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We welcome you in the name of the Lord!

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"The mission of St. Benedict's Church is to know Christ's love and to make His love known"

The Epiphany

Year C – Revised Common Lectionary / Daily Office Year Two
January 2 and 3, 2016

Weekend Schedule

Saturday: Holy Eucharist Rite II – 6:00 pm

Sunday: Morning Prayer - 7:45 am

Holy Eucharist Rite I – 8:00 am

Eucharist Rite II – 10:00 am

(With Sunday school for Children and Youth of all ages)

Weekday Eucharist

Tuesday: Intercessory Prayer Group – 8:00 am

Tuesday: Holy Eucharist - 8:30 am

Wednesday: Holy Eucharist/Healing Service – 7:00 pm

Thursday: Holy Eucharist – 8:30 am

Order of Service - Holy Eucharist: 6:00 pm and 10:00 am (BCP 355) – 8:00 am (BCP 323)

The Collect of the Day

O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson: Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

The Word of the Lord. **THANKS BE TO GOD**

Psalm 72:1-7,10-14 *Deus, iudicium*

- 1 Give the King your justice, O God, *and your righteousness to the King's Son;
- 2 That he may rule your people righteously *and the poor with justice;
- 3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, *and the little hills bring righteousness.
- 4 He shall defend the needy among the people; *he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.
- 5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, *from one generation to another.
- 6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, *like showers that water the earth.
- 7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; *there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
- 10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute, *and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.
- 11 All kings shall bow down before him, *and all the nations do him service.
- 12 For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress, *and the oppressed who has no helper.
- 13 He shall have pity on the lowly and poor; *he shall preserve the lives of the needy.
- 14 He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence, *and dear shall their blood be in his sight.

The Epistle: Ephesians 3:1-12

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles-- for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him. The Word of the Lord. **THANKS BE TO GOD**

+The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 2:1-12

ALL: GLORY TO YOU LORD CHRIST!

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "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." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel." Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

The Gospel of the Lord. **ALL: PRAISE TO YOU, LORD CHRIST**

Sermon/Homily: 6:00 pm Saturday, 8:00 am and 10:00 am Sunday: Father Albert R. Cutié
Prayers of the People: 6:00 pm & 10:00 am: Form I; 8:00 am (BCP 328)
Blessings for anniversaries and birthdays and the laying on of hands for healing
The Great Thanksgiving: 6:00 pm and 10:00 am (BCP 361); 8:00 am (BCP 333)
All baptized Christians who affirm the Real Presence of Jesus in the Holy Sacrament are welcome to receive communion in the Episcopal Church.
Post Communion Prayer: BCP, 365 (8:00 am BCP, 339)

Sending out the Lay Eucharistic Visitors

Celebrant: N. (and N.) we send you out to share Communion this week with (names).

People: *May you carry the prayers of all of us as you take this sacrament of Christ's body and blood.*

Celebrant: May those who receive it from you be strengthened and encouraged in the community we have together in our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: *Amen.*

WHAT'S NEW? - THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT'S

A BIG "Thank you": Fr. Albert and Mrs. Ruhama Cutié wish to thank all of you for the countless cards, gifts and so many loving expressions of kindness during this Christmas season. Be assured of our constant prayers for you and your families. We love you all!

Confirmation Classes will begin on January 10th, 2016: 9th-12th grade students who have not yet been confirmed. Our Confirmation coordinator is Cheryl Burley. If any adult is interested in Confirmation, please see Cheryl or Deacon Debra for more information. Those who have never been officially "received" as members of the Episcopal Church, but are already confirmed, please speak to Fr. Albert or Deacon Debra for information on reception.

Sunday School Classes: Classes resume on January 10th 2016. Sunday School begins at 10:00 am. We will begin Sunday School over in St. Steven's Hall at 10:00 am. If your child is not registered, please see Donna Carty.

Calling all High School Youth!! Our High School Youth Group will meet every Sunday immediately after the 10:00 am service instead of Wednesday evenings. Bring \$5 for lunch and be prepared for some fun until about 2:00! We will do community outreach, projects around the church, fundraising, planning of mission trips and many other exciting activities together! Invite your friends, bring a change of clothes, but parents need to find their own fun! This is just for our teens! Questions? Contact Tara Fiore 503-510-2051 or fiorefamil1@att.net.

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew will provide assistance to St. Benedict's families and friends, demonstrating God's love through helping the elderly, widows and single moms with home projects; such as, moving, painting, light home/garden maintenance. Brotherhood members are available to assist on Saturdays between 8 am and 12 noon. We ask members to give at least 1 week advance notice. Please email or call Garth Sill at Gsill@live.com or 954-330-4729.

2016 Pledge Envelopes are in the Narthex (Entrance of the church) - Here are some suggestions to help make it easier for you to make your 2016 pledge donations:

Sign up for EASY TITHE – It is free! You can do it on the St. Benedict's website www.saintbenedicts.org and go to the category ONLINE GIVING. You can also use it with your PHONE APP. It is easy, fast, secure and you can set it up automatically so you don't have to bring CASH or CHECKS to church. You would be surprised how many people do not give a dime, simply because they are accustomed to using Credit/Debit cards for

everything else... Yet, the church still needs your generous support. We want to make the process of your offering as "easy" as possible so we can all get on with worship and what matters most – our relationship with God!

Pledge envelopes for 2016 are on the table at the back of the church for those members who have *completed and submitted* pledge cards for 2016. If you have not completed a pledge card for 2016 please do so, so that we can provide you with envelopes. Note that your envelope number may change in 2016, so please do not use an envelope number from a previous year, this will make it difficult to track your pledge. If you give your offerings online, you do not need envelopes – and it saves the church money too.

I FORGOT! If you should forget your pledge envelope and want to use a pew envelope for your donation, please write your pledge envelope number on the line provided. Operating pledges and Building Fund pledges go into two different accounts, therefore two different checks should be written – one for your Operating pledge and another for your Building Fund pledge. We thank you for making a pledge and look forward to an exciting 2016 at St. Benedict's.

Employment Opportunities are available to market affordable Health Care benefits. Call Oral Allen at 954-826-5589.

Mission of the Month: This month's Mission is the Jubilee Center. This is a daily soup kitchen and counselling center, located in Hollywood. Funds are needed to maintain their rent.

Spiritual Thought for the week: *Then Jesus again spoke to them, saying, "I am the Light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of life." (John 8:12)*

Our offerings to God for Christmas Services and December 26 and 27, 2015

Operating Fund:

Pledge and Plate \$11,027.85

Building Fund:

Pledge and gifts \$2,300.00

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