

A Special Christmas Message

from the Community of the Sacred Name.

I greet you all in the name of our Lord and who is our Saviour JESUS the CHRIST.

Let me begin with a story: The children were putting on the annual Christmas play at church. To show the radiance of the newborn Saviour, a light bulb was hidden in the manger. At the appropriate moment, all of the stage lights were to be turned off except for that one. But the boy controlling the light panel got confused and shut off all the lights. There was a dark moment of silence, broken when one of the shepherds said in a loud whisper, “Hey, you switched off Jesus!” Even though we all know that Christmas is about the birth of the Saviour, it’s easy to get caught up in the cultural approach to the holiday and switch off Jesus.

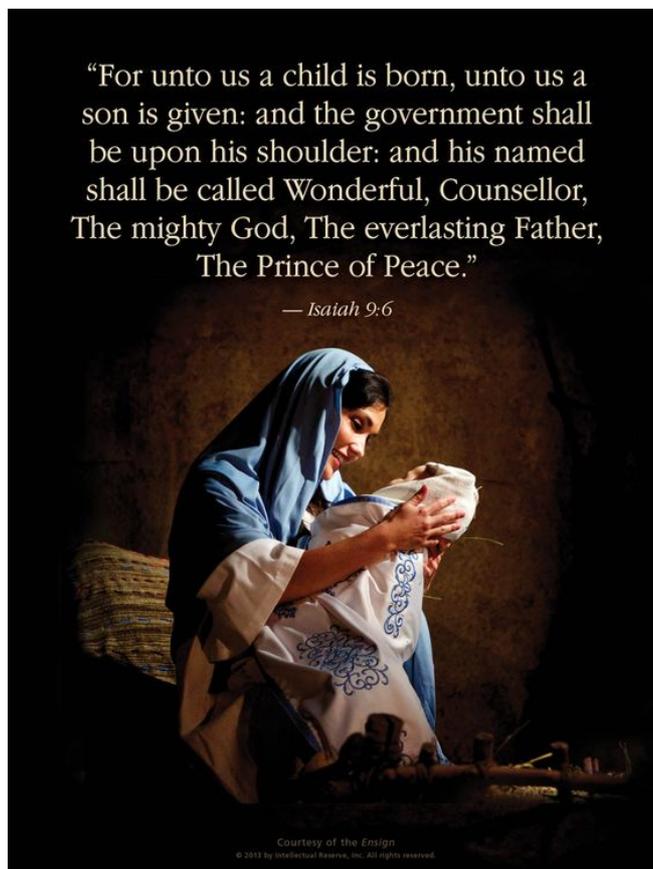


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While there’s nothing wrong with dreaming of a white Christmas or having Christmas tree, or giving gifts to one another, the real meaning of Christmas deals with a much more urgent matter, namely, salvation.

Salvation has nothing to do with BBQ roasting on the grill, or fuzzy feelings about an ideal Christmas holiday. Salvation deals with the messy fact that sinners need to be rescued from God’s judgement.

God sent His only Son to bear the judgement that guilty sinners deserve. If at Christmas time, we don’t think about the fact that God sent the Saviour, we’ve switched off Jesus! As the angel told the shepherds that night when Jesus was born (Luke 2:11) “For today in the city of David there has been born for you a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord.” If you have never trusted in Christ as your Saviour, you sit in darkness and the shadow of death. Through these words today, God is visiting you with the good news that He is merciful to sinners. Ask Him to shine into your heart to guide you into the way of peace. Repent of your sins and trust in Jesus Christ as your Saviour. If you turn to Christ you will know His tender mercy that forgives all your sins. You will know the real meaning of Christmas: that God sent us a Saviour in the person of JESUS CHRIST.

Thank you to you all for your continuous love, prayer and support to the Community. We hope that you and your family will have a blessed Christmas and New Year 2020.

With our Love and prayers Mother Alena CSN