



### **Christ is Born Glorify Him**

Thy Nativity, O Christ our God, hath shined the light of knowledge upon the world; for thereby they that worshipped the stars were instructed by a star to worship Thee, the Sun of Righteousness, and to know Thee, the Dayspring from on high. O Lord, glory be to Thee.

Today, the Virgin bears Him who is transcendent, and the earth presents the cave to Him who is beyond reach. Angels, along with shepherds glorify Him. The Magi make their way to Him by a star. For a new child has been born for us, the God before all ages.

A most amazing season. Since ancient times humanity celebrated the return of Light in this darkest winter season. As Christian we celebrate the coming of Christ who is the Light. Christ is born according to the flesh in Bethlehem of Judea; may the Light of Christ be born in each of our hearts even now.

What occurred 2,000 years ago in Jerusalem can occur even today in each of our hearts, if we but welcome Him.

As specified by metropolitan Savas, we will celebrate the Divine Liturgy for the Eve of the Nativity on Sunday December 24<sup>th</sup> at our usual time of Orthros/Matins at 9:30 and Liturgy starting at 10:30 AM. On Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup> the Divine Liturgy will start at 10:00 AM, providing a bit more time for family celebrations after the Liturgy. Please join me in celebrating the Nativity of our Lord.

In Christ,

Fr. Michael