



**Marty's Ordination**

*Marty Johnson has notified us that she will be ordained to the Priesthood by Bishop John Rabb on January 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. The ordination will be at St. John The Baptist Church at 140 N. Beaver Street, York, Pa. The Reverend James Shields will be one of her presenters. She will be sending an invitation but she wanted us to know in advance. Please keep this date on your calendar.*

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**For the Grace of God has appeared-----(Titus 2:11-14)**

In the familiar Christmas story, the angels appeared to the shepherds in the fields and they were terrified. The angels acted quickly to calm their fears announcing "good news of great joy." In Bethlehem a child was born who was Savior, Messiah and Lord. Then the heavenly choirs appeared praising God and promising peace to the world. The shepherds went to Bethlehem to see for themselves what the angel had told them and after finding Mary, Joseph and the child, ran to tell others. Thus, in effect, the shepherds were the very first evangelists.

The words in the letter to Titus summarize the message of our Christmas celebration: "For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all." The letter goes on to tell us that we are to renounce all thought and action that is not consistent with the way Jesus lived on earth as we await the blessed hope of the second Advent. As Christ gave himself for us, so we now give ourselves to him in a disciplined life of righteousness. He alone was able to purify our souls from sin and iniquity. Through this marvelous work of salvation, he has united to himself "a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds."

REJOICE, YOU WHO ARE JUST.  
IT IS THE BIRTHDAY OF THE ONE WHO JUSTIFIES.

REJOICE, YOU WHO ARE WEAK AND SICK.  
IT IS THE BIRTHDAY OF THE ONE WHO MAKES WELL.

REJOICE, YOU WHO ARE IN CAPTIVITY.  
IT IS THE BIRTHDAY OF THE REDEEMER.

REJOICE, YOU WHO ARE SERVANTS.  
IT IS THE BIRTHDAY OF THE MASTER.

REJOICE, ALL WHO ARE FREE.  
IT IS THE BIRTHDAY OF THE ONE WHO FREES.

REJOICE, YOU CHRISTIANS ALL.  
*IT IS CHRIST'S BIRTHDAY.*

MAY THE BLESSINGS AND JOY OF CHRISTMAS AND THE ANGELS' PROMISE OF PEACE ON EARTH FILL ALL OUR HEARTS AT THIS SEASON AND THROUGHOUT THE NEW YEAR.

*Taken from Synthesis CE, December, 2005*

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**Those Celebrating Birthdays this week**

**Olga Mactavious (21) Steve Votta (23) Adebayo Williams (24)**

**Those celebrating anniversaries this week**

**None on our books this week.**

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***HE IS BORN! THE DIVINE CHRIST CHILD!***