

On Sunday, January 8, 2023 we were celebrating the Feast of the Epiphany. In fact, we made this our theme: We need an epiphany. We actually prayed in the Prayers of the People: "Oh God, thank you for guiding Ray Of Hope through 2022. We ask for your blessing in this new year of 2023. Give us a new epiphany and vision for this new year. In thanksgiving, we pray to the Lord."

We were not prepared for what God had in store for us during the worship event. During our worship service, we had a Eucharistic Miracle as a cross appeared on the host, the wafer, that was about to be received by Ian from Christina. The Eucharistic Miracle was a sign of strength for Ian and Christina and that God is with them and hearing their prayers during this time of transition and change for Ian. This event also has meaning for all of us individually and as Ray Of Hope Church.

I have looked at the pictures I took after worship a few times and thought I was seeing the Tau Cross, which looks like the Latin letter T. This cross is also known as the Saint Anthony of Egypt Cross. Tertullian (c. 155- c. 240) wrote this was often the kind of cross used for executions, the T. St. Francis of Assisi (1181 – 1226) used the Tau cross as his signature and personal seal. The Tau cross was also popular in the Church at the time of the life of Francis. There also is an interesting connection for us as our Congregation is close to the ministry of Francis, who taught the Church to welcome and embrace all people.

([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tau\\_cross](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tau_cross) ) Story of the Tau Cross at Mother Angelica's Church in Alabama

([http://www.thecross-photo.com/Story\\_of\\_a\\_damaged\\_Roman\\_Cross.htm](http://www.thecross-photo.com/Story_of_a_damaged_Roman_Cross.htm) ) Here

is a great video of close looks at the Tau Cross in Alabama

([https://www.google.com/imgres?imgurl=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.youtube.com%2Fwatch%3Fv%3DnQcMR22vqMM&tbid=JPPEzMdVLwLpM&vet=12ahUKewjBwvix8j8AhXms3IEHZJMD\\_YQMvgEeqQIARAY\\_i&docid=sbMvMK5Fyrb64M&w=1280&h=720&itq=1&q=Shrine%20of%20the%20Blessed%20Sacrament%20Our%20Lady%20of%20the%20Angels%20Monastery%20Tau%20cross%20on%20top%20of%20church&hl=en&ved=2ahUKewjBwvix8j8AhXms3IEHZJMD\\_YQMvgEeqQIARAY](https://www.google.com/imgres?imgurl=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.youtube.com%2Fwatch%3Fv%3DnQcMR22vqMM&tbid=JPPEzMdVLwLpM&vet=12ahUKewjBwvix8j8AhXms3IEHZJMD_YQMvgEeqQIARAY_i&docid=sbMvMK5Fyrb64M&w=1280&h=720&itq=1&q=Shrine%20of%20the%20Blessed%20Sacrament%20Our%20Lady%20of%20the%20Angels%20Monastery%20Tau%20cross%20on%20top%20of%20church&hl=en&ved=2ahUKewjBwvix8j8AhXms3IEHZJMD_YQMvgEeqQIARAY))



The recording of the worship event is here

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=514681770642093>. There you will find markers in the video where you can see we were not expecting this even slightly. It is also noteworthy, that as with every other Eucharistic Miracle Ray Of Hope Church, Inc. has experienced, I (Br. Benedict, Pastor) was not near the place in the worship room where the miracle took place. At the end of the event we showed two other preserved Eucharistic Miracles from 2001. Here is the information stored with the video:

[January 8 at 10:48 AM](#) .

The LGBTQSIA2ss+ Community of Central NY celebrated the Feast of Epiphany and Orthodox Christmas today, January 8, 2023 @ 10:30 a.m. live and online. THERE IS A EUCHARISTIC MIRACLE AT 1:24:04 on the tape. A cross appeared on the Holy Communion wafer, called the HOST that was dipped and about to be served to Ian McLaughlin by his wife Christina McLaughlin. I, Br. Benedict, was called over to see it at 1:24:00. I come back to the microphone at 1:24:36 and show it to the cameras at 1:24:40. The previous Eucharistic Miracles from 2001 are shown at 1:32:15. Information in the sermon includes: who were the

magi who came to see the Child Jesus, how did they know to go then, how were they connected to the prophet Daniel, what prophecy of the Book of Daniel is central to their journey, and much more. We asked for an epiphany during the worship event many times today. We received a Eucharistic Miracle as Christina was about to give her husband, Ian Holy Communion when a cross appeared on the Host wafer in her hand. We stopped to examine and inspect it and all agreed that it is there. This inspired us to take out the storage showcases of two previous Eucharistic Miracles that happened at Ray Of Hope and to show those. Indeed, this was a very important day for the LGBTQSIA2ss+ Community as God personally gave us a visual sign of Real Presence in Holy Communion. We experienced a real epiphany today. More information on this Euchristic Miracle will be discussed in the January 15, 2023 bulletin. The direct link for this video is:

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=514681770642093>. Download and follow the recording with the Order of Worship: <http://rayofhopechurch.com/.../1-8-23%20Epiphany%20L...>. The readings begin at 28:10 in the recording. The Readings for today are: First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6 NRSV 1st Test. Pg. 690. Psalm: Psalm 72:1-13 responsorial in this bulletin. Second Reading: Eph 3:1-6 NRSV 2nd Test. Pg. 193.

Gospel: Matt. 2:1-12 NRSV 2ND Testament page 2. The sermon begins at 42:04. Mrs. Christina McLaughlin sang the solo and led the choir singing "I Love The Lord." A letter from Rev. Evan Hansen of the North Presbyterian Church thanking the congregation for food donations was read at 1:32:19. Visit our main website [www.rayofhopechurch.com](http://www.rayofhopechurch.com). All of the music in this video has been licensed for our use. Written proof and certification is available upon written request. There is much more information on our website. Ray Of Hope Church is the Church BY you and made FOR you because WE ARE YOU! You belong when you come to Ray Of Hope. You are important in this church.