

January 10, 2021

Dear Brother and Sisters in Christ,

We have arrived at the last official Feast Day of the Christmas Season: the Baptism of the Lord. In the ancient Church there were three events in the life of Jesus that the Church Fathers connected as part of the celebration of Epiphany: the Visit of the three Kings to Bethlehem, Jesus' Baptism in the Jordan River by St. John the Baptist, and the First Miracle of Jesus which was the changing of water into wine at the Wedding Feast at Cana in Galilee. The reason why these three events are connected is that each of them involved a manifestation or a "making visible" of the reality that Jesus is truly God. Our Divine Savior was making Himself known to the world through visible signs that show He is truly God who has come in our human flesh. Only God could bring three non-Jewish religious philosophers to recognize Him as their King and Messiah. Only God could reveal Himself as Father, Son, and Spirit with flesh, the visible sign of a dove, and the Voice of the Father. Only God could change water into wine. Jesus is truly God and truly one of us and humanity began to recognize that Jesus is God through the three events that we describe as "Epiphany".

Unofficially, the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the temple, celebrated on February 2 (40 days after Christmas), completes the cycle of Christmas Feast Days. This is the day when candles are blessed because this was the day when Simeon the Prophet declared that Jesus is the light of God for the people of all nations. It is customary in many places to keep the Christmas manger up until this feast. We will once again be following this tradition in our collaborative. Please consider keeping your manger up until this day at home. Some of the Christmas decorations, such as trees and wreaths will come down this week as we begin "Ordinary Time". We have decided to keep up all of the outdoor Mass decorations until February 2 at SMV. As we know, the poinsettia plants usually dwindle down by February 2 each year. It's interesting how that happens! Many thanks to all of those who helped to make our Christmas liturgies and the church itself beautiful for Christmas!

Please remember to continue to pray for our country and the world as we begin this new year. Our 90-day Novena of Holy Hours for the Church and the world continue until Lent. Please join us! See the weekly schedule on the homepage of our parish website, smvchurch.org. Also, this coming Wednesday, January 13 at 3 pm, Fr. Derda will again lead Catholics in prayers for all the people of our state and country at the State Capitol Grounds in Lansing. This monthly time of prayer and sacrifice has surely helped many people during these challenging days. If you are able to come that is good, but if not, please persevere in praying every day for the conversion of all hearts to Christ and for the many needs of one another and our suffering world!

After Jesus' baptism, He went forth to break the Kingdom of God into a world that was dominated by sin, suffering, death, and Satan. We in our Baptism are also called to bring God's Kingdom of Light into the darkness of our time. We who are baptized are called to be the Light in the darkness now. Rather than frightening us, prophetic messages call us on to loving and compassionate witness to those around us that God has foreseen all and will never abandon us. Our only necessity is to stay faithful to Him and carry out His will. We recently promised to introduce someone who claims messages from heaven whom we have not previously mentioned here. However, in the October 25th bulletin message we introduced a mystic from Poland, now deceased. We were not able at that time to fit in a better sampling of heaven's messages from her at that time due to space constraints. The following messages were given 15-30 years ago but seem to be coming to fulfillment in our day. Over the next few weeks we will give the fuller sampling before introducing someone else. Here is a fuller selection of Alicja Lenczewska messages from heaven for your consideration:

Dialogue of Our Lord with Alicja Lenczewska , November 30, 1987:

[Alicja]: You are showing me so much evil at every turn – including in your Church.

[Jesus]: You see that this world cannot continue to exist in such a state. The concentration of evil has grown to its final limits everywhere. The kingdom of Satan is reaching its peak. A time of purification is coming: the birth pangs of life in My kingdom of love.

[Alicja]: You are speaking in the present tense.

[Jesus]: Because this time is here already. Be prepared, My child. Do not judge – pray and offer up in this sea of unhappiness and confusion. You see how very wretched all are, especially those who have the impression that they are rich. Human poverty is reaching the final limits of evil. The only thing remaining is a radical, violent reversal in the pains of childbirth. Do not fear. Evil is at its maximum now – in apparent external stagnation. Afterwards there will simply be the pain of purification and change, and this will be salvific. For then the glory of My victory over the world will shine, and My open arms will await My children.

Do not be afraid of this moment. The final attack of evil will be the moment of My coming. My children, I thirst for your love. My Heart longs for you. I long to caress you and fully satisfy you with Myself. The time of separation is passing. The time of the fullness of your unity in and with Me is beginning. Rejoice, await the coming of the Bridegroom, for behold, the time for the wedding of the Lamb is coming. A time of celebration, light and consolation.

I love you: children of love and children of the cross, called to new times. To their birth and flourishing. You are My hope and My joy. My love and My Blood nourish you. My light within you is the dawning of a new era of pure love – the era of the kingdom of love. Be courageous and faithful to your calling. (Testimony, n° 753)

Alicja Lenczewska – Preparing a Remnant in the Divine Will

God the Father Alicja Lenczewska on October 18, 1988:

My daughter, be not afraid, and be courageous in carrying out My will.

Say that a new epoch is coming, in which the Holy Spirit will directly guide the hearts of My children, and Mary will take care and watch over them in great nearness of heart. Do not be afraid, for I have made future things known to you and revealed my intention for the healing of My Church. The means of spiritual development and worship up until now were good for the years that are now ending. The means and worship established by people obedient to My will were suited to a time of stability, a time of peace and normal life for My people. They have turned into a crust, schematic and merely formal, covering an enormous void and the betrayal of their God. And they are, as in the time of My Son, a blanched sepulcher of faith and daily living with the Father. The time is coming for the breaking of the crust covering up the living hearts of My children. I thirst for hearts that are alive, fervent, pulsating with love and with devotion to the Father, who is Love and Life. Therefore, I am preparing My children for a living faith. Therefore, I am teaching how to live with Me at every moment and everywhere. The world is Mine, although defiled by the pride and vanity of Satan. I desire holiness of life in the world in harmony with My will and love. Just as a newborn cannot live without its mother, so My children ought to desire nothing other than Me and My will. I do not want ceremony and to be addressed with your lips [alone]. I do not want your human initiatives and activity. I do not want the mortifications for Me that you have invented. I want your love and submission to My will. Only such a faith and relationship with Me will save you in the days of destruction and purification. I will teach you spontaneity, living by faith, honoring Me in spirit and in truth in the conditions and situations of your daily lives.

I want to prepare you so that you might cling to Me and remain faithful to Me in the days when the sky will burn and the earth experience destruction. I want you to be able to love Me and trust Me when My churches lie in ruins and My priests are scattered. I want you then to be able to accept all oppression and suffering out of love for Me and to remain faithful in prayer, and I want the Eucharistic sacrifice of My Son to be enfolded within your hearts. I have ordained my most faithful and meekest children as priests in spirit for the most difficult time awaiting humanity. And I desire that My love might save and heal the world through them, that it might be poured out into the hearts of My children. Do not fear, you who wish to be My light in days of darkness. Do not fear, but trust and allow Me myself to be in you and, through you, to be salvation for souls who are fearful, lost, helpless, since new life will be born in the agony of what has been, which is already heading for collapse. My daughter, do not be afraid to transmit these words; do not be afraid to speak of what I have made known to you. Do not fear, for you are Mine and nothing will happen without My will. Peace be with you, My child. Continue in faith and love, and with hope await the coming of My Son, who is your Bridegroom.

Alicja Lenczewska – A New Age Plan—Our Lord to Alicja Lenczewska , May 23rd, 2002: The Stratagem of Satan’s Minions

The aim of Satan’s minions active in the world is to deceive as many souls as possible and cast them into the abyss of the Evil One. Their activity encompasses all the spheres of human life from birth until the last moments in this world. It affects all God’s creations, in order to destroy, distort and cast them before Lucifer, desirous of power and revenge on God and His creations. I use Love and Truth, which I am, and I lead towards unity. My enemy employs hatred and falsehood. Hence it is necessary to reveal to my chosen children the principal aspects and manifestations of the Evil One’s activity. St Paul said that the main struggle since the beginning of the world had been fought on the level of spiritual elements. The external activity of evil is directed at subduing human souls, which have been given eternal life and are destined to live in God. Life on earth is a preparation for eternal life and also a free choice of the quality of that life in unity either with God or Satan. I use Love and Truth, which I am, and I lead towards unity. My enemy employs hatred and falsehood, which are the core of his being, and he leads towards discord. You must therefore don the whole spiritual armor that St. Paul mentions (Eph. 6:10–18) and cast away everything that has so much as the appearance of evil. The spheres of life that particularly come under attack are the heart, mind and body. The heart is attacked by pride, vanity, ruthlessness, fear, rejection of spirituality, crudeness and selfishness. The mind is harassed by foolishness, superficiality, illusions, falsehood, mistrust and ignorance. The body is assailed by the belief that it is the supreme value. The body of a woman is particularly exposed to attack due to its commercialization and the conviction that it is a source of pleasure.

Satan’s activity covers:

1. Culture and art (music, fine arts, literature), fashion, interests, lifestyles and the hierarchy of values (materialism).
2. Religion—it is replaced with pagan religions ultimately aimed at introducing the cult of Satan, served by sects, superstitions, occultism, magic, etc. and Satanism as the cult of the so-called good god who is Lucifer.
3. Social conditions—the control and enslavement of people, globalism, the manipulation of consciousness, widespread poverty, elites of power and wealth, plundering. The deification of man, of his powers, and his usurping the right to decide about life (creation and destruction), good and evil. Moreover, the work of Satan is seen in the dehumanization of man by stripping him of the dignity of God’s child, by humiliation, degradation, the glorification of animals, manipulation and sadism.

The aim is the so-called new world—the New Age—built on principles that are the opposites of natural and divine law, having a totalitarian world government, making use of modern technologies. This is the so-called new order established by the Church of Satan. The fruits are visible even to rather unthinking people, even though systematic work is carried out to lower people’s sensitivity, increase indifference and deepen the sense of helplessness, so that people become accustomed to perversion, evil and cruelty and consider it all normal or even a sign of the “progress of civilization.” This is the wholesale fooling of people and pushing them into Satan’s clutches or even making them head there themselves. You, my faithful children, are called to victory with me and the Virgin Mary, participation in the renewal of the face of the earth and My triumph in human souls, thanks to your trust and heroic dedication. Messages were approved by the Polish Hierarchy in 2017. (<https://www.countdowntothekingdom.com/alicia>)

May Jesus send us out on mission with the power of our Baptism to drive the darkness away with His love, grace, and truth!

In the Blessed Trinity,
Fr. Derda, Fr. Steve, Deacon Russ & Deacon Ed