

Celebrating Over 85 Years of Service to the Community

1937-2026

Initiation Into Eternity

Sunday, January 18, 2026

Meditation & Empowerment Service Begins At 10:30 a.m.

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Weekly Affirmation

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## WELCOME

### WHAT WE BELIEVE



This initiation is an acknowledgment of the Kemetic funerary rite found in THE BOOK OF COMING FORTH BY DAY, of songs of praising and glorifying, of coming forth and entering Ntr's Blessed Domain in the beautiful West which is contained in the selections from The Husia, sacred wisdom of Ancient Egypt, selected and retranslated by Dr. Maulana Karenga. It is the funerary rite of the soul.

### STATEMENT OF BEING

SPIRIT IS ALL; Both Invisible and Visible;

One Presence; One Mind; One Power is ALL. This That Is ALL Is Perfect Life, Perfect Love, And Perfect Substance. I Am an Individualized Expression of The ALL. I Am Ever One With Its Perfect Life, Perfect Love, And Perfect Substance.

### MISSION/PURPOSE/MAAT

The mission and purpose of KRST Unity Center is to provide a loving and supportive atmosphere for personal and spiritual growth for all people to learn how to apply the KRST principles to master their lives.

### THE KRST PRINCIPLE

\The Kemetic (Ancient Egyptian) Principle of the Christ -The Transformative power of The All that is within each and every person and thing

### THE PRINCIPLES OF MAAT

Truth, Justice, Righteousness, Propriety, Harmony, Order, Balance, and Reciprocity

### THE VIRTUES

I Control My Thoughts

I Control My Actions

I Have Devotion And Steadfastness Of Purpose

I Identify With A Spiritual Life Or Higher Ideals

I Show Evidence Of Having A Mission In Life

I Cultivate A Call To Spiritual Orders Or The Priesthood

I Am Free From Resentment Under The Experience Of Wrong Doing

I Have Confidence In The Power Of The Master To Teach The Truth

I Have Confidence In My Ability To Learn And Wield The Truth

I Am Ready And Prepared For Any And All Initiation Processes

### DAILY WORD

Guard against words and deeds of deception and against words that are untrue.

### MDW

Åri er mṭu hnā årt m åuit Hna r mṭut nfa m iums.

### OVERVIEW OF INITIATION INTO ETERNITY

Our ancestors are all the people in our family and cultural line that have lived on Earth and transitioned from the physical form. We know through their deeds and our memories they continue to influence and shape the present. They are the collective love, wisdom, struggles and achievements of millions of years of history. The ancestors are not limited to blood and family lineages but the closer the connection and memory, the greater the power and ability to communicate becomes.

They loved us into existence through the initiation of birth, the initiation into being. They nurtured us into humanity, made heka, cast spells, worked wonders, made a way out of no way, lived their purpose, learned what they came here to learn and returned to source. We have already memorialized them, mourned the loss of them in our lives, and returned our loved ones to the earth. We now bring their essence, the memories of them, the souls of these loved ones to this sacred space to return them to spirit, to give them a resting place in our hearts....to celebrate them home through the initiation into eternity.

## MUSICAL INTERLUDE

### THE COMING FORTH

You who bring blameless souls to the house of Asar, the risen savior, bring these excellent souls with you. Let them hear as you hear and see as you see.

Let them stand up even as you stand up and sit down as you sit down.

You who open the way and clear the paths for blameless souls in the house of Asar, open the way and clear the paths for the souls of those whose voices are vindicated by you.

### ANCESTRAL ROLLCALL

### OPENING OF THE WAY I

The soul of the deceased will be LED into the hall of judgment by ampu the opener of the way the soul presents its case for having lived a good life and declares its innocence of any wrongdoing. Jhuti, Ntr of Wisdom, picture of the records, reads off the deeds of the deceased the heart is weighed against the feather of maat. Neteret of Truth and justice. (Should the heart not be found to be lighter than the feather of maat it is devoured by the beast Ammit). Because the heart is found to be pure lighter than the feather of maat, Heru, son/ avenger of Asar escorts the soul to the throne of Asar, judge of the dead, alright Lord of eternity. Asar is flanked by Neb Het, Llady of the House and Aset, Divine Mother. The soul was found to be blameless and without blemish the soul is welcomed into eternity and invited to live among the other celestial beings forever.

### NARRATIVE OF THE RITUAL

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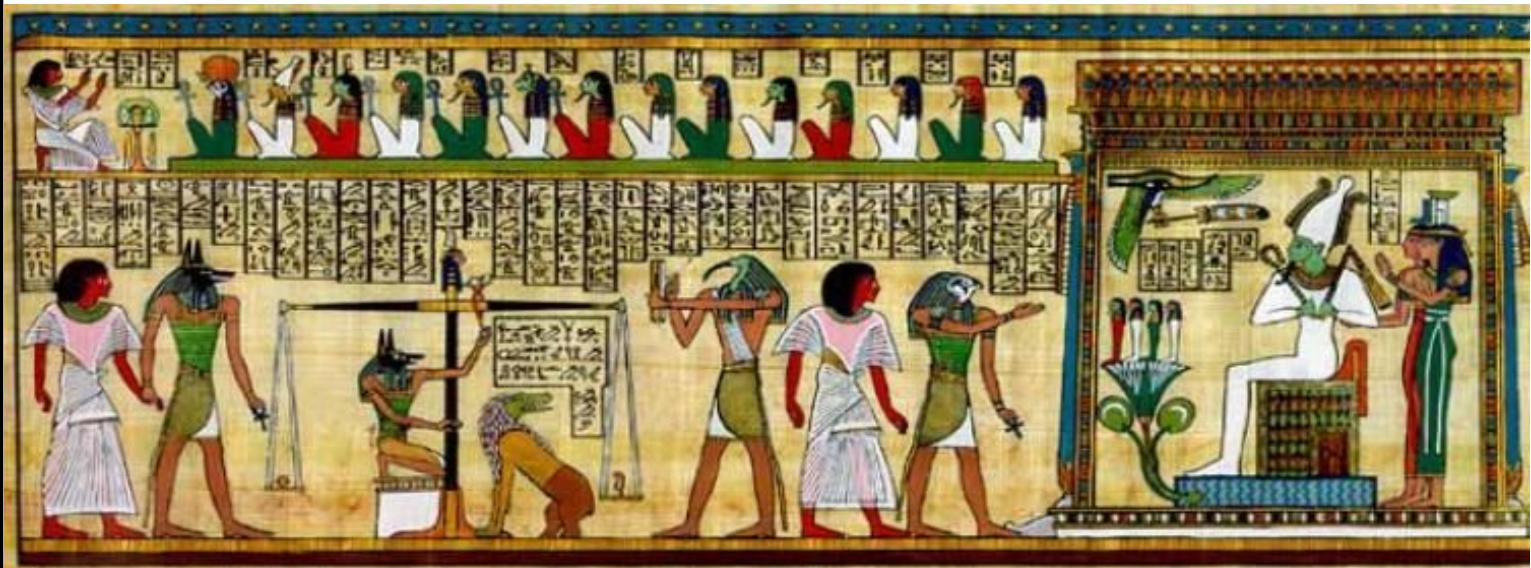
### OPENING OF THE WAY II

May they enter the house of Asar in boldness and come forth in peace.

May they enter praised and come forth loved and triumphant.

May the Nebu of the sacred lands receive them and make seats for them beside the Elders of the council.

May they ascend in the presence of the beneficent one and may they assume whatever form they wish in whatever place their spirits wish to be.



## ANCESTRAL ROLL CALL

### OPENING OF THE WAY III

May they come forth triumphant, split the PT (Pit)s and open up the horizon.

May they cause the great ones to come to them for they are equipped with power. Stand back from their path, for they are one with RA, coming forth across the horizon.

They stand up as Heru, beloved son and avenger of his father.

They sit as Ptah, Ntr who laid the foundation of the universe.

They have grown strong as Jhuty, wisdom exalted.

They have become powerful as Atum, - RA, the perfector.

They have entered as a falcon and come forth as a phoenix.

## ANCESTRAL ROLL CALL

### DECLARATION OF INNOCENCE—CALL AND RESPONSE

Having ascended to the sacred Hall of Maati, in the presence of Asar, the good one, the two daughters, the two eyes, The NB of Righteousness, the blameless souls declare:

- ♦ I have seen nothing in the world but beauty.
- ♦ **I have returned the little birds to their nest.**
- ♦ I did not extinguish any man's life. I took neither his life nor his dreams.
- ♦ **I have not wasted the gifts of God's labors.**
- ♦ I have not been less than what I was.
- ♦ **I have not severed the cord that binds men to their Ntru and to their destiny.**
- ♦ My resolve may have wavered but my spirit has never been broken.
- ♦ **I am not afraid.**
- ♦ I have not told lies.
- ♦ **I have not made my wife blind with tears.**
- ♦ I have not wasted love.
- ♦ **I have not made myself so unhappy with plans and foolish insistence that I could not find pleasure in the hour.**
- ♦ I have made my home within; wherever I go, I am no stranger.
- ♦ **I have never shirked my task. HERU KHUTI**
- ♦ I have never given any man poison and called it nectar but the bitter herb that I drink cures and cleanses and frees me and I become new.
- ♦ **I have not troubled myself with the small words that men say because I hear the words that NTR weaves into silence.**
- ♦ I took the blows and gave no cause for rage.
- ♦ **I defiled the wife of no man.**
- ♦ I have not questioned the laws of nature nor scorned the Ntr of any other man.
- ♦ **I release myself to destiny.**
- ♦ I have not run from the flood.
- ♦ **I have not wasted my time with harsh words.**
- ♦ I have heard the seductive song of reason but I know truth in my belly.
- ♦ **I have not instilled myself with sorrow.**
- ♦ I have not chased after things that I thought would make me happy.
- ♦ **I have followed my instincts though I always sought counsel of others but I have not let their words stir up confusion in me.**
- ♦ I have strained to hear the secrets of my own heart rather than the thoughts of another.
- ♦ **I have not wasted my time talking while my hands slept in my lap.**
- ♦ I have not wasted light trying to reveal somebody else's inconsistency.
- ♦ **I have walked the burning sands, seen my crops destroyed, lost my sheep to the dog but I have not ruined the good taste of my wife's bread worrying about these little troubles.**
- ♦ I have not encircled men with curses. I have not boasted about myself.
- ♦ **I have not made false promises or hasty oaths.**
- ♦ I have not bound myself to the gods with a lesser magic than love.

- I have not searched for a crack in every pot.
- I have not tried to darken the light of the moon.
- I have not looked for mold on the bread of the Ntru All things are perfect in themselves.
- I have not fed myself before the hungry child.
- I have not carried off praises intended for Ntr.
- I have not stolen offerings from the temple nor been unchaste in the sanctuary.
- I have not killed a cow, nor up-rooted the wheat but I know that its spirit will feed mine so that when the time comes, I will give up my life without regret to feed the spirit greater than mine. I will die—asmall thing that has become part of a larger world.

## ROLL CALL

### I AM PURE

I am pure. I am pure. I am pure. I have come to you empty of isft and devoid of deceit. I live Maat. I have found favor with Ntru by doing that which is loved. Deliver me then and protect me. Make no report against me in the presence of Ntru, for I am one whose mouth is pure and whose hands are clean. Let it be said to me “Welcome, come in peace”.

### \*INVOCATION TO ANPU\*

'Dua Ntr Neb-ta-djeser!  
 Come to me!  
 Oh high one,  
 Oh mighty one,  
 Oh master of secrets for those in the Underworld,  
 Oh Nswt Bty of those in Amenti,  
 Oh Chief Physician,  
 Oh good son of Wsr,  
 He whose face is strong among the Ntru,  
 You should appear before the hand of Wsr.

You should serve the souls of Abdu. In order that they all live through you, these souls, the ones of the sacred underworld.

Come to the earth!  
 Reveal yourself to me here today!

### I AM ANPU – NEB-TA-DJSER

In ancient times I was known as the absolute ruler of the underworld (Duat) until my reign was taken over by Wsr I am the inventor and Ntr of embalming and mummification. I assist in the “opening of the mouth” ritual to ensure a good burial so that you will be able to eat and drink in the afterlife.

I accept your prayers and will protect you. I will guide you through the Duat.

I am the Guardian of the Scales, used to weigh the hearts of the dead and dictate their fate. Your heart will be weighed against the feather of Ma'at of truth. If the scale of justice tips toward the heart, you will be consumed by Ammit, the devourer of the unjustified. If the scale tips toward the feather, I will lead you to Wsr so you may ascend to a worthy existence in the Company of the Ntru. But first you must pass the Possessor of all your secrets that are in the sky and on earth.

Every Ntru came forth at his command.

## PRAYER

Praised be thee, Nb of the Ntru aAh.  
 Praise be to you, Nb of all the Ntru  
 You are the Ntr that is high on his standard  
 Who came forth from the Ntr himself;  
 For whom opened the doors of the eastern horizon of Re,  
 by whom he was begotten.



Every Ntr came forth from your command  
 What you spoke was accomplished  
 You are the Ntr who protected Heru by his great Eye,  
 Do you protect the Wsr, for I am you, the Dweller in  
 Khmnw.  
 Salutation to you, Djehuti who appeases the Ntr;  
 By whose deeds every Ntr is appeased.  
 You shine forth in the eastern SKY:  
 You strike down the dwellers of the desert.

### ANCESTRAL ROLL CALL

#### DJEHUTI RESPONDS:

I am Djehuti and I speak to you in the language of Re anew, for it was spoken to you even before my words were heard.

I am Djehuti, NB of divine speech. He who sets things in their proper place. I render divine offerings to the Ntr, invocation offerings to the Akhu.

I am Djehuti. He who grants Maat to the Ennead and all that comes from my mouth is made manifest, just as what issues from the mouth of Re.

I am he whom none can expel from PT (Pit) or earth, for I know what is hidden in the PTs, what is inaccessible on earth, hidden in the Nun.

I am the creator of PT (Pit), I am he who formed the mountains, I am he who creates the stream by means of thought, who creates the arms of the river, and when I bring forth the flood, I fertilize the fields, giving life unto Ntr and men.

Listen, Oh Ntr! Hear my words which are the words of Re himself.

What offerings have you brought to appease the Ntr:

Offerings of fruit, vegetables, gold, silver, beer and bread of all kinds. Divine love through me blesses and multiplies my name through the offerings of those who were left behind but will not allow my name to stink.

We place these offerings at the feet of Djehuty)

#### INVOCATION TO DJEHUTY

Djehuty ur per em ma'a-kheru iabet shesepu unemet ih iyu er ses.ef

Djehuti the great has come forth in justification, the left eye having united to the right, and the moon having arrived at the proper time.

### ANCESTRAL ROLL CALL

#### THE VENERATION OF THE ANCESTORS

A cry went forth for you from the mouth of RA, the perfecter, and the air opened up upon your way. It is you who make the sky light after darkness. Your pleasing color is from the air which goes forth after you from the mouth of RA. The storm clouds from the sky are that which flow from you; and hail storms and darkness are your sweat. The length of the sky belongs to your strides and the width of the earth belongs to your domain. You are Heru, protector of his father. The Ntr of the earth has commanded that you be given your soul which is on earth and your shadow which is in secret places. The doors of the sky are open to you because of your righteousness.

Go and open the mansion of the soul beyond. May you reach the great stairway and arrive at the sacred city. May you ascend and see Het Heru, love and beauty exhausted: May any case against you be cancelled. May any offense against you be erased by those who weigh hearts. You are vindicated in the council of judgment on this day of joy...

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NUT declares, "You are my beloved children in whom I am well pleased... my first born upon the throne of earth and Ra has given you his heritage in the presence of the great powers of NUT". You are undying and indestructible. You lay claim to the four pillars, the four corners of the universe. The opener of the way has caused you to fly up to the sky in the Company of your sisters and brothers and NUT has extended its arms of welcome to you. Never again will the sky be void of you or the earth empty of your presence. Stand up upon the earth which originated from Ra. You are helped by Ra, the perfector, just as he always does. The exalted ones of NUT are brought to you and the exalted ones of earth are assembled for you. Ra has received you unto himself, to the sky, to the Eastern side of the sky as

Heru, the avenger of his father, as Asar, the risen one, as this star which lights up the sky..

### **THE VINDICATION**

You are vindicated in the council of judgment on this day of joy. Take possession of the sky and inherit the earth. You have come into being from the flesh of the self-created Ntr. You are the soul of Shu, the NB (neb) of Light - the Ntr of invisible shape. You are they who are one with Ntr. You have calmed the sky and established order in the two lands. And the exalted ones of the womb or RA are pleased by it. As RA lives, you are blameless and without blemish. You are one which RA, the perfected, created and you are bound for your place in eternity.

### **RISING AND TRANSFORMATION**

Raise yourselves, vindicated ones. For you are the spirit whom Nut, the mother of RA bore, and Neb Het, your sister spirit suckled, and they have put you together. How beautiful to behold and wonderful to witness, says IST, sacred mother, when you ascend to the sky, with your power upon you and your words of power at your feet. NUT declares,

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Nuk Hekau  
Nuk Ba Ra  
Nuk Ra Akhu, Nuk Hekau  
I am Divine Word, I am the Soul of Ra  
I am the Living Spirit of Ra  
I am Divine Word

Song – “Has Anybody Seen” by Mary Abena

### **NBU NTRU**

Open the gates of sky, earth and the Netherworld for they are the souls of Isr, and they are at peace thereby, they bypass by their courts, and they give praise when they see them; They have gone in favoured and they have come out 89fv beloved; They have journeyed, and no fault of any kind has been found in them. They are the small thing that have now become part of the larger One.

### **CLOSING STATEMENT**

#### **DUA MERI**

#### **ANKH UDJA SENE**

#### **SHEM EM HTP**

### **WEEKLY AFFIRMATION**

I affirm that the road my ancestors walked in pursuit of freedom, love, acceptance, peace, and joy will be mirrored in my daily thoughts, actions, and activities blessing the well-being, health and happiness of my descendants.

## PRAYER LIST (Send prayer requests call 323-759-7567)

We pray for Linette Abdullah and family, Snt Iuseset Leary, The Gonzales, Burks, Edwards families. Sending love light and strength for Sis. Tepra Maat, the, Luis South, Raymond Johns, Karen Hart, Hannibal Ahmed, Snt Tasanet Jackson, Snt Amenka, Sn Heru Kuti, Reggie Shaw, Marvin Deal, Bro Ron Hall, Cecil Green, Natasha Wilson, Jawanza Dumasini, Lillian Perry, Momma Mason Byrd, Margaret Zamarono, Roxanne Hart, Asantewaa Lewis, Carol Spears, Daniel Shelby, Asante-Ra Smith, Jahlamb Sinclair, the Board Members, and membership of KRST Unity Center. If you are feeling isolated, and alone. misunderstood, overwhelmed and overlooked, know that the grace of the Ntru embrace you in Mer and the earth was created to nourish you with the understanding of your true nature. You cannot fail. Listen to the voice within and know everything you need has already been given to you. You are powerful and unlimited.

**You are created for good.**



## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, January 18, 2026



Today, we Welcome the ancestors. Our spiritual and cultural practice pay homage and honor deceased family, lineage, and community figures. We invite the ancestors into our spiritual rituals such as setting up altars with photos/heirlooms, offering food/drink (especially favorites), speaking their names aloud, and connecting with heritage for guidance, grounding, and gratitude. It's about acknowledging their influence, thanking them for life and lessons, and seeking their continued protection and wisdom.

Visit the KRST Unity Thrift Store. We have clothes, shoes, books, kitchen small housewares, and much more. Store hours are on the KRST Unity website.

Last Friday night the KRST Unity Friday night book study completed its study of the book, "Wretched Kush" By Stuart Tyson Smith (2003). We would like to thank Sister Enyi for her dedication to education and excellence at KRST Unity Center. Stay tuned for the announcement of the next book and future start date of the weekly book study.

All donations to KRST Unity can be made through the KRST Unity Website ([www.krstunitycenter.org](http://www.krstunitycenter.org)).

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