

# People and Events

## The Savior of the New City

THIS March, the *Banal Na Pag-aaral* will renew one of its most prominent Lenten traditions, the production of *The Savior of the New City*, the story of the life and ministry of Jesus Christ. After a seven-year hiatus, the BNP is proud to bring back this powerful, moving drama, which will be presented for the first time in its very own BNP Cultural and Arts Center in Ontario, California.

Since its humble beginnings on a small stage at Camp Josepho in Pacific Palisades, California in 1985, *The Savior of the New City* has attracted thousands of people from around the world to witness the story of Jesus Christ. What began as a simple Holy Week presentation has since evolved into a grand production filled with vivid imagery and powerful performances. The Banal Na Pag-aaral has taken the production to various places, including the Manila Film Center in the Philippines, the Chabot College of Performing Arts Center in Oakland, the Rosemead Auditorium in Los Angeles, as well as the Bridges Auditorium in Claremont.

The all-volunteer cast and crew are members of the *Banal Na Pag-aaral* family who devote countless hours each year towards the success of this production. Under the guidance of the director and writer of *The Savior of the New City*, Sister Salve Stuart, the performance of the cast is not only a reflection of their talent, but of their faith in and love for God. This year they hope to once again deliver the universal message of love to the hearts of the people, and invoke in each one

an inner awakening of their love for God.

*The Savior of the New City* has been a tremendous apostolate work in the *Banal Na Pag-aaral's* mission to bring the people back to God, and to bring God back to the people, and we invite you all to take part in this journey as we celebrate the life and times of our Lord.

*The Savior of the New City* is a beautiful and inspiring depiction of the life and ministry of Jesus Christ, from His birth to the beginning of His ministry, from His Passion and death to His glorious resurrection.

The story of our Lord is one of compassion and mercy, a story of the greatest love ever known to man. With *The Savior of the New City*, we journey with Jesus as He brings His message of love and salvation to the world through His teachings and His healing of the wounded and sick. We meet those who lived and walked with Him during His ministry, as well as during His time of suffering. *The Savior of the New City* brings us all back 2,000 years to Jerusalem, where the ultimate sacrifice of our Lord would eventually take place.

The Lenten season is a time for all Christians to renew their faith in God by reflecting on the Passion and death of our Lord, and resurrecting our own spiritual lives just as He resurrected Himself from the cross. *The Savior of the New City* is a story that is as poignant and relevant today as ever as it continues to transform the lives of the people who open their hearts to the love and life of Jesus Christ.

## PCF 20th Anniversary Celebration

COME and join us as we celebrate twenty years of God's faithfulness in the church life of Praise Christian Fellowship located at 2235 Beverly Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90057 with telephone #s 213 484-8294; www.praisela-

foursquare.com on March 22, 2009 at 10AM. Our festivities include guest speaker, Art Gray, food, games and musical presentation. PCF's senior pastor is Pastor Joe Danganan. Djhoanna 'Giji' Garcia will render a special number.

## Claiming deductions...

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incur while driving their cars for business purposes. Or, you can simply jot your mileage down on a standard note pad or on your mobile device, such as a Pocket PC. For each trip, include the date and time, the number of miles you drove, the person you visited and the purpose of the visit. Also, keep receipts for expenses such as parking, gas, and tolls.

Can or Can't Deduct?

- You can deduct part of an annual registration that is based on the value of the car.
- You cannot deduct your automobile insurance premiums if your car is only for personal use.
- However, if you use your car for business, you may be able to deduct the business portion of your annual premiums.
- You also may be able to deduct some of the cost if your employer requires you to use your own car on the job and does not reimburse you.

- The Internal Revenue Service generally won't allow you to deduct non-business fees and licenses. This includes driver's licenses, marriage licenses -- and dog tags.
- You can't deduct commuting expenses to a regular job site. Nor can you deduct bus, train or subway fares or the cost of a taxi. This is the most common misconception among taxpayers. But you can deduct mileage to and from a secondary job.

- You can deduct expenses when you travel for a temporary job that you expect to last one year or less. These expenses include all ordinary travel expenses, including car expenses and lodging that you would deduct for any work-related travel. You can deduct these expenses even if the job lasts longer than one year, as long as you could reasonably expect to be working there one year or less. The fact that you return home every weekend, for example, seems to indicate that you expect the job to be temporary.

Substantiate, Substantiate, Substantiate  
The key is to keep appropriate records whether you're claiming the vehicle actual expenses or the standard mileage rate. Remember that auto expenses is one among those the IRS keeps a close eye on in itemized deductions.

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## St. Philomena Golden Jubilee dinner dance

THE Golden Jubilee Dinner Dance will be held this Saturday, March 21, 2009 at Carson Civic Center in Carson City, CA. Aside from dinner and dance, auction and raffle games will be part of the jubilee celebration. For last minute info, please call Tess at (310) 430-2417.



Photo shows the St. Philomena Golden Jubilee committee taken during their meeting last March 14.

## Felicidad Lat Leviste

January 1, 1914  
- March 7, 2009

FELICIDAD "Idad" Leviste, age 95, passed away peacefully, while surrounded by her family on March 7, 2009. Mrs. Leviste was born in Batangas, Philippines, and left for the US in 1975.

She is survived by her children, Jimmy and wife, Letty, Shirley Manuel, Rolando and wife, Nita, Robert and wife, Remy, Vigil, Helengrace and Boi Sibug, Vivien, Cora and husband, Dido Principe, Art and wife, Bing, Edwin and wife Gina, and 37 grandchildren, 35 great grandchildren, and 1 great great grandchild, and other relatives and friends. In addition to her siblings, she was preceded in death by her husband, Marciano, sons, Cielito and Edgar, daughters-in-law, Angelita and Lilia, and grandchildren, Jessica and Erol.

She will be missed by all but will live in our hearts and memories forever. Memorial services will be held on Friday, March 20, 2009 at 12 noon at Forest Lawn in Glendale, CA.

## Southern California Edison reaches out to customers to help lower their bills

ROSEMEAD - In these tough economic times, Southern California Edison (SCE) customers may be eligible for programs that can reduce their utility bills by 20 percent or more.

The number of customers who enrolled in the California Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE) program, for example, increased 100 percent in January 2009. The average monthly enrollment for 2008 was 6,700 customers; in January, 12,718 customers enrolled. This increase is attributed to stronger outreach efforts and a growing need for economic assistance.

"We know it's especially difficult for the newly unemployed who may not know where to turn," said Linda Yamauchi, SCE's Consumer Affairs manager. "We want people to know that we're here for them and that we have programs and services that can help."

SCE offers the following programs for income-qualified customers:

CARE provides a discount of 20 percent or more off a monthly electric bill.

FERA, the Family Electric Rate Assistance program, allows a discounted rate on the monthly bill for families of three or more who fall within the income guidelines and exceed their baseline usage by 30 percent or more.

EMA, the Energy Management Assistance program, helps income-qualified households conserve energy and reduce their electricity costs. SCE supplies and installs energy-efficient appliances and equipment at no cost to eligible customers. EMA services are available to homeowners and renters.

To learn more about these programs and other ways SCE helps customers keep current on their bills, such as payment arrangements and assistance plans, please visit [www.sce.com/assistance](http://www.sce.com/assistance) or call 1-800-447-6620.

In addition, SCE encourages all customers to keep bills low by conserving energy. Information on payment plans, household energy guzzlers, and rebates and savings are at [www.sce.com/highbillhelp](http://www.sce.com/highbillhelp). Customers can also learn many easy ways to save energy at [www.sce.com/tips](http://www.sce.com/tips).

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- \$80.00 **Microdermabrasion** (8 series Program at \$60.00/session) This is a non-invasive resurfacing treatment with exfoliation of the skin making it look smooth and supple. Series of treatment are recommended depending on the skin condition.
- \$100.00 **Photolight Therapy** (\$100.00 session; \$75.00/session with program of 8 sessions) is the most advanced and non-invasive treatment with no downtime for skin rejuvenation and hyperpigmentation. Photolight therapy is rated one of the most popular and results oriented anti-aging treatment by leading spa magazines.
- \$35.00 **Collagen Eye Infusion Zone** Collagen is applied under the eyes through the use of ultrasonic/galvanic machine. It increases moisture, elasticity and firmness. It smoothes fine lines and wrinkles. It diminishes swelling and dark circles under the eyes. It improves the appearance of over-stressed skin around the delicate eye area.
- \$200.00 **Derma Roller** (8 Series Program at \$150.00/Session) Also known as micro-needling therapy. It is unique "Class 1" FDA registered medical tool that is non-surgical and non-ablative treatment. It is ideal for various skin conditions such as aging (wrinkles, stretching), scarring (acne, surgical) and hyperpigmentation. Clinical studies have shown that this treatment is more effective than laser resurfacing, dermabrasion and chemical peel. It is effective in stimulating collagen and elastin production, thus, reducing wrinkles and smoothing scars.
- \$55.00 **Body Massage** (Swedish, Thai or combo)
- Permanent Hair Removal**  
Hair Tronics is a permanent non-invasive method of gently removing unwanted facial and body hair without pain. (Upper lip usually 30 mins. at \$150; Underarms - \$250; Arms - \$350; Legs - \$450; Bikini Regular Cut or Hi-Cut - from \$150 up)
- \$250.00 **Chemical peeling**  
Skin resurfacing technique used to improve and smooth the texture of the facial skin using a chemical solution that causes the skin to blister and eventually peel off (2 consecutive days of treatment)
- \$29.00 **Mouth Spa** Fresh Breath Kit (All Natural) - NO MORE "MORNING BREATH" EVER!
- \$35.00 **Foot Detox** detoxifies the body from toxins, wastes and heavy metals accumulated through the years. It improves health by increasing the body's natural ability to eliminate and neutralize toxins. The ionized foot spa creates a pulsed ionic electromagnetic field to allow energy to flow properly in the body.
- \$550.00 **Body Shaping by Velashape** Circumferential reduction and cellulite treatment. The only FDA cleared, non-invasive circumferential reduction and cellulite system.

### MEDICAL SERVICES:

- \$100.00 **Endermologie** (\$100.00/session; \$70.00/session with program of 14 sessions) Endermologie is a non-invasive technique for reducing the appearance of cellulite. The look of cellulite does not necessarily diminish with weight loss and liposuction fails to address the top layer of fat under the skin. This treatment can be combined with mesotherapy.
- \$100.00 **Glutathione IV** (10 Series Program at \$70.00/session) Glutathione has been shown to slow down the aging process, detoxifies and improves liver functions, strengthens the immune system and reduces the chances of developing cancer. It also helps in improving mental functions and concentration, increasing energy and improving the heart and lung functions, to name a few. It is considered as the body's antioxidant.
- \$100.00 **Mesotherapy Love Handles** (10 Series Program+1) This treatment is a series of injections formulated from a cocktail of vitamins, minerals, amino acids and homeopathic remedies which are injected into the skin between the dermis and subcutaneous layers of the skin known as mesoderm. It dissolves fats on love handles, stomach, saddle bags, bra bulge, inner and outer thighs, knee pads, double chin, face, neck, arms, back, legs and waist. It is also used to contour facial shape. Possible side effects are generally mild and may include a short period of burning or itching, as well as, temporary soreness which can last from a few minutes to as much as 2 days. Temporary bruising is common, yet most bruises fade within one week and certainly gone within 2 weeks.
- Botox** (\$9/unit) Botox is a purified protein. It is a non-surgical, physician-administered treatment that can temporarily reduce moderate to severe frown lines and crow's feet lines in clients. Botox cosmetic is the only treatment of its type approved by the FDA for this use. This treatment is minimally invasive. It requires no recovery time and causes little discomfort.
- See **Bio-Identical Hormone Replacement Therapy** Brochure Bio-identical hormones are the exact hormones, molecule per molecule that your body produces. They are considered natural to the body because they are identical. This is prescribed according to the specific needs of the body. There is no over dosage.
- \$75.00 **Wart Removal** Warts are growths in the skin caused by a virus. This virus causes rapid growth of cells on the outer layer of the skin.

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