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The Epiphany of the Lord

Isaiah 60: 1 – 6

Ephesians 3: 2 – 3a, 5 – 6

Matthew 2: 1 – 12

The close of The Christmas Liturgies ends with the Feast of the Epiphany and the 3 Wise and yet pagan men who offered dazzling gifts at the feet of the Christ child. It must have been a very spirit filled event, with the bright star rising and setting. Almost like a “Hail Mary Pass” that the Wise men receive perfectly.

The Hebrew Testament reading is Isaiah 60: 1 – 6 and it is about the blessings promised by the spirit. In numerous instances of this reading the word “light” is used as in an “Epiphany”. It is from this “light” that the Lord shall come and shall shine upon all of us. This light is for everyone and all are invited. “Raise your eyes and look about, they all gather and come to you: your sons come from afar, and your daughters in the arms of nurses” (V. 4).

It is too easy to not have the slightest regard for those whom we would not normally acknowledge even though the light is for all. Perhaps one small New Year’s Resolution shall be to spread the light of Jesus to all who you are in contact with – starting now and lasting forever.

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