

The Birth of Our Lord, Jesus Christ

December 25, 2020

Commemoration: The Nativity in the flesh of our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ; also, the worship of the wise men, and the shepherds who beheld the Lord.

Variable Hymns and Readings in the Liturgy

Second Antiphon

Save us, O Son of God, who was born of the Virgin, to you we sing, Alleluia!

At the Small Entrance

Hymn of the Great Feast, Fourth Tone

Your birth, O Christ our God, did shine upon the world, and through the light of wisdom illumined the universe. And to those who held the stars in worship, did through a star learn to worship you, the Sun of Righteousness, and came to know you the Light from on high. Glory to you, O Lord.

Hymn of Entrance, Second Tone

From the womb before the morning star I have begotten you. The Lord has sworn and will not repent: You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek. (*Psalm 109:3-4*).

Save us, O Son of God, who was born of the Virgin, to you we sing, Alleluia!

We repeat the Hymn of the Great Feast, above.

Kontakion of the Great Feast, Third Tone

Today the Virgin gives birth to him who is above all being; and a cave is offered by earth, to him who no one can approach. Angels with shepherds give glory, and Magi journey with a star. For our sake was born, a young child, the eternal God!

Trisagion Hymn (instead of "Holy God...")

Those who have been baptized in Christ, have put on Christ for evermore. Alleluia!

Epistle Galatians 4:4-7

Brethren, when the time had fully come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son then also an heir of God through Christ.

Gospel Matthew 2:1-20

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the East, and have come to worship him." When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it is written by the prophet: 'And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will govern my people Israel.'"

Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star appeared; and he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him bring me word, that I too may come and worship him." When they had heard the king they went their way; and lo the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy; and going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

Megalynarion, First Tone

Verse: Magnify, O my soul, her who is greater in honor and more glorious than the hosts on high.

Hymn: A strange and most wonderful mystery do I see: the cave is heaven; the Virgin the throne of the cherubim; the manger a room, in which Christ, the God whom nothing can contain, is laid. Him do we praise and magnify.

Communion Hymn

The Lord has sent salvation to his people. Alleluia!

Instead of “We have seen the light,” we sing the Hymn of the Great Feast on page 1 of this bulletin.

The traditional Orthodox greeting for the Feast of Christmas is:

“Christ is born!”

“Christos Yennáte!”

“Glorify him!”

“Dhoksásate!”



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