

"God's love with feet on / Caminando con el amor de Dios."

St. John's Episcopal Church

The Holy Name ~ January 1, 2012

8:00 am ~ Holy Eucharist

9:05 am ~ Coffee and Christian Education

10:00 am ~ Sung Holy Eucharist

11:15 am ~ Coffee, Conversation

Liturgy Booklet

Hymn #107: Good Christian friends, rejoice

Greeting and Penitential Rite

Liturgy Booklet p. 2

Gloria (*said*)

Liturgy Booklet p. 3 or (LOC pg. 141)

Collect (Prayer of the Day)

(Readings Insert)

First Reading, **Psalm** (*said*), and Second Reading

Christmas Pageant (*all congregation*): Gospel Story with various Carols

The Nicene Creed

Liturgy Booklet p. 7 or (LOC pg. 145)

Prayers of the People

Liturgy Booklet p. 8 or (LOC pg. 203)

The Exchange of Peace (Announcements)

Offertory *The Offering is collected before the Hymn at the Offertory.*

Hymn #128: We three kings

Great Thanksgiving Prayer (B)

Liturgy Booklet p. 10 or (LOC pg. 163)

Sanctus (10 am): Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!

...at the end of the Eucharistic Prayer, the people respond: **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

Liturgy Booklet p. 14

The Breaking of the Bread and **Fraction Anthems:**

Healing prayer is offered in the Baptistry during Communion.

Going Forth Prayer (*stand*)

Liturgy Booklet p. 16 or (LOC pg. 161)

Hymn #115: What child is this?

Dismissal

Response: **Thanks be to God!**

What is the Epiphany?

The Epiphany (or Three Kings Day), (Koine Greek: ἐπιφάνεια, *epiphaneia*) meaning "manifestation", or "striking appearance" or **Theophany**, (Ancient Greek (ἡ) Θεοφάνεια, *Theophaneia*) meaning "vision of God", falls on January 6, and is a Christian feast day that celebrates the revealing of Jesus Christ, the human being, as God the Son to the world. Christians fixed the date of the feast on January 6 quite early in their history. The earliest reference to Epiphany as a Christian feast was in A.D. 361.

Epiphany is celebrated by both the Eastern and Western Churches, but a major difference between them is precisely which events the feast commemorates. For Western Christians, the feast primarily commemorates the coming of the Magi (which is why it is also called Three Kings Day); Eastern churches celebrate the Baptism of Christ in the Jordan River. The Episcopal Church celebrates the Baptism of Christ on the Sunday following the Epiphany. In both traditions, the essence of the feast is the same: the manifestation of Christ to the world (whether as an infant or at his baptism in the Jordan River), and the Mystery of the Incarnation.

Even before the year 354, the Western Church had separated the celebration of the Nativity of Christ as the feast of Christmas and set its date as December 25; it reserved January 6 as a commemoration of the manifestation of Christ, to the gentiles.

The West observes a twelve-day festival, starting on December 25, and ending on January 5, known as Christmastide or the Twelve Days of Christmas. Some Christian cultures, especially those of Latin America and some in Europe, extend the season to as many as forty days, ending on Candlemas or the Presentation of Christ in the Temple (February 2).

The Koine Greek, ἐπιφάνεια, or *epiphaneia*, derives from the verb "to appear" and means "appearance", "manifestation". In classical Greek it was used of the appearance of dawn, of an enemy in war, or of a manifestation of a god. In the Septuagint (the Greek Old Testament) the word is used for a manifestation of the God of Israel (2 Maccabees 15:27). In the New Testament the word is used in 2 Timothy 1:10 to refer either to the birth of Christ or to his appearance after his resurrection, and five times to refer to the Second Coming.

Remember: Epiphany Holy Eucharist and Party at

Floyd and Mary Kay Kunce's home on **Friday, January 6 at 6:30 pm.**
Bring an hors d'oeuvre to pass. All are invited for this special celebration.