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**ETHIOPIANS WILL CELEBRATE ETHIOPIAN
MILLENNIUM IN ST. LOUIS**

Ethiopia uses Julian calendar adapted to its original culture and tradition by making 12 equal months of each 30 days; the remaining mini month called Pagume 5 or 6 days depending on the leap year, beautifying them with holidays, unique seasons, Geez(ancient liturgical language), alphabets and numerals. The Ethiopian New Year, Meskerem 1 which ushers in September 12, 2007 according to Gregorian calendar also brings the New Ethiopian Millennium.

The celebration will be held at Heman Park Community Center, 975 Pennsylvania Avenue, University City, Missouri on September 15, 2007 at 6:00 PM. There will be prayers, historical presentations and the show of Ethiopian culture. The Millennium is a new era for all the diverse people and faiths of Ethiopia. Ethiopians, their friends and well wishers will hear from the Head Priest of Debre- Nazreth St. Mary and St. Gabriel Ethiopian Orthodox Church in St. Louis ***Melake-Genet(Title) Belete D. Yirefu***, a message of hope, healing, prosperity and peace to the world. The Ethiopian Orthodox Church has a shining contribution to world civilization by developing its alphabet, building beautiful historical architecture for the last 2000 years.

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