



### From Monday Theotokia

- While Adam was sad: the Lord was pleased: to return him: to his authority.
- He shone in the flesh: from the Virgin: without the seed of man: in order to save us.
- Eve, who was tempted: by the serpent: was condemned: by the Lord.
- For in abundance: I will multiply: your sufferings: and your sighs.
- The Lord had compassion: through His love for mankind: and was pleased: to free her once again.
- Jesus Christ, the Word: Who was incarnate: dwelt in us: We saw His glory.
- Rejoice and be glad: O human race: for likewise, God: loved the world.
- That He gave: His Beloved Son: for those who believe in Him: that they may live forever.
- Jesus Christ the Word: Who was incarnate: without alteration: and became a perfect man.



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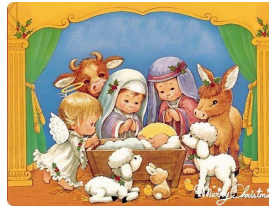
### The Feast of Nativity

The Church will celebrate the Nativity Liturgy on Friday, January 6, 2012, from 7:30 PM to midnight. It will be followed by the Agape meal as usual.

### The Feast of Epiphany

The Church will celebrate the Feast of Epiphany, Also known as Theophania Liturgy on Thursday, January 19, 2012 from 6 PM

## Why did Jesus come in a human form ?



- Through Adam, sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned” (Rom. 5:12), “But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us” (Rom. 5:8)
- There are five qualifications for a savior:
  - 1-He must be a human being, to save the human beings.
  - 2- He must die, because the wage of sin is death. (Rom. 6:23)
  - 3-He must be sinless (John 8:46), because if he was sinful he also will be in need of salvation.
  - 4- He must be unlimited, because our sin is unlimited.
  - 5-He must be a creator, in order to create a new sinless human nature. (1 Cor. 5:17)
- To fulfill these requirements, God had to take the form of man “Jesus Christ”. He dwelt among us, died on the cross then, rose again. He was the unity between humanity and divinity.

“The Word of God, Jesus Christ, out of his boundless love, became what we are, that he might make us what he is.”

(Irenaeus)



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(Rom. 12:8)

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Fr. Mena Fam

- Then our mouth was filled with joy: and our tongue with rejoicing: for our Lord Jesus Christ: was baptized by John - Truly heaven and earth: are full of Your honor: O Lord of the mighty hand: and the life-giving arm. - For the Lord came and was baptized: for our sins: He delivered and saved us: with great compassion. -

David, come today in our midst: to proclaim the honor of this feast: saying, 'The voice of the Lord is over the waters: the God of glory has thundered.'  
- The sea saw and fled: and the Jordan turned back: what happened, o sea, that you fled?!: stand firm so that you will be blessed."

**From the Doxology for the Feast of Epiphany**

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**Phrases of Wisdom**

- "Just going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than going to a garage makes you a mechanic."
- "A conscience is what hurts when all your other parts feel so good."
- "Blessed are they who can laugh at themselves for they shall never cease to be amused."
- "He / She who kneels before God can stand before anyone."
- "Your talent is God's gift to you. What you do with it is your gift back to God."
- "If you don't like the way you were born, try being born again."

**Years are going by ...**

**By H. H. Pope Shenouda III**



- The year 2011 has passed as all previous years, and here it is 2012, which is going to pass as the case year after year.
- We usually rejoice at the beginning of a new year without thinking much about the one that has just passed, which was part of our life.
- We recommend stopping and contemplating on the year that has just passed, evaluate our accomplishments, and take serious steps to correct some of the past mistakes, which allow spiritual growth.
- Thank the Lord for the opportunity to be alive till this moment celebrating the New Year also getting ready for Christmas and other proceeding feasts.
- We hope that this New Year will not pass by as the previous year with all its mistakes and shortcomings but rather if may be a real new year in spirit and in truth. (El-Karaza 2006)

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**The Church wishes you and your family a Merry Christmas and a Happy New year**



**Baptism**

- "No one can attain salvation without baptism, especially in view of the declaration of the Lord, who says, "Unless a man shall be born of water, he shall not have life" (Tertullian – A.D. 203)
- "The Church received from the apostles the tradition of giving baptism even to infants. The apostles, to whom were committed the secrets of divine sacraments, knew that in every person there is innate strains of original sin, which must be washed away through water and the Spirit" (Origen: Commentaries on Romans 5:9 A.D. 248)
- "The Church was redeemed at the price of Christ's blood. Jew or Greek, it makes no difference whether a person is Jew or Greek but, if he believes; he must be circumcised from his sins in baptism so that he could be saved. (Col. 2:11-12). For no one ascends into the kingdom of heaven except through the sacrament of baptism. "Unless a man be born again of water and the Holy Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God" (Ambrose, On Abraham 2:11:79-84. A.D. 387)

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