

Felices Fiestas de la Natividad



Blessed Nativity Feast



Dear friends

The reason of our celebration in this season is the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ. This is also the reason of our joy and of our love for one another that we celebrate with wonderful food, decorations and gifts. The rest fades away. At our Monastery of the Holy Trinity – Lavra remains the Only One, God’s love that has given us His greatest gift, His Son.

We thank God for all of you that came once or many times to visit and bring joy and needed things to the children. It was wonderful. We have placed pictures here: <https://www.casarafaelayau.com/noticias/>
Now, so many of the children went adopted and are celebrating on their own or with their new families and children. They all had a new chance for life. When you read this letter, feel part of it as you are. We thank God for making us part of their lives.

We are now open to our young adults that want to study: Miguel and Carlos are in zone 1, Gloria, Reina and Lupe are in Ghzel, Astrid and “her” children, Andrea and Isabel are at the Monastery. Other young adults are coming to study next school year that starts in January, living with us either at zone 1 (boys) or the Monastery (girls). Once the school year starts, the five or six hundred young adults learning trades at zone 1 will return and also the one hundred special children. The house will be full. But the responsibility and financial obligations are shared with the Guatemala Mayor, the Education Ministry and others. You can follow all the activities at zone 1 at <https://www.casarafaelayau.com>

You are always welcome if you want to help and share your talents and financial means. The needs are always huge.

Our online university <http://ieira.edu.gt/index.php> is doing a great service and would be grateful for any help as all our 500+ students are on scholarships. We have started an online High-school <http://ieira.edu.gt/carreras/cera.html> and expect many students this coming year.

Our Foundation is always welcoming donations and informing about our needs <http://www.friendsofthehogar.org/>

Our Monastery continues to be a spiritual oasis and you are welcome to come when you need it. Just contact one of us. Our yearly iconology workshop brings many people and you are welcome to join.

<http://www.monasterioortodoxodelasantatrinidad.com/>

All these said, and probably I missed a lot, is to say we miss you, we thank you, will love to hear from you and see you around and wish you a Holy Nativity Feast.

Have a very special and joyous celebration and welcome the 2020 year with anticipation of blessings.

In Christ the New Born from our Father in heaven.

Mother Inés, M. María, M. Ivonne, M. Alexandra, M. Mónica, M. Angelina, and our dear Monk Father Seraphim, with me in Christ.