Aranka** in **Danny Dundek**

## DRUŠTVO SV. JOŽEFA

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\* St. Joseph/Villa Slovenia **Bingo** resumed last Monday. \* **Tuesday's Social Nights** is back to the regular time. \* **Membership fees** are now due for 2017-see Frank Erzar.

## CWL KŽZ

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Thank you to those members who have sent their 2017 membership fees. Any outstanding fees can be given directly to Pamela or Milena or in the parish collections basket at Sunday mass. The fees remain at \$19, all of which goes to our Provincial and National committees. We do our own fund raising with our Annual Bazaar. **Please continue your support of the CWL** with you renewed

membership.

**We happily receive new members ... if you are not a member ... please consider joining us.** We are presently a 48 year tradition at St. Gregory's. As in most of our Slovenian groups ... we need an infusion of new people, fresh ideas and helping hands to continue successfully. Your membership and any time you can give to our cause would be very much appreciated.

**Bazaar 2017 preparations have begun.** Our Blue Lottery tickets will be available for pick up and purchase starting Sunday January 15<sup>th</sup>. We kindly ask that all our members pick up 5 booklets as we have done in years past and try to sell them to the best of their ability. We hope our parishioners will support our ticket sales. They are **\$5/ for 10 tickets.**

**All money raised from selling these lottery tickets go directly to the parish.**

## DAROVI - DONATIONS

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Za gradbeni sklad sta Karel in Milka Ferko prispevala \$100. Slomškovemu oltarnemu društvu je Romana Novak darovala \$40 za rože.

## KITCHEN SECRETS COOKING SESSION

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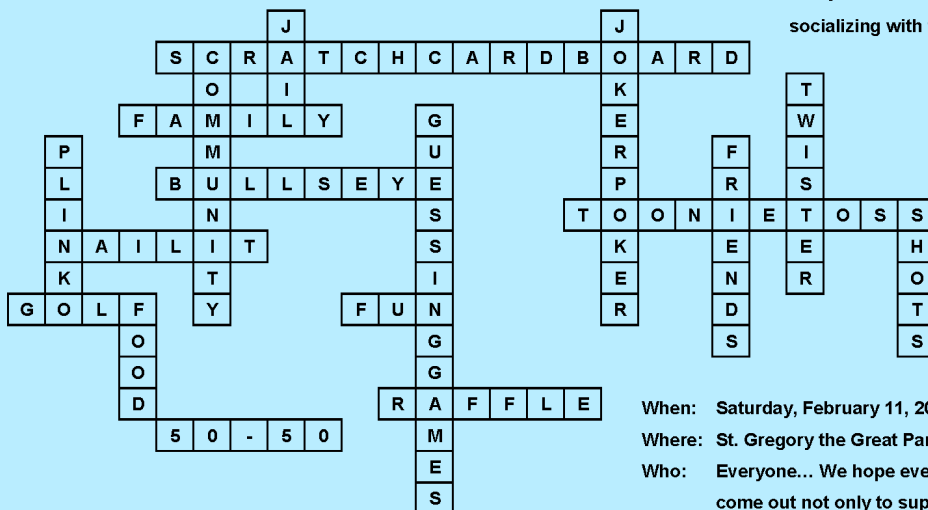
Our next Kitchen Secrets Cooking Session will be held in the lower hall on **Saturday January 21<sup>st</sup>**. For this session, we will be learning how to make "soup Noodles" - yes, if you're interested in learning how our ladies make all those noodles for our annual bazaar, please call and reserve your spot soon by emailing Heidi at [Novakh@sympatico.ca](mailto:Novakh@sympatico.ca) Hope to see you there!

# Raise the Roof Fundraiser

We are working towards re-building connections  
to ensure the future of our Slovenian community

Please come and join us for an evening of

socializing with family and friends



When: Saturday, February 11, 2017

Where: St. Gregory the Great Parish Hall

Who: Everyone... We hope everyone will  
come out not only to support our parish,

but to reconnect with your Community

The time to ensure our parish is still here in 10 years for all of  
us and our children to enjoy is NOW!

## Volunteers and workers for the preparation of the New Year's Eve 2016/17:

**Organizing committee:** Heidy Novak, Marianne Škerl, Daniela Pavlich, Lojze Lesica, Milena Krušič, Boštjan J. Habjan

**Hall Set-up Thursday:** Nancy Taylor, Heidy Novak, Sonya Podrebarac, Kevin Miklavčič, Eric Škerl, Mirko Zorko, Fr. Drago, Tony Horvat

**Hall Set-up Friday:** Elka Peršin, Heidy Novak, Leah Škerl, Pamela Gosgnach, Milena Krušič, Daniela Pavlich, Sam Husič, Lojze Lesica, Mirko Zorko, MaryAnn Demšar, Sidonia Poppa, Dragica in Lojze Ferenčak

**Hall Clean-up:** Lojze in Dragica Ferenčak, Nancy Taylor, Tony Horvat

**Kitchen Staff:** Nancy Taylor, Aranka Dundek, Dragica in Lojze Ferenčak, Michelle.

**Server Staff:** Amalia Lukežič, Kristina Hode, Mathew Mramor, Maya in Izzy Marinčič

**Coat Room:** Mark Škerl, Dante Carbone - **Ticket Sales and Door:** Ivan Krušič, Pamela Gosgnach

**Emcees:** Heidy Novak, Daniela Pavlich, Sidonia Poppa, Laura Marianne Škerl

**Bar:** Kristen Farkaš, Sierra, Sam Husič, Joe Gosgnach - **Bar tickets:** Tony Horvat

**Raffle Prizes:** Donated from Credit Union, Nancy Taylor and others



DON BOSCO

**SVETE MAŠE - MASS TIMES:** Ponedeljek/Monday – Petek/Friday: 7:00 P.M. Sobota/Saturday: 8:00 A.M. – slovenska / in Slovenian 5:30 P.M. – slovenska / in Slovenian - Nedelja/Sunday: 9:30 A.M. – slovenska / in Slovenian - 11:00 A.M. – angleška / in English **KRSTI / BAPTISMS:** Po dogovoru, prijava 1 mesec prej. - For an app't, call one month before. **POROKE / MARRIAGE:** Prijava eno leto prej. / For an app't, call one year before the wedding date. **SPOVED / CONFESSIONS:** Vsak prvi petek ob 6:00 P.M. / First Friday of the month 6-7:00 P.M. (or by appointment) **BOLNIKI** - Sporočite, če je kdo bolan ali v bolnišnici, da ga obiščemo. You are welcome to call for a personal conversation (person counselling) with your priest – please call during business hours for an appointment. Tel: 905-561-5971.

Od 8. 1. 2017  
Do 15. 1. 2017

# SVETE MAŠE - MASSES

<b>NEDELJA - SUNDAY</b> <b>GOSPODOVO</b> <b>RAZGLAŠENJE</b> 8. JANUAR <i>Severin, opat</i>	Za žive in rajne župljane † Vera Fridrih † Tone Žižek † Jože Žižek Po namenu †† Pokojni člani društva Sava †† Pokojni člani društva Triglav	9:30 A.M.   11:00 A.M. 12:00 NOON 4:00 P.M.	Bratranec Štefan Godina z dr Bratranec Štefan Godina z dr Bratranec Štefan Godina z dr N.N: V dvorani dru. Sava-Breslau St. John the Divine Church
<b>PONEDELJEK-MONDAY</b> 9. JANUAR <i>Jesusov krst</i>	† Pavel Novak V čast sv. Antonu	7:00 P.M.	Žena z družino Dragica Đundraš
<b>TOREK - TUESDAY</b> 10. JANUAR <i>Gregor Niški, škof</i>	† Franc Keber	8:00 A.M.	Družina Klepec
<b>SREDA - WEDNESDAY</b> 11. JANUAR <i>Pavlin Oglejski, škof</i>	† Marija Hausner † Marija Hausner † Marija Hausner	7:00 P.M.	Matilda Prša Sestra Ančka Petek Olga Čulig
<b>ČETRTEK - THURSDAY</b> 12. JANUAR <i>Tatjana (Tanja), muč.</i>	† Steve Sajder Za zdravje (Dore Stenko)	7:00 P.M.	Vida Sajder Romana Novak
<b>PETEK - FRIDAY</b> 13. JANUAR <i>Veronika, devica</i>	† Zdravko Troha † Santa Selar † Martik Markoč	7:00 P.M.	Danica Maradin Manja Erzetič Milka in Karel Ferko
<b>SOBOTA - SATURDAY</b> 14. JANUAR <i>Oton, redovnik</i> <i>Malahija, prerok</i> <i>Feliks, duhovnik</i>	†† Pokojni iz družine Gačnik † Anton Rožman † Metod Kuzma, obl. † Irma Gerič † Slavko Slobodnik †† Ivan in Marta Žižek †† Ivan in Slavko, Katarina	8:00 A.M. 5:30 P.M.	Jože Gačnik z družino Toni in Katica Kuzma Toni in Katica Kuzma Olga in Jannet Čulig Društvo sv. Jožefa (5) Sin Kazimir Žižek z družino Brat Kazimir Žižek z družino
<b>2. NEDELJA</b> <b>MED LETOM</b> 15. JANUAR <i>Absalom, škof</i>	Za žive in rajne župljane † Albina Baznik † Janko Demšar Multikulturalna maša	9:30 A.M.  11:00 A.M. 1:00 P.M.	Rudi Šetej Družini Demšar-Scarcelli Katedrala-Bazilika Hamilton