



# UNIVERSITY OF SANTO TOMAS

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**TO :** THE THOMASIAN COMMUNITY

**FROM :** OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

**RE :** LIGHTING OF THE UST MANILA CAMPUS AND  
UST CHRISTMAS CONCERT 2023

**DATE :** 29 November 2023

Light and Music create a celestial harmony that resonates the joyous message of hope and salvation of the birth of Our Lord. "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it" (Jn 1:5); and the faithful "...break forth into joyous song and sing praises!" (Ps 98:4).

The University, through the UST Conservatory of Music and the Central Committee on University Events, formally commences the Paskuhan Season with the **Lighting of the UST Manila campus** and the **UST Christmas Concert 2023**.

**A. Lighting of the UST Manila Campus | 1 December 2023 (Friday), 6:00 pm, Plaza Mayor**

- The programme includes the following :

**1. *The Angelus***

After the tolling of the bells, two (2) Deans shall lead the Thomasian Community to reflect on the Annunciation (cf. Lk 1:26-38), when the Angel Gabriel announced to the Virgin Mary that she would conceive the Son of God.

**2. *The Rite of Blessing of the Christmas Tree and Christmas Ornaments:***

The Rite shall be presided by **Rev. Fr. Roberto L. Luanzon, Jr, OP**, Vice Rector for Finance, and shall be assisted by the Deans and Principals

**3. *The Declaration of the Opening of the Paskuhan Season***

**Assoc. Prof. Maria Liza Lopez-Rosario, DCL**, Dean of the UST Graduate School of Law; and **Ms. May Richelle Cestina Parsons**, College of Nursing alumna, shall assist the **Very Rev. Fr. Richard G. Ang, OP**, Rector of the University, in opening the Paskuhan Season; and

**4. *The Lighting of the UST Manila Campus proper***

*Please see the attached copy of the Catechesis on the Lighting of Christmas Tree and Campus Décor.*

**B. UST Christmas Concert 2023 | The Lobby of the Bl. Buenaventura Garcia, OP Building**

- Theme: "*Witnessing the Joy of Christmas through Christ's Birth*"
- The **Technical Dress Rehearsals** shall be held on **30 November 2023 (Thursday), 6:00 pm**.
- The **UST Christmas Concert Gala** shall be held on **1 December 2023 (Friday), 6:30 pm**.
- Limited seats are allotted for both Technical Dress Rehearsals and Concert Gala.
- For your reference, *please see the attached copy of the programme.*



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Just as light dispels darkness and music uplifts the soul, may the spirit of Paskuhan illuminate our lives with joy, kindness, and shared moments of celebration.

Thank you.

FR. LOUIE R. CORONEL, OP  
Secretary-General

