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**GOSPODOVO
RAZGLAŠENJE**

**EPIPHANY
OF THE LORD**

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»Tvoja luč je prišla ...«

Današnji praznik Gospodovega razglášenja, tretji v vrsti božičnega praznovanja, razločno povzema vse bogastvo, ki je človeku podarjeno z učlovečenjem Božjega Sina. Ob umirjeni in preišljeni besedi evangelista Mateja o poti treh modrih z Vzhoda v Jeruzalem in naprej v Betlehem do judovskega kralja, ki se je rodil, preroška beseda Izaija kar prekipeva: tvoja luč je prišla. Gospodovo veličastvo se sveti nad teboj; žarel boš od veselja, od ganjenosti se ti bo širilo srce. Kakšno bogastvo: vse obsegajoč vstop Boga v človeško zgodovino, vstop, ki vsem ljudem naklanja odličnost božjega otroštva, enkratni dar prijateljstva z Bogom! Preroška beseda opozarja na bogastvo božje navzočnosti v svetu, na odrešenje, ki prihaja po Gospodu in je namenjeno vsem ljudem: tvoji sinovi prihajajo od daleč, vsi se zbirajo in prihajajo k tebi, narodi pojdejo k tvoji luči. Pavel poudarja, naj bi po oznanilu o učlovečenju tudi »tujci«, po mnenju izvoljenega naroda izključeni pogani iz vseh narodov in rodov in ljudstev in jezikov postali sodediči obljube v Kristusu Jezusu, saj Bog prihaja med ljudi za vse ljudi in nikogar ne izključuje.

Njegov prihod na svet poimenovali s izrazom: epifania. S tem izrazom so množice označile trenutek, ko se je cesar, »gospod in bog«, bitje nedosegljivo nad njimi, prikazal med ljudmi in je pred njim vse zdrsnilo na kolena. Kakšna smelost: v Jezusu, betlehenskem otroku, v Jezusu, ki ga voditelji ljudstva odločno zavržejo, v Jezusu, ki ga obsodijo na sramotno smrt, videti, občutiti epifanijo, ne le »pojavitve« neskončnosti, pred katero padajo na kolena, ampak neskončnost, ki nase prevzema človeško majhnost. Kako pogumno oznanilo: v Jezusu je Bog prišel med nas, učlovečeni Bog je stopil na oder človeške zgodovine, odslej jo usmerja, je gibalo kristjanom vseh časov! Današnji praznik treh modrih, ki so vztrajno iskali Gospoda in slednjic tudi našli ter sprejeli Kralja svojih iskanj. Tudi z drobnimi vsakdanjimi dejanji lahko še kako spričujemo, da smo Gospoda res našli, in še več, da je Gospodova »ljudomilost« in dobrota namenjena slehernemu človeku.

SILVESTROVANJE - NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION

Lepa navada je, da se ob koncu leta zberemo skupaj in pričakamo Novo leto. Letos je bilo to kar v nedeljo zvečer. Župnijski svet je tudi za letos načrtoval pričakovanje Novega leta v naši dvorani. Za večjo spodbudo in navdušenje je bil zadolžen ansambel ŠIBAJ. Vsak dogodek zahteva precej priprav in načrtovanja, tako so letos člani župnijskega sveta že precej naprej mislili in pripravljali to prireditev. Letos, ker se je s tem dnevom zaključilo tudi praznovanje 150 letnice Kanade, so izbrali okrasitev in prte v kanadskih barvah - belo in živo rdečo - ne vem če je kdo to opazil. Kljub temu, da dvorana ni pokala po šivih zaradi množice obiskovalcev, pa je bilo zelo prijetno vzdušje, kar precej mladih je prišlo, nekateri tudi po deveti uri, ker smo letos vpeljali tudi ceno brez slovesne večerje.

Nancy je prevzela organizacijo kuhinje, strežnikov, bar in del okrasitve. Člani župnijskega sveta pa so skrbeli za vse ostalo. Kljub hladnemu vremenu, saj so se temperature gibale pod -10 stopinj, so prišli skoraj vsi, ki so se prijaviли. Že pred šesto so prišli prvi udeleženci iz torontske smeri, ker so se bali, da se vreme ne poslabša. Ob vstopu je vse čakala predjed in pijača in ko se je dvorana napolnila smo začeli s slavnostno večerjo.

Med samim večerom je bilo zelo sproščeno vzdušje. Vmes je bilo žrebanje vstopnic in kasneje tudi žrebanje za druge dobitke. Ansambel Šibaj je s svojo glasbo pritegnil na plesišče številne plesalce, tudi mlajše.

Ob enajstih so vsi lahko še prigriznili in tako dočakali polnoč. Ob voščilih in balonih, ki so jih spustili iz balkona, smo vstopili v leto 2018. Med večerom pa je bila tudi prilika, da so se ob posebej pripravljenem mestu lahko poslikali in mnogi so dobili tudi slike za spomin na ta večer. Hvala članom župnijskega sveta in vsem, ki so pomagali, pri pripravi in pospravi dvorane in vsega potrebnega. *Fr. Drago*





Our New Year's celebration ringing in 2018 was a great night here at St. Gregory the Great! The evening started with guests coming in ready to have a good time with family and friends. The atmosphere was happy, positive and enthusiastic.

We had many door and raffle prizes to which we owe a big thank you to Brian Pavlic, Clark Novak, Beamsville Home Hardware, Milan Ferletič, Fernando, Sidonia & Bob Poppa, Moya Financial and Mr. & Mrs. Klanfar.

The generosity of so many within our community helps our fundraising efforts and certainly contributes to the excitement of our events! Thank you all! Our bar as always, was well stocked and our photo booth was a big hit with everyone. Fr. Drago took pictures all night and printed them for all our guests to take home as a keepsake of the evening.

Ansambel Šibaj shared their passion for music and did a great job keeping everyone entertained and on the dance floor - we even had an amazing conga line with many of our guests participating. We had young and old not only enjoy the evening, but enjoy each other's company.

So, on behalf of your Parish Council, we thank everyone who joined in the New Year's festivities and wish everyone a Blessed year filled with health, happiness and laughter shared with family and friends! Hope to see you all at next year's celebration!

Heidy Novak







50 LETNICA POROKE

V soboto, 6. januarja, sta **Jožica** in **Frank PAVLAKOVIČ**, v krogu svojih najbližjih praznovala 50 let življenja v zakonu. Pri večerni maši sta se Bogu in Materi božji zahvalila za vse, kar sta v teh letih doživela. Vse jima je pripomoglo, da sta danes to, kar ju povezuje iz dneva v dan, vesela v krogu svojih otrok in vnukov. Naj ju božji blagoslov še naprej spremlja in podpira pri njenem prizadevanju.



Canadian Slovenian Historical Society
Kanadsko Slovensko Zgodovinsko Društvo

Luncheon – Kosilo

“Eat in” or “Take out”

Sunday, January 21, 2018
Following all masses

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

\$16 per plate Choose from Menu 1, 2 or 3:

Menu 1: Vampi and polenta

Menu 2: Golaž and dumplings

Menu 3: Chicken schnitzel, potatoes, and salad

Vsi vljudno vabljeni!

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Response:

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

First Reading Isaiah 60:1-6

Isaiah exults over the light and glory through which the nations will come to the Lord.

Second Reading Ephesians 3:2-3. 5-6

Pagan and Gentile nations are now being given their place in the Church.

Gospel Matthew 2:1-12

The wise men are led by God's grace through the light of a star to worship the Lord and give him their gifts.

"The sight of the star filled them with delight."



Illustration

Christmas cards and carols, nativity plays and paintings, all have three kings coming to worship the Lord. But in Matthew's Gospel they are called not kings but wise men. And although tradition tells us that there were three of them, the Gospel never states that this was so. The traditional number of wise men, three, comes from the three gifts that Matthew tells us were given to the child Jesus: "gold and frankincense and myrrh".

So who were they really, these mysterious visitors from the east, and why did they come? They are also sometimes called "magi", from a Greek word which is the origin of our word "magic". They were



V soboto, 6. januarja, na praznik Gospodovega razglašenja, je deček FRANK JOSEPH BARBER, prejel zakrament svetega krsta. Starša sta Frank in Karolina (roj. Bownik) Barber. Iskrene čestitke staršema ob krstu prvega otroka. Naj mu bosta dobra starša in svetel zgled tudi na poti rasti v veri.

pagans, magicians, astrologers, readers of the stars, rather than crowned monarchs.

Gospel Teaching

We need not think of the pagans and worshippers of other gods in the Graeco-Roman world of Jesus' time as living in total darkness; and the same is true today. The Second Vatican Council's Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, *Lumen gentium*, speaks of how members of other faiths are part of God's plan of salvation, and also says, "Nor is God remote from those who in shadows and images seek the unknown God, since he gives to everyone life and breath" (LG 16). The magi went off in search of a greater light, the uncreated light and very source of light. Their reading of the stars succeeded on this occasion, led by God. Yet when they reached their destination, the magi left behind their worship of the stars, and fell down to worship the one who made the stars and sun and life itself.

Matthew had his reasons for describing, so near to the beginning of his Gospel, the coming of these magi from pagan or Gentile lands. For at the end of the Gospel he tells us of Jesus sending out the apostles to the Gentile lands, instructing them to "Go... make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you." The magi from the east represented all these Gentile nations coming to Christ, and the homage of their kings and people, as the light of the Gospel began to spread all over the world. Magicians they may have been when they went in search of Christ, but wise men they were when they returned home; wise enough not to go back to Herod, after being warned in a dream. Full of excitement and joy at what they had seen, they went back and shared their story.

Application

Two thousand years have passed since those magi travelled to Bethlehem, searching for the light. Their journey cannot have been easy. The journey to Christ often isn't. They no doubt had to give up a great deal to find him, but nothing was more important to them than their spiritual quest. Moreover, they grasped the truth that, while they were searching, God had been leading them. It was God who lit the star, and God who encouraged them to set out, because God loved them, and God wanted to be found by them.

One of the things that the wise men's journey gave them was time. They reflected, they thought, perhaps they prayed. That is one great benefit of a spiritual journey or pilgrimage. There is time to ponder fundamental questions; and to realise, like the wise men, that deep down, whether we are Catholics or not, Christians of other churches, members of different faiths, or people who are still searching to find faith, there is always something more to seek and find. It was a very significant moment when the magi fell down to worship Jesus and give him their gifts, and it is a similar moment when a person is baptised, comes into the Church or takes a new step in faith.

At least once, Matthew tells us, the magi were lost on their journey, first arriving in Jerusalem rather than Bethlehem; but then they were wise enough to ask the way. May our parish community always be ready to welcome, encourage, provide opportunities, and show the way to those who are seeking, that, like the magi, they may find Christ, the light of the world. He is not far from those who seek him, for, as he himself has told us, "the one who searches always finds".

OBVESTILA - ANNOUNCEMENTS

PEVSKJE VAJE ZA MEŠANI ZBOR

Hvala pevcem za petje v času božičnih praznikov. Za nekaj tednov jim bomo dali dopust. Naslednje pevske vaje bodo v četrtek 1. februarja. Zbor bo pel v nedeljo 4. februarja.

DOGODKI V BLIŽNJI PRIHODNOSTI

- ♦ 7. januar-nedelja: **Sava-Breslau** - Maša ob 12:00
- ♦ 7. januar-nedelja: **Triglav-London** - Maša ob 4:00 p.m. pri St. John the Divine cerkvi
- ♦ 21. januar-nedelja: **Bled Planica** - Koline/Pigfest
- ♦ 21. januar-nedelja: **Cathedral Hamilton** - Multicultural Mass at 1:30 p.m.
- ♦ 28. januar-nedelja: **Lipa Park** - Hunter's Luncheon - Koline

GIFT BEARERS - DAROVE PRINAŠAJO

- ♦ 7. jan., 9:30 a.m.: Stanko Petek in družina
- ♦ 14. jan., 9:30 a.m.: Gergyek Family
- ♦ 21. jan., 9:30 a.m.: Toni in Marija Franc
- ♦ 28. jan., 9:30 a.m.: Ivan, Angela in Jakob Antolin
- ♦ 4. feb., 9:30 a.m.: Stanko in Jožica Vegelj

COOKING SESSION - FEBRUARY 24, 2018

Kitchen Secrets is hosting another day in the kitchen on **Saturday, February 24th at 9:00 a.m.** (Lower Hall). This session will feature the creation of kremšnite.

There is limited space in this session and spots will be available on a first come first serve basis only.

Please contact Heidy Novak at novakh@sympatico.ca if you would like to

participate in this baking event. Looking forward to hanging out with friends in the kitchen!

KOLEDARJI, LETNE KUVERTE ZA 2018

Koledarje za leto 2018 si vzemite v atriju na mizi. Prav tako imate v atriju **LETNE NEDELJSKE KUVERTE** za 2018. Če se vam zdi, da je kakšna napaka ali da ste spremenili naslov ali telefon, prosim, da to sporočite.

Prav tako, če bi kdo želel imeti kuverte, pa jih ni tam, mi sporočite.

DRUŠTVO SV. JOŽEFA

V ponedeljek 8. januarja bo zopet BINGO in v torek, 9. januarja se nadaljujejo **torkovi večeri** pri društvu sv. Jožefa. Vabljeni!

CWL - KŽZ

CWL membership renewal is currently underway. Members, note that a CWL envelope has been inserted into your 2018 Sunday collection box. Kindly renew your membership with either Pamela Gosgnach or Milena Krušič or place your membership envelope with remittance into the collection basket at Mass.

Our CWL meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 10th, immediately following 7pm mass. Ladies, please attend so we can collaboratively plan our upcoming bazaar. Your input is vital.

New members are also most welcome.

CHURCH CLEANING 2018

The schedule for church cleaning 2018 is now on the notice board in the foyer. Please ask Pamela if you would like a personal copy.

We are still looking for a team for these dates: May 18th and November 30th.

If you think you could help, please fill in your name on the schedule in the foyer.

MULTICULTURAL MASS

The Diocese of Hamilton will be hosting our annual **Multicultural Mass on Sunday, January 21, 2018 at 1:30 p.m.** at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King. This is sure to be a beautiful celebration. All are welcome to join us for the Mass and the social event which will take place in McNally Hall after the celebration. There will be performances by various ethnic groups, as well as a chance to sample some delicious foods from around the world.

MEMORIAL MASS

A **Memorial Mass** will be held **Sunday, January 14th at 3:00 p.m.**, to honor the life of **Theresa Drvarič**, daughter of predeceased parents, Frank and Sidonia Drvarič, sister to Sidonia Poppa and Joseph Drvarič and mother of Simon Drvarič-Callender.

Theresa passed away quietly after a courageous battle with cancer, with her son by her side, on January 1st, 2018. Our family kindly invite you to share this Mass with us and offer support with your presence.

VEČNA LUČ

V mesecu januarju večna luč sveti v spomin na pokojnega Vlada Škrbana po namenu Stanka Petka.

DAROVI - DONATIONS

Elizabeta Gimpelj je darovala \$100 za gradbeni sklad - »Raise the Roof« in \$50 za misijone.

Romana Novak je Slomškoveu oltarnu društvu darovala \$50 za rože v spomin na pokojnega Mirka Rev.

Iskrena hvala za vaše darove.

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HAMILTON BRANCH HOURS

New hours effective January 1st, 2018

Tuesday: **12:00 PM - 6:00 PM**

Thursday: **12:00 PM - 5:00 PM**

Friday: **12:00 PM - 5:00 PM**

Saturday: **1st & 3rd Saturday of the month**



DON BOSCO

SVETE MAŠE - MASS TIMES: Monday: 8:00 A.M., Tuesday to Friday: 7:00 P.M., Saturday: 8:00 A.M. and 5:30 P.M. (Slovenian); Sunday: 9:30 A.M. (Slovenian), 11:00 A.M. (English); From Long weekend in July to the Long weekend of the September Sunday Mass is only at 10:00 A.M. (Slovenian-English) - **KRSTI / BAPTISMS:** For an appointment, call one month before. **POROKE / MARRIAGE:** For an appointment, call one year before the wedding date. **SPOVED / CONFESSIONS:** 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 with your priest – please call for an appointment. Tel: 905-561-5971.

Od 7. 1. 2018
do 14. 1. 2018

SVETE MAŠE - MASSES

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| SV. TRIJE KRALJI 7. JANUAR Gospodovo razglašenje | Za žive in rajne župljane | 9:30 A.M. | |
| | † Vlado Škrban | | Stanko Petek |
| | † Ignac Žalik | 11:00 A.M. | Jože in Marija Magdič |
| | † August Žalik | | Jože in Marija Magdič |
| | †† Pokojni člani društva Sava | 12:00 | Sava-Breslau |
| | †† Pokojni člani društva Triglav | 4:00 P.M. | St. John the Divine Parish |

PONEDELJEK - MONDAY

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| 8. JANUAR <i>Jezusov krst</i> | Po namenu | 8:00 A.M. | Ana Tadič |
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TOREK - TUESDAY

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| 9. JANUAR <i>Julijan, muč.</i> | † Pavel in Paul Richard Novak | 7:00 P.M. | Jožica Novak z družino |
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SREDA - WEDNESDAY

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| 10. JANUAR <i>Gregor Niški, škof</i> | Po namenu † Anton Kwasniewski Bogu in božji Materi v zahvalo Po namenu | 7:00 P.M. | Ana Tadič Helena Kwasniewska Olga CWL - KŽZ |
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ČETRTEK - THURSDAY

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| 11. JANUAR <i>Pavlin Oglejski, škof</i> | †† Jože in Marija Zelko V čast Materi Božji | 7:00 P.M. | Hiči Bernardet Milka Kastelic z družino |
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PETEK - FRIDAY

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| 12. JANUAR <i>Tatjana, mučenka</i> | †† Pokojni iz družine Bunderla † Pavel Novak | 7:00 P.M. | Družina Gergyek Družina Antolin |
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SOBOTA SATURDAY

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| 13. JANUAR <i>Veronika, devica</i> | † John Kobe, obl. †† Starši, bratje in sestre † Metod Kuzma † Julij Lesica Za zdravje | 8:00 A.M. 5:30 P.M. | Žena Angela Kobe z družino Angela Kobe z družino Družina Kuzma Brat Lojze Lesica Glavačevi |
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2. NEDELJA MED LETOM

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| 14. JANUAR Oton, redovnik | Za žive in rajne župljane †† Pokojni iz družine Gergyek † Janko Demšar † Theresa Drvarič | 9:30 A.M. 11:00 A.M. 3:00 P.M. | Družina Gergyek Demšar-Scarcelli Drvarič/Poppa Families |
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