

Christ was born and revealed! Blessed is the revelation of Christ!
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Bible Readings for Sunday, Jan. 3

From Today's Readings

Luke 22:24-30 At the Last Supper - the eve of Jesus' death (!) - the disciples argue over who will be considered the greatest. Jesus turns their thinking upside down by saying that it will be the one who serves most humbly -- in imitation of Him -- who will be exalted. *Discuss/reflect: Is being a servant of Christ just signing up for a job at church or is it a mindset, where each day you make yourself available to Christ and ask Him to use you in His service in whatever way He chooses? Prayerfully imagine how this might play out in your life.*

Hebrews 13:18-25 The writer ends his epistle with a benediction, praying that God "equip them with everything good for doing His will, and work in them what is pleasing to Him."(v.21) *Discuss/reflect: What a beautiful and timeless prayer! In what areas of your life do you need special help from God so that you may indeed (in the words of St. Nersess Shnorhali) "think, speak and do that which pleases" Him?*

Isaiah 51:15-52:3 God's anger will be turned to Jerusalem's enemies and He will redeem Israel. The words "awake, awake" are repeated, calling Israel to rouse herself from hopelessness and defeat. *Discuss/reflect: In vv 52:1-2, God calls upon Jerusalem and its citizens to "awake, clothe yourself with strength, put on garments of splendor, shake off your dust, rise up, sit enthroned, and free the chains from your neck." How might these reflect your own spiritual state and what you might need to do (think of each command as it applies to your life)?*



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