

# Christ is Born! Glorify Him!

*Today the Virgin giveth birth to Him Who is transcendent in essence; and the earth offereth a cave to Him Who is unapproachable. Angels with shepherds give glory; with a star the Magi do journey; for our sake a young Child is born, Who is Pre-eternal God.*

*Kontakion to the Feast of Nativity of Christ*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,

**O**ur New-Born Savior is the center of all things. He is the Alfa and the Omega; the beginning and the end. Our Lord Jesus Christ unites all: created with the uncreated, seen with the unseen, the noetic and animate with the inanimate.

This amazing union is not conjectural, but has a tangible manifestation through participation. We find a common, shared activity, an offering made by all. And the center of this attention, awe, and longing is the New-Born Divine Child, Jesus Christ, Who as an Infant is small and frail, but as God also is most wise and almighty.

That which was divided has come together and which was opposite has been brought into union. And all of this has been accomplished by the New Adam, Christ. The Uncreated, Unoriginate, Uncircumscribable, Pre-eternal God assumes finite human flesh. Now, even time and He Who is outside of time are united. And the comparisons of common action and joint offering and mutual participation that unite all things in Christ continue.

Angelic Hosts and simple shepherds are bound together by their glory and awe.

The heavens bring a star of radiant splendor.

Rich and scholarly kings take leave of creature comforts to sojourn to an unknown land. They offer kingly and priestly gifts to a family of an apparent simple class, to a Babe Who was not born into this world in a palace, but outside of the little town of Bethlehem in a cave. The frail Infant gains riches from earthly kings and the spiritual thirst of the kings is quenched by the Incarnate God-Man.

A spiritual longing is quenched in the union of the rational and noetic, for through the art of astronomy Magi

were drawn to Judea and through the purity of their noetic powers they were able to recognize God in this Divine Infant.

The irrational beasts enjoin with Angels and men, for our tradition tells us that ox and mule were present and recognized their Master (Isaiah 1: 3).

A crevasse in the earth holds Him who upholds the vaults of heaven and a simple wooden manger contains the fire of Divinity.

Christ is the center of all and the attention of all, even for those who don't want it to be so, for Herod also learns of Christ, but is afraid. The very devil himself gnashes his teeth at the wisdom and method that God chose to redeem mankind. For all things today and forever shall be brought unto Christ.

We are all weak. He is our Strength. We are all in need. He is our Provider. We are all hungry. He is our Nourisher. Christ our God opens His hand and shares with all abundantly.

We share His love and we share His life. Each of us makes an offering. It is mutual and it is according to our faith and strength.

Today we stand with the Holy Angels and offer glory and awe to Christ our God.

Today we array our bodies in our finest clothing and we wash and refine our souls with fasting and repentance.

We find Christ at the center of our being and we are united one to another as members of His Body as we partake of His Most-Pure Body and Blood.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in our beloved Lord Jesus Christ, may the Divine Infant open His hand and fill us with His Wealth!

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