

In Our Churches

Oregon Bishop Wrote Old Epiphany Service

On Monday evening, Jan. 6 at 7:30, St. Paul's Episcopal Church will keep one of the oldest ceremonies in the Christian Church, The Feast of the Epiphany, by its traditional presentation of "A Feast of Lights."

The dramatization staged at St. Paul's for more than 20 years was authored by the late William P. Remington, sometime bishop of the Episcopal Church in Eastern Oregon, with his wife as co-author.

In 1939, the Remingtons, having in mind the eagerness of many Christian bodies to find services and symbols to help teach the fundamental truths of Christianity, first presented this pageant in Pendleton.

In his preface, the bishop said that the service, which basically was not new, was an attempt to gather together such ideas as were found and provide a "script" which might be easily understood and interpreted "to contribute to the better observance of Epiphany in all churches of whatever name."

The service's purpose was threefold: "To honor the Lord Jesus Christ as the Light of the World; to show how that Light came gradually to men through the Old Testament leaders, the life and death of Jesus Christ, the Apostles, and the missionary Paul; and to impress the missionary character of the church as it seeks to spread the Light and to share it with mankind."

The Christmas greens in the church remain in place for the service, and the altar is arrayed with symbolic candles which are lighted individually at designated points in the presentation. At the beginning of the ceremony, the church is in total darkness.

During the Twelfth Day of Christmas service, Rev. Robert Greene, rector, will be the "voice" telling the prophetic messages of the Old Testament and the fulfillment in Christ's birth as related in the New Testament.

Before the concluding message and benediction, the choir, servers, and those representing the Crucifer and Paul will light the candles of the congregation to symbolize the act of receiving the light and spreading it to all the world.

The celebration will continue in the church social hall with an old English custom, the cutting of the red and white Epiphany cake. Hidden in the servings will be three items, a ring to symbolize the binding of the world together in the love of God; a thimble to denote missionary efforts; and a dime to characterize the earning and giving of money.

The three parishioners who find the items in their slices of cake will have special roles in next year's festival, carrying the English tradition a step farther.

Last year the ring went to Sue Nicholson, young daughter of Dr. and Mrs. George R. Nicholson, so she will serve as hostess for this year's fellowship as well as providing the cake.

The thimble was found by Mrs. Glenn O. Lewis Jr., who was to use it to sew articles for the church, missions, or a charity. Dr. George D. Massey received the dime, and during the past year he was to put it to work to earn more money for the benefit of mission work. Both will report on their progress at the Epiphany party.

A festival of the Catholic, Anglican, and Eastern churches, the Epiphany is observed in many different ways in the various churches, but in all it is held 12 days after Christmas to commemorate the coming of the Magi as being the first manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles.

The observance of the Epiphany can be traced to an earlier period in the Eastern Church than in the Western, and does not appear to have been observed in the Latin Church until the fourth century.

In the Greek Church it was observed as early as the second century, having been firmly established by the time of Clement of Alexandria, who lived in the latter half of the second and the early part of the third centuries; although even the earliest records reveal considerable speculation as to the exact origin of the Epiphany.

The Greeks, however, did not commemorate the visit of the Magi to Bethlehem, but rather the manifestation of Jesus as the Messiah when he was baptized by John in the Jordan River.

There was a tendency in the early days of the Epiphany to connect it with the heathen spring festival, and more especially with the sacrifices and offerings made to the gods of running waters and the clouds. In their observance, some Christian communities even followed the old pagan custom and blessed the water, rivers, and lakes.

Other sections of the Christian Church have attempted to make the Epiphany a special day of baptism, although the consecrating of the water, symbolizing the baptism and is still observed by several groups.

In the Middle Ages and later, it was the custom to stage sorts of miracle plays in the churches in order to visualize to the people the events commemorated on the occasion. These were frequently given during the mass and the dramatic representation usually presented the offerings of the three wise men.



HOSPITAL FUND BOOST — Winning second place and a \$50 prize in the Christmas Parade, the Episcopal Young Churchmen of St. Paul's Episcopal Church voted to present the total amount to the children's wing of the Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital. Recipients of parade cash awards were to use the money for a charitable activity within the community. Pictured are James F. Stilwell, hospital campaign general chairman, accepting the check from three EYC officers, Dennis Culver, president; Carolyn Ferrell, secretary-treasurer; and Paula Sabo, vice president. The EYC, composed of eighth grade through high school students, was in charge of the actual construction of St. Paul's float entry with adult supervision.



SCENE OF VISIT — "Danger—No Man's Land—Keep Out" reflect tension and bitterness along Israeli-Jordanian border in Jerusalem. Israeli policemen stand guard as nun waits just outside No Man's Land to greet friends coming over from the Jordanian side. Both Arab and Jewish leaders have hailed Pope Paul VI's plan to visit Jerusalem. —UPI Telephoto

Three Time-Worn Churches Mark Christianity's Significant Caves

Pilgrimage with Pope Paul No. 4
EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the last of four dispatches describing the places and shrines Pope Paul VI will visit in the Holy Land on his tour Jan. 4-6. Today: The churches.

By RAY J. MOLONEY
JERUSALEM, Jordan (UPI) — To an extraordinary degree, the ancient rock caves of the Holy Land play a central role in Christianity.

Christ is believed to have been born in a cave in the rocks at nearby Bethlehem. A tomb in the rocks here in Jerusalem is said to have received His crucified body. It is believed that it was in a cave on the Mount of Olives that He held his last meeting with the Apostles.

Churches have been built on all three spots. The early Christians located them by tradition, even though Jerusalem was destroyed by the Roman, Titus, in 70 A.D., and desecrated more than 60 years later by the Emperor Hadrian.

Constantine the Great, a convert and the first Christian emperor, found the three caves of the Nativity, the Entombment and the Ascension and built churches in their honor.

The Church of the Holy Sepulchre here in Jerusalem to be a focal point of Pope Paul's pilgrimage. Hadrian built a temple to Aphrodite over the spot but the remains of this pagan shrine were removed by Macarius in 325 A.D., and a Jewish tomb was found.

The rock was laboriously cut away, the tomb chamber isolated and the Anastasis, a circular building, constructed. The present church is a group of buildings dating from the Middle Ages and there is little trace of the work started by Constantine at the encouraging of his mother, St. Helena.

The facade of the church is obscured by iron scaffolding erected in 1935 to prevent further decay. The three faiths which share the church—the Roman Catholic, the Greek Orthodox and the Armenian — were unable to agree on a unified reconstruction program until this year.

Inside the massive double-fronted wooden doors, Pope Paul will stand at the foot of what tradition says is Calvary. To reach the summit, the pilgrim mounts a flight of stairs to the right of the entrance. From there a stone staircase, blackened by the smoke of millions of candles carried by the devout down through the ages, leads to the place of Crucifixion.

Down another flight of stairs and past the stone where Joseph and Nicodemus prepared the body for burial is the Holy Sepulchre itself. It is inside an octagonal church within a church and is so small that only three or four persons at one time may kneel to pray over the marble slab atop the tomb.

The first church at the Shrine of the Nativity in Bethlehem also stems from Constantine. He erected a basilica to which Justinian added in 530 A.D. Time has dealt harshly with the original walls and columns, but the shape of the basilica and the Grotto of the Nativity beneath the altar are the same as they were in the original church.

The present basilica measures 150 feet in length and is more than 100 feet wide. Divided by rows of recessed columns into five parallel aisles running east and west, it is decorated with mosaics.

The original manger in the rock was replaced by one of silver. A silver star has been sunk in the marble floor at the spot accepted by Christians as the birthplace of Christ. A Latin inscription, lit by 15 silver lamps, reads "Hic de Virgine Maria Jesus Christus natus est" —Here of the Virgin Mary Jesus Christ was born.

Missionary To Describe India Work

A missionary's experiences in India will be related by Rev. Casey Norton, the guest speaker at the Bible Baptist Church on Sunday, Jan. 5. The public is invited to attend the 7 p.m. service.

Multiplicity of languages is one difficult problem faced by Reverend Norton and other missionaries in the country. People speaking six different languages may be in the audience when he preaches in Pandhurna.

These six languages, spoken by various groups in central India, are Marathi, Hindi, Urdu, Gujarati, and Sindhi. Since the missionary knows only one of the languages, Marathi, his presentation cannot be understood by others unless they know Marathi as a second language. Although many Indians do speak more than one language, he has found that there are always some with whom he is unable to communicate.

Another problem which Norton encounters is the difficulty that Indians have in understanding the concepts of Christianity. Therefore, missionary work in India involves much patient teaching and explaining before even a few are willing to make the drastic change of becoming a Christian.

Before beginning his assignment in India with the Conservative Baptist Foreign Mission Society of Wheaton, Ill., Reverend Norton was graduated from the Berean Bible College in Calgary, Alberta. After a year of furlough, during which he and his family will make their home in Canada, he will return to India to continue missionary work.

Lessons, Songs, Herald Holiday

Charlotte Harris, Arlys Marcus and Ray Harlan of Lakeview.

Mrs. James Foster and four daughters, Terry Ann, Janice, Elaine, and Elizabeth, sang "The Coventry Carol." Deaconess Evelyn Seymour arranged the program.

UNITARIAN FELLOWSHIP

11 A.M., Sunday, Jan. 5
by Dr. Josiah Bartlett
PINE GROVE MEETING HOUSE



GRANITE STORAGE VAULT — The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints recently unveiled a maze of caverns and tunnels in a rugged granite mountain area 20 miles south of Salt Lake City which will be used for storage of church records. The project cost \$1.5 million. —UPI Telephoto

Priest Spurs Production

BLANCA FLOR, Bolivia (UPI)—With the help and counsel of the Rev. John A. Dietrich, a Maryknoll father, inhabitants of this "green hell" jungle area of Eastern Bolivia have organized a model Brazil nut and rubber cooperative.

When Father Dietrich first arrived in 1937, families roamed the jungles looking for nuts and collected them by hand. Now this town of 600 has a Brazil nut plant, a rubber processing plant, and a plant for making oil from nuts.

Recently a bulldozer was bought by the cooperative and plans are underway to clear land for new crops—chocolate, vanilla, coffee, rubber and ipeca (a pharmaceutical).

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT "A BRAND NEW YEAR"

Today we stand on the threshold of a brand new year. This year will be no different from all the past years in our lives. We cannot see one step ahead. We know absolutely nothing of what lies before us. For all of us it will be a new and unknown path. Will we live to see another year? Will Jesus come in 1964? From past experiences we can expect many unwelcome surprises. Our hearts would be filled with fear were it not for the wonderful promises of God. It is really wonderful to know that God knows the way and has made plans for us. Because of this we rest upon His promises.

For strength and encouragement read Matt. 28:20: 1 Pet. 5: 6, 7; Rom. 8: 22-29. Remember He knows the way. Follow Him! Let Him be your guide, and this will indeed be a Happy New Year! C. WAYNE LOWE, Evangelist

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COUP IN VIETNAM
Trapped in a Saigon hotel during the November uprising, correspondent Peer J. Oppenheimer recorded the tragicomic side events of a day that made history.

WHY I'M TEACHING MY SONS



TO PLAY HOCKEY
Gordie Howe, superstar of the Detroit Red Wings, admits hockey is a rough sport, but with the bruises, come vital lessons in growing up.

Read Both of These Exclusive Reports in the **JANUARY 5TH** Weekend Issue of **Family Weekly** with your copy of the **SUNDAY Herald and News**

UMC Head Takes Post

On Jan. 1, former baseball star Jackie Robinson officially became the president of United Church Men, a central department of the National Council of Churches.

In this unpaid position, he heads the work of a nationwide organization which coordinates the men's activities of an estimated 10 million Protestant and Orthodox laymen.

Robinson, a former baseball, football, and track star who is now the vice president of a New York restaurant chain, was elected unanimously by the organization's board of managers at a November meeting in Indianapolis, Ind. He will serve in the interdenominational post for three years.

A member of the United Church of Christ, Robinson was awarded its 1963 churchmanship award. The denomination's general synod cited his "Christian commitment of time, energy, and skill in the struggle for social justice."

Chaplaincy Approved

The General Commission on Chaplains and Armed Forces Personnel agrees there is no violation of church-state separation under the U.S. system for military chaplains, says the December issue of the Church and State monthly review.

The commission based its conclusion on two "principles." One said the system is the only effective way "for providing the right of worship guaranteed by the free exercise clause" in the Constitution.

It also said, according to the review, that "the present system of military chaplaincy, under the direction of ordained clergymen serving as chiefs of chaplains working in cooperation with representatives of all religions, does not involve the state in religious exercises or in the favoring of religion."

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Golden Text: Revelation 4:8. Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.
Nursery facilities available during church services.