

## Commentary for Christmas 2017

Today the world celebrates one of the most important Holy Days and Holidays of the year. For weeks, everyone has been looking forward to this day with all kinds of emotions ranging from high expectation to deep depression. Even our church schedule is crowded with liturgies and celebrations of all kind; but rather than commenting on the individual readings for this great day, which everyone should already know, I would like to offer the following:

*"Are you ready for Christmas?"* is an often-heard greeting these days and many of us will immediately think about the gifts we have yet to buy, or the cards we should have sent and didn't or the invitations that we had to turn down because of other conflicts; but are you really ready for the visit of the Christ Child?

Remember:

"**C**" is for **Christ!** Without Him there would be no reason to celebrate.

"**H**" is for **Holy!** Are we prepared to meet and greet the Holy One of God?

"**R**" is for **Royalty!** After all, He is the "King of kings and the Lord of lords."

"**I**" is for **Incarnation!** God's becoming Man to show us the way back home.

"**S**" is for **Savior!** The gift He holds out to us is Eternal Salvation.

"**T**" is for **Time!** Have you taken the time to see what Gift Jesus wants from you?

"**M**" is for **Mary!** How could we celebrate a divine birth without a holy Mother?

"**A**" is for **Adoration!** Taking time during this season to worship the Son of God.

"**S**" is for **Sacred!** Let's keep this day holy, sacred and sane.

Remember, God's gift to you is your life, your very being. Your gift to Him is what you do with it. Just something to think about during your Prayer Time this week!

**Merry Christmas, Everyone!**

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