

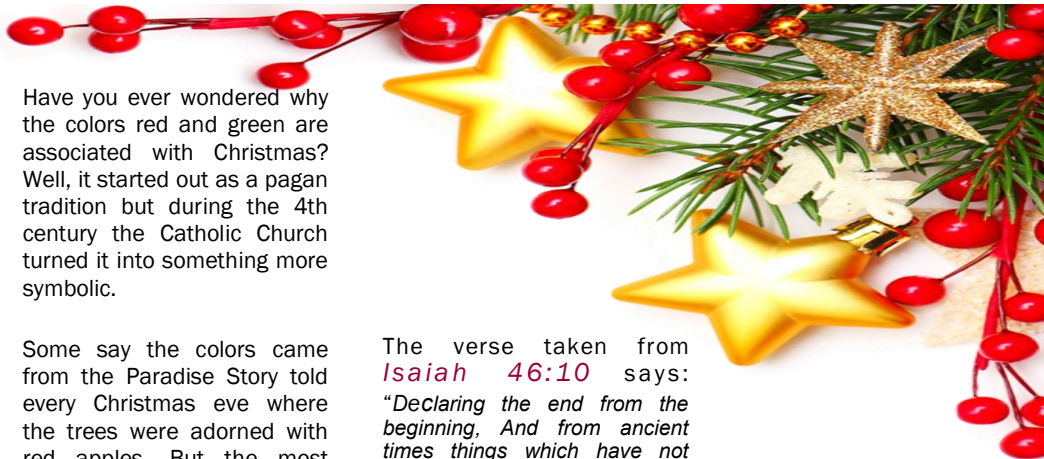


TLA BLAZE

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December 2015



WHAT DO YOU MEAN?



Have you ever wondered why the colors red and green are associated with Christmas? Well, it started out as a pagan tradition but during the 4th century the Catholic Church turned it into something more symbolic.

Some say the colors came from the Paradise Story told every Christmas eve where the trees were adorned with red apples. But the most common decoration we see are the hollies, whose colors seem to stand out during the winter season. "It is said that only the holly tree consented to be cut down and its wood made into a cross to bear Jesus. Some Christians believe that Jesus wore a crown of holly thorns whose berries were originally white. As Jesus' blood touched the berries, they turned red. The green leaves of the holly plant have come to represent everlasting life and the berries the blood of Jesus. -BBC Religion, Christmas Traditions" <http://www.sensationalcolor.com/liveinfullcolor/how-red-and-green-became-the-colors-of-christmas/>

The verse taken from **Isaiah 46:10** says: "Declaring the end from the beginning, And from ancient times things which have not been done, Saying, 'My purpose will be established, And I will accomplish all My good pleasure'".

Declaring the end from the beginning would seem to explain the use of holly as the symbol of Christ's birth and subsequently, His death and resurrection.

Christmas is the busiest season in the Philippines but amidst all the hustle and bustle, it is good to be reminded about the greatest gift one could ever receive this year, that is the gift of salvation.

So the next time you choose your decorations for Christmas, make sure you do not leave out the hollies and be reminded about the real meaning of this holiday season. A blessed Christmas to everyone!



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- 2ND QUARTER PTC DEC. 5
- CAROL FEST DEC.17
- CLASS CHRISTMAS PARTY DEC. 18
- CHRISTMAS BREAK DEC. 19
- RESUMPTION OF CLASSES JAN. 4
- REVIEW/MT WEEK JAN.4-8
- AT WEEK JAN. 11-15

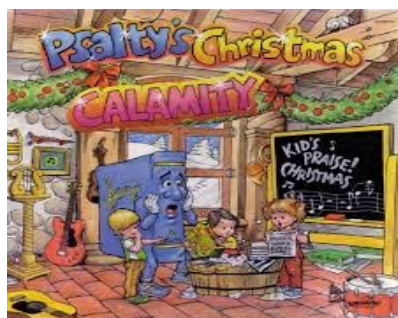


Blessed Year Ahead!

MS. GLENIE	3
MS. CHIMREN	4
TITA GLORY	25
ATE CATHY	26
MS. VIVS	28
NURSE LIZA	29

It's a PSALTY kind of Christmas at TLA!

Save the date!
DECEMBER 17, 2015
VENUE: PSSC CENTER
TIME:
PS - Call Time -1:00 pm
Gates Open -1:30 pm



GS/HS - Call Time -2:30 pm
Gates Open -4:45 pm

Note: GS/HS Parents and Guardians are requested to drop-off their charges at 2:30 pm and come back at 4:45 pm for the program. Thank you for your cooperation! Happy Holidays!



TORCH OF LIFE ACADEMY

Planting the Seeds for a Brighter Future

CLASS CHRISTMAS PARTY REMINDERS

DATE: DECEMBER 18, 2015

VENUE: TLA CLASSROOM

TIME: PS - REGULAR SCHEDULE

PRIMARY - 9:00-11:30 AM

INTERMEDIATE - 9:00-11:30 AM

HS - 1:00-4:00 PM

ATTIRE: PARTY CLOTHES

(Kindly avoid wearing shorts, mini-skirts, spaghetti strap top, and slippers.)

FEES TO BE COLLECTED: PHP 150 FOR THE FOOD (PS-HS)

EXCHANGE GIFT: *PS PHP 150

*PRIMARY PHP 150

*INTERMEDIATE PHP 200

*HS PHP 250



HUGS AND SHOEBOXES

Every Christmas, the TLA Community finds ways to share their love to our brothers and sisters who are in need.

This year, we are helping raise 100+ bears for the 1000BEARHUGS foundation. This will be the Christmas project of the Preschool Community. Kindly check your toy boxes at home and look for old teddy bears (old or new, one or two will do!) who could use a new home this season. This way, you are sharing your warm hugs with a new friend who may have lost his/her toys during the most recent typhoon.

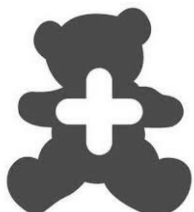
The GS and HS's SHOEBOX project will be working with the Teach Peace Build Peace Movement. This will help children from conflict areas in Mindanao.

Each student in the GS and HS department will bring the following:

- 1 shoebox (covered with Christmas wrapper)
- 2 pcs. pencils, 1 box of crayons (8s),
- 1 notebook , 1 pad paper
- 1 bar of soap
- 4 sachets of shampoo
- 1 toothbrush
- 1 small tube of toothpaste

Let us continue to spread the love and bring smiles to the faces of these children this coming Christmas.

DEADLINE:
December 11, 2015



Please don't forget to write a note and a short prayer for your new friend! :)

