

January 5 2025

Epiphany of the  
Lord

# SAINT ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Eureka Springs, Arkansas

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Sunday 8:30am  
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## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed at seeing  
the star, and on entering the  
house they saw the child with  
Mary his mother. They prostrated  
themselves and did him homage.  
Then they opened their treasures  
and offered him gifts of gold,  
frankincense, and myrrh.  
- Mt 2:10-11

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All visitors to our beautiful town of Eureka Springs are welcome to visit our historic Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Church, and to pray and worship with us. If you are Catholic, and have recently received the Sacrament of Reconciliation, you are also invited to share in the Holy Eucharist. If you are not a practicing Catholic, we invite you to come forward with arms crossed over your chest to receive a sacramental blessing. Pray that we all continue to grow together into the body of Christ, to which the Lord calls us.

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For Baptism, First Communion or Confirmation, contact our Parish Office, and we will point you in the right direction.

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## PARISH STAFF & MINISTRY LEADERS

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# THIS WEEK at Saint Elizabeth

## SPECIAL EVENTS & LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7

Adoration 8:00am  
Daily Mass 8:30am

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 9

Daily Mass 8:30am  
Confessions 9:15am

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 10

Daily Mass 8:30am

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 11

Confessions 2:30pm at the PC  
Holy Rosary 3:30pm at the PC  
Vigil Mass 4:00pm at the PC

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 12

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord 8:30am

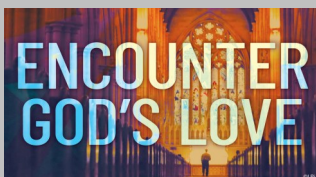
### Readings for the Week

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22-4.6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a;  
Mt 4:12-17, 23-25  
Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8;  
Mk 6:34-44  
Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13;  
Mk 6:45-52  
Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19-5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14 & 15bc, 17;  
Lk 4:14-22a  
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20;  
Lk 5:12-16  
Saturday: 1Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 & 6a & 9b;  
Jn 3:22-30

### God's Blessings & Birthday Wishes to:

Colleen Wibright - 1/4, Cynthia Mitchell - 1/6,  
Mike Reed - 1/9, Mike Fontenot - 1/10

*May you have many more!*




# LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

## Mass Ministers



### SATURDAY, JANUARY 11

4:00pm Vigil Mass at the Parish Center

**Lector:** Robert Bartos

**EMCs:** see sign-up sheet

**Ushers:** Mark Elworth, Jo Elworth

**Altar Server:** Robbie Bartos

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 12

8:30am Mass at the Church

**Lector:** Rod McGuire

**EMCs:** Mindy Godfrey, Phyllis McGuire, Mike Godfrey

**Ushers:** Ben Wright, Mark Leggett

**Altar Server:** Mike Lubbers

## Mass Intentions



Tuesday, January 7

For the Repose of the Soul of Drenda Higdon

Thursday, January 9

For the Repose of the Souls of Michael & Phyllis

McManaman

Friday, January 10

For the Repose of the Soul of Clair Hanson

Saturday, January 11

For the Repose of the Soul of George Jankowski

Sunday, January 12

For the Repose of the Souls of Jack & Jen Mooney



## Pray for us...



### OUR PARISHIONERS -

Connie Blazek, Sheila Fowler, Florence Giels, Helen Wright and Barbara Witkowski.

### OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEMBERS -

Mary Ann Dobrobnly, Linda Gilmore, Pam Heinzl, Marci Krieger, Joe McDaniel, Gene Ochrymowich, Eric Pederson, Dale Putrino, Leslie Scroggins, Shari Soukup, Ed Terrill, Libbie Vesekla and Connie Woolheiser

**THOSE WHO HAVE DIED -** Kathy Tromburg, Ernie Wright, Richard Fowler

**OUR MILITARY -** Tyler Horning, Mathew McClung and Nic Smith.

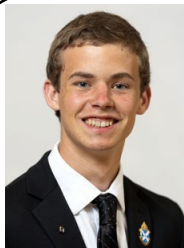


**MESSAGE FROM THE  
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN**

**We Need Your Input...**

Our Parish has started the process of conducting a feasibility study that will provide us guidance of the readiness and possibility of a capital campaign to address **Project Revive** roof issues of our church. A quick survey form will be available after Mass this weekend that will only take a few minutes to complete. We ask that you please take a moment to read the case statement before completing the survey. Thank you in advance and please know your input and comments are important.

*Campaign Leadership Team*



*Our Seminarians  
for the month of  
January, 2025*

**Jack Smith**

Contact address:

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1201 S. Van Buren,  
Little Rock, AR 72204**  
For more information

on our seminarians, go to  
[www.dolr.org/seminarians](http://www.dolr.org/seminarians)



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**GIFT SHOP**

*December Gift Shop Schedule*

The Gift Shop will be closed until March 6, 2025.

**FYI:** We will be “undecorating” the Church on Wednesday, January 8th at 9:00am. Hope to see all those wonderful folks who helped decorate the church there.....shouldn’t take very long.

*Rod*



**Symposium on the Dangers of  
Human Trafficking and Pornography  
in Arkansas**

**Saturday, January 25, 7:30am - 4:00pm  
at Christ the King Church, Little Rock**

**Attendees will hear from experts:**

- \*Father Jeffery Bayhi
- \*Father Chuck Swanson
- \*Bishop Marcelo Sanchez Sorondo
- \*Former Scotland Yard Inspector Kevin Hyland
- \*Cyber Specialist Kevin Medcalf

**Free breakfast and lunch, 5:00pm Mass**

**Register for this free symposium at  
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The Diocese of Little Rock Task Force  
Against Human Trafficking and Pornography



# Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

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## GOSPEL MEDITATION

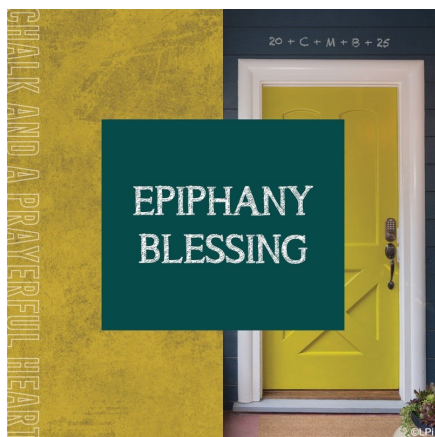
### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Have you ever wondered why the magi had gold, frankincense and myrrh? Matthew's Gospel tells us, **"Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh" (Matt. 2:11)**. Why are these things their "treasures"? One possible answer is they were magicians and astrologers, and these three items were the tools of their questionable trade. In offering them to Christ, they demonstrate that they will cease using such items to predict or control life. They place this baby-king, the God of Israel, at the center of their lives, and not their own devices of control, manipulation and prediction.

Isn't that what we need to do, too? Consider, for example, the magical power of money, symbolized by the magi's gold. Seemingly whatever we ask of money, it does. It wields a god-like power over the world. It can predict the future by guaranteeing better outcomes for us - which is why it is such a tempting alternative to trusting in God. The problem is such absolute trust in money enslaves us to the economic forces that make money so powerful. In paying homage to Jesus with "gold" (i.e., tithing), we participate in his authority over (and therefore freedom from) the magical sway of money.

What things in your life do you use to predict or control your future? What in your life seems to give you power over the world? Those are your treasures. Are you tired of feeling enslaved to them? Find a way to open them and give them to Christ, and you will be freer.

-Father John Muir



### Devotions, *Explained!*

The Epiphany household blessing is an ancient practice in the Church. This tradition is a beautiful way to observe the coming of the magi while invoking God's blessing on your home and all who enter it. All that is needed is chalk and a prayerful heart!



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### The Arkansas Catholic Men's Conference

**(ACMC)**, the annual men's conference held in the Diocese of Little Rock, will be held Saturday, Feb. 8, 2025, at Christ the King Catholic Church in Little Rock. It was founded in 2010 and has featured speakers who impact men's lives with their passion for Christ and His Church. To register for free, visit [arcatholicmen.com](http://arcatholicmen.com).

### Prayer of Rejoicing

Fill our hearts, Lord, with rejoicing as we seek and discover You. Your ways are full of wonder, glory, surprise and joy.

Amen.

## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

**Mini Reflection:** The journey of the magi would have been treacherous and uncomfortable. Imagine the peace in their hearts as they approached the young Messiah and fell to their knees. The new, vibrant awareness of what their own purpose was. It was an epiphany for them. It can be the same for us.

### The Answer

Have you ever had an epiphany?

I'll confess that I've never spent much time reflecting on the term "epiphany." In my head, there has always been a strict separation of church and state when it comes to this word. I think of the religious feast of the Epiphany, when we celebrate the magi's encounter with the Christ Child, as totally distinct from our modern understanding of the ancient Greek word *epipháneia*, which means "manifestation" or "appearance."

"I've had an epiphany," I have said many times before, and what I mean is that I have come to a long-awaited realization. I have received the answer to a question which has perplexed me, perhaps troubled me. I now know what course of action I must take.

"Today is the Epiphany," I say to my children when we make a king cake and bring the little magi figures to our Nativity beneath the Christmas tree (which will, after today, be put back into storage, for the Christmas season has come to its fulfillment).

And I've always thought I meant I was saying two very different things.

But today, I ponder the journey of the magi, one that must have often been treacherous and uncomfortable. I think about their meeting with Herod, a situation that certainly was fraught with tension and fear. And I imagine the feeling in their hearts as they approached the young Messiah and fell to their knees. I think of the peace they must have felt. The new, vibrant awareness of what their own purpose was.

It was an epiphany for them — a discovery of truth. An answer.

It should be the same for us.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

## Why do we do that?

### Catholic Life Explained

#### Question:

Besides the Wise Men, what is significant about the Epiphany?

#### Answer:

Epiphany means "manifestation," or public display. The feast is usually celebrated January 6. In the US, it is celebrated on the Sunday nearest to January 6. It originates from a story unique to Matthew (2:1-12). Magi from the East come to offer homage to the newborn King, presenting him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

This part of Matthew's infancy narrative differs from Luke's account of the birth of Jesus. In Luke there are no Magi, star, nor gifts. Luke has Jesus being born in a stable after Mary and Joseph's long travel from Nazareth to Bethlehem. Matthew seems to have the family living in a house in Bethlehem, where the Magi find them.

Why these differences? They stem from the needs and concerns of the audience the authors were addressing, as well as the theological stance of each author. Knowing the original intention helps get at the correct interpretation of the text.

Since Matthew was writing primarily to a Jewish community, his concern was to show that Jesus did not come just for Jews, but for Gentiles as well. From his very birth, Jesus not only manifests himself to Jews, but also to Gentiles, who are prominently included in the manifestation, symbolized by the Magi and their journey. This is the most significant aspect of the feast of Epiphany. How do you manifest Jesus to all with whom you come into contact?



“And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel.”

- Mt 2:6

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## Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

### First Reading:

Isaiah foresees a time when the people of Jerusalem will be overwhelmed with happiness and prosperity. What gift could you receive that would bring you great joy?

### Second Reading:

Paul informs the Ephesians that he received a revelation of God's plan to save all people through Christ Jesus. What do you think makes your friends or relatives open to this idea?

### Gospel:

The visit of the magi teaches us about God's desire for the whole world know about his Son, Jesus. When do you first recall hearing about Jesus?



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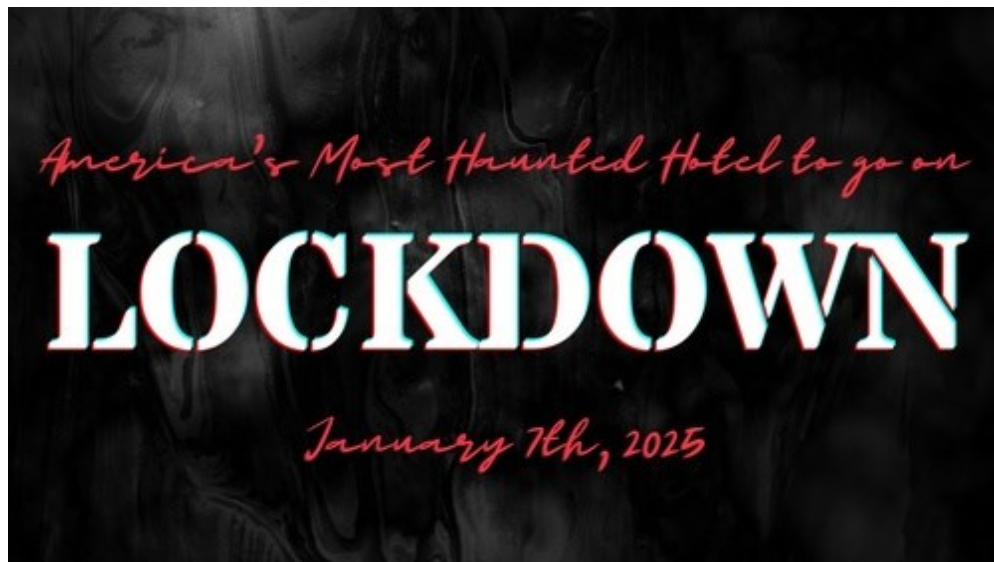
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8:40 pm - 9:15 pm: Welcome and Crescent History

9:15 pm - Midnight: Investigation, Part 1

Midnight - 12:30 am: Snacks and Findings

12:30 am - 2:45 am: Investigation, Part 2

2:45 am - 3:00 am: Final Sharing and Farewell

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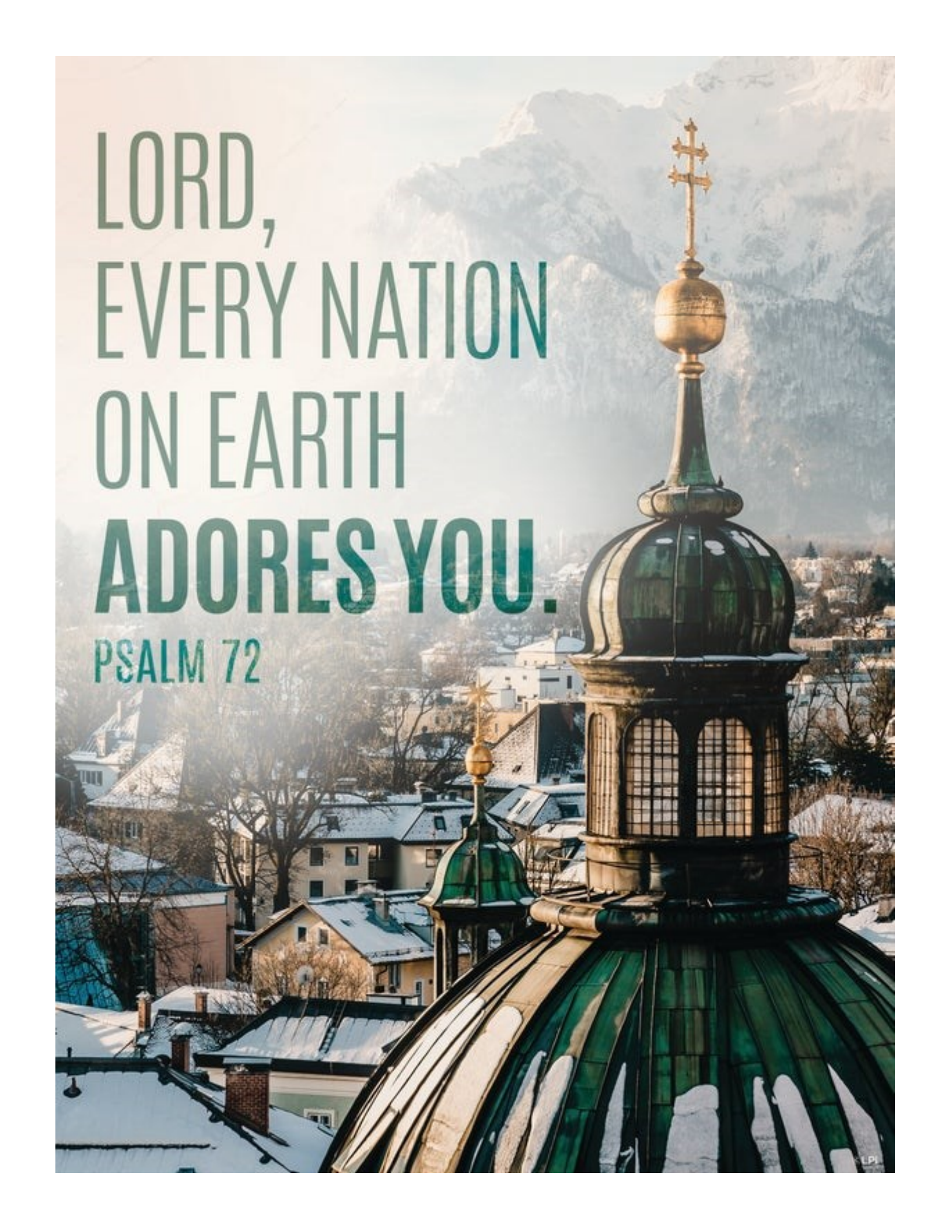
Eye irritation

Headaches

Urinary discomfort

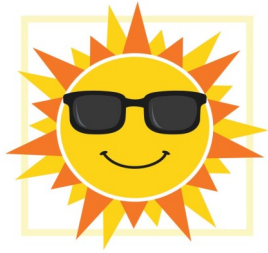
Respiratory conditions



A photograph of a church dome with a golden cross on top, set against a backdrop of a snowy town and mountains. The dome is the central focus, with a smaller dome visible in the background. The town below is covered in snow, and the mountains in the distance are also snow-capped. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

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