



EPIPHANY

INTERGENERATIONAL EVENT

"WHEN THE MAGI SAW THAT THE STAR HAD STOPPED THEY WERE OVERWHELMED WITH JOY."

WHAT DOES EPIPHANY MEAN?

From the Greek word, epiphaneia, the dictionary defines epiphany as "a revealing, a manifestation, an unveiling"

WHAT IS THE SEASON OF EPIPHANY ALL ABOUT?

During the season of Epiphany the church lessons focus on this revelation. Christ is revealed as Lord to the magi who travel from the East seeking the king of the Jews. Christ is made manifest as Lord to John and those who gather for Jesus' baptism. Christ is unveiled as Lord to those who choose to follow him.

WHAT ARE THE SYMBOLS OF EPIPHANY?

Perhaps the most prevalent symbol of Epiphany is the star. It was the star that led the magi to seek Jesus and to find him in Bethlehem. But the light of the star transcends time and space to reveal Jesus to all people. The color of the season is green (but is distinct from the season after Pentecost) so you will notice this change in the paraments and the pastors' stoles.

WHAT DOES EPIPHANY MEAN FOR US TODAY?

The season of Epiphany reminds us that Christ has been revealed to us – as a baby who was born for us and as an adult who died for us. The season of Epiphany calls us to be "overwhelmed with joy" as the magi and to share this revelation with others. Epiphany calls us to "go tell it on the mountain, over the hills, and everywhere!"

This year may the light of Epiphany shine upon all the world!