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**THE SYRACUSE CHILDREN'S CHORUS PRESENTS**  
***THE NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS***  
**With Neva Pilgrim, guest narrator**

SYRACUSE, NY – The Syracuse Children's Chorus, with Associate Director **Deborah A. Cunningham**, Assistant Director **Marcia DeMartini**, and Interim Director of Chorale **Carolyn Weber**, continues its 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Season with ***The Nine Lessons and Carols***. Join us as we celebrate the holiday season with our sixteenth presentation of the beloved holiday concert, narrated by **Neva Pilgrim**, on **Sunday, December 5, 2010 at 4:00pm at Most Holy Rosary Church** in Syracuse.

A centuries-old ritual performed annually at King's College in Cambridge, England, *The Nine Lessons and Carols* is a beloved retelling of the Christmas legend in words and music. Drawing from both the Old and New Testaments, the Nine Lessons guide the listener through the best-loved verses of Christmas. Enjoy the angelic voices of the choristers as they perform excerpts from *Ceremony of Carols*, with guest harpist **Deette Bunn**, alongside selections such as Bob Chilcott's *This Joy* and David Brunner's *On Christmas Morn*. Accompanied by **Nathan Sumrall**, **Michael Copps** and organist **Glenn Kime**, the choirs will present perennial favorites such as *Fum! Fum! Fum!* and *Fear Not, Good Shepherds*. The audience is invited to join in the singing of familiar carols, including *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* and *O Come, All Ye Faithful* during the performance. *The Nine Lessons and Carols* will conclude with choristers surrounding the audience for a candlelit a cappella performance of *Stille Nacht (Silent Night)*. Be sure to include this timeless tradition of readings and carols as part of your holiday season!

Advance sale prices for individual tickets are \$15 for adults and \$13 for children in General Admission and \$19 for adults and \$17 for children in Priority Seating. Group rates are available. For more information or to purchase tickets, please contact the Syracuse Children's Chorus office at **315.478.0582**, by e-mail at [SCCInfo@SyracuseChildrensChorus.org](mailto:SCCInfo@SyracuseChildrensChorus.org), or visit our website at [www.SyracuseChildrensChorus.org](http://www.SyracuseChildrensChorus.org).

This concert is sponsored in part by **Alliance Bank**. The Syracuse Children's Chorus 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Season is sponsored in part by **Driver's Village**.

**About the Syracuse Children's Chorus**

The Syracuse Children's Chorus creates collaborative experiences in which young people share their joy of singing, develop their sense of beauty and deepen their commitment to excellence through choral music education and performance. Under the expert leadership of the artistic staff of the Syracuse Children's Chorus, the children contribute to the development of the American choral tradition, performing from Carnegie Hall to China, from London to Los Angeles, serving as Central New York's musical ambassadors to the world. Founded at Syracuse University in 1981 by Barbara M. Tagg, the Chorus is recognized for musical excellence and as a model for performance-based choral music education. The Chorus received the ASCAP Chorus America award for Adventurous Programming in both 2007 and 2002 in acknowledgement of these accomplishments.

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**Calendar Listing**

**The Nine Lessons and Carols**

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Sunday, December 5, 2010 at 4:00pm

Most Holy Rosary Church, 111 Roberts Avenue, Syracuse