

ΕΚΚΛΗΣΙΑ ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΙΚΟΣ ΠΛΗΡΩΜΑΤΟΣ  
Apostolic Church of the Pleroma

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YEAR B - ADVENT SUNDAY

Greetings, my brothers and sisters. First, it is wonderful to be back and delivering homilies once again after having turned the responsibility over the Tau Bruno for quite a long period - some five months, almost the entirety of Ordinary Time. But this has been good for both of us: Tau Bruno has been able to offer us his knowledge and insights weekly, while I have been able to focus on the many translation projects which have been ongoing, as well as the writing of a short book concerning an instruction in and analysis of our Holy Gnostic Liturgy of the Pleromic Light. Originally intended as an exegetical essay, it quickly exceeded the narrow boundaries I have intended for it. While falling short of a comprehensive treatise, I do believe that this monograph will be useful to our clergy who are studying and celebrating the Mass. We hope to make this available in a reasonably priced paperback edition very soon through Triad Press.

That said, welcome everybody, on this Advent Sunday, the first day of our Liturgical Year. The word "advent" means the coming or arrival of something important. And in the Church, the Advent Season is the period that anticipates the coming of Christ into the World, that is to say the Incarnation, which we celebrate as Christmas. This prolonged period of expectation, if practiced correctly, can serve as a powerful accumulator of psychical and spiritual energies. And these energies can be channeled then into powerful solitice theurgical operations such as those pertaining to the purification of the terrestrial aura; or the healing rites associated with St. Raphael the Archangel; or the Christmas Mass itself, which is a high theurgical operation in its own right. It is, in any case, important that this spiritually efficacious period be acknowledged, attuned with, and utilized to the best of one's ability toward the greater glory of God and the benefit of humanity.

The key, or at least one of the keys to harnessing this immense spiritual power of the Advent Season is to be found in just a few words from our Gospel reading today: Keep watch and stay awake. This simple admonishment forms the basis of the principle of nepsis, or perpetual watchfulness. When we make a conscious effort to develop and maintain a spiritual and psychical awareness, not only will we be more sensitive to the accumulation of those energies, but we will perceive how God and the Universe speak to us through our environment, and our own consciousness, largely through dreams. By developing this watchfulness, the Divine Plan will unveil itself; or rather, it is always revealing itself, but we may learn how to notice it! This comes through "synchronicities" and uncanny "opportunities" that we have only to recognize, and other common occurrences whose significance goes unnoticed by the vast majority. But the good news is that we have spiritual aids and protectors which will make tireless efforts to communicate the Divine Will to us. Let us, then, attempt to keep watch and stay awake this Advent Season, that we might become more active participants in the Great Work or universal regeneration.