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Liturgical Calendar for Sundays and feasts

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**READINGS FOR
SUNDAYS AND FEASTS
ORDINARY FORM OF
THE ROMAN RITE
YEAR B
CHRISTMAS SEASON**

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

isa 63:16-17

for you are our father. Were Abraham not to know us, nor Israel to acknowledge us, You, LORD, are our father, our redeemer you are named forever. Why do you let us wander, O LORD, from your ways, and harden our hearts so that we fear you not? Return for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your heritage.

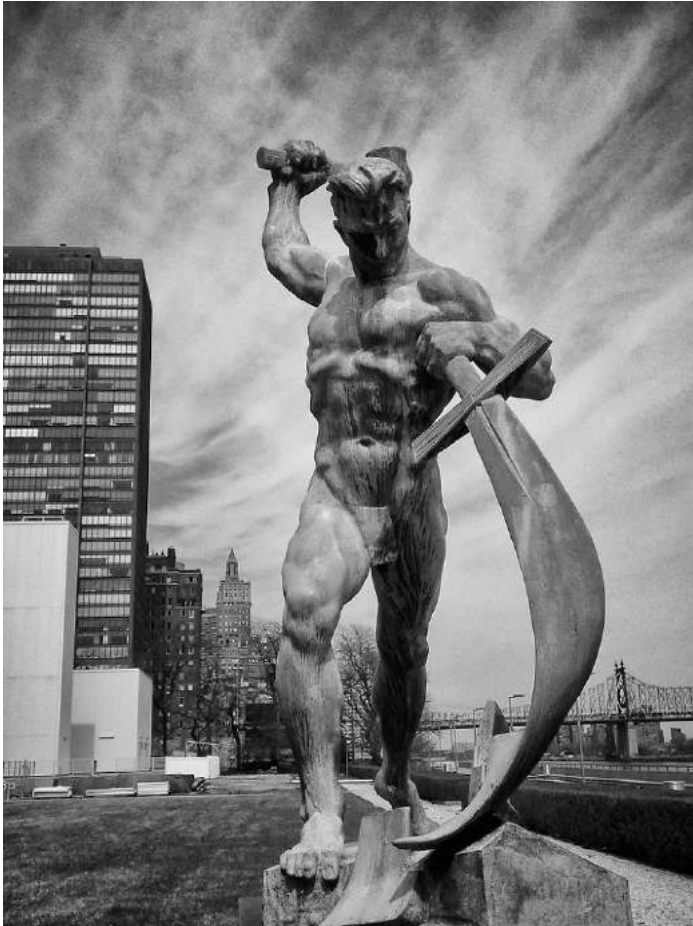


Anticipating the Coming King

MONDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

isa 2:4

He shall judge between the nations, and impose terms on many peoples. They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; One nation shall not raise the sword against another, nor shall they train for war again.



donated to the UN by the USSR in 1959, Let Us Beat Swords into Plowshares, 1959

TUESDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

Isa 11:6-7

Then the wolf shall be a guest of the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid;
The calf and the young lion shall browse together, with a little child to guide them. The
cow and the bear shall be neighbors, together their young shall rest; the lion shall eat
hay like the ox.



Sawai Chinnawong, Creation, 2011 - ©Sawai Chinnawong

WEDNESDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

isa 25:8

he will destroy death forever. The Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces; The reproach of his people he will remove from the whole earth; for the LORD has spoken.



He will swallow up death in victory

THURSDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

Mt 7:24-27

"Everyone who listens to these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and buffeted the house. But it did not collapse; it had been set solidly on rock. And everyone who listens to these words of mine but does not act on them will be like a fool who built his house on sand. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and buffeted the house. And it collapsed and was completely ruined."



Daily Grace, Build on the rock, 2012 - ©Daily Grace

FRIDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

isa 29:18-19

On that day the deaf shall hear the words of a book; And out of gloom and darkness, the eyes of the blind shall see. The lowly will ever find joy in the LORD, and the poor rejoice in the Holy One of Israel.



Be blessed

SATURDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

Mt 10:3

Philip and Bartholomew, Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James, the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddeus.



Caravaggio, St Matthew and the Angel, 1602 (San Luigi dei Francesi, Rome)

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Mt 1:1-3

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ (the Son of God). As it is written in Isaiah the prophet: "Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way. A voice of one crying out in the desert: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.'"



Jean Bourdichon, Saint Marc l'évangéliste ("Grandes Heures d'Anne de Bretagne, Reine de France (1477-1514)")

MONDAY OF THE SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT

isa 35:3-5

Strengthen the hands that are feeble. make firm the knees that are weak. Say to those whose hearts are frightened. Be strong, fear not! Here is your God. he comes with vindication. With divine recompense he comes to save you. Then will the eyes of the blind be opened. the ears of the deaf be cleared.



Eustache Le Sueur, Christ Healing the Blind Man, eerste helft
17e eeuw (Bildergalerie (Sanssouci), Potsdam, Duitsland)

TUESDAY OF THE SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT

Isa 40:11

Like a shepherd he feeds his flock; in his arms he gathers the lambs, Carrying them in his bosom, and leading the ewes with care.



Philippe de Champaigne, The Good Shepherd, 17th c.

WEDNESDAY OF THE SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT

isa 40:29-31

He gives strength to the fainting; for the weak he makes vigor abound. Though young men faint and grow weary, and youths stagger and fall, They that hope in the LORD will renew their strength, they will soar as with eagles' wings; They will run and not grow weary, walk and not grow faint.



ISAIAH 40:28

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ISAIAH 41:28

"My way is hidden from the LORD,
And my just claim is passed over by my God?" 34:7, 8

28 Have you not known?
Have you not heard?
The everlasting God, the LORD,
The Creator of the ends of the earth,
Neither faints nor is weary;
His understanding is unsearchable. **Rom 1:40**

29 He gives strength to the weak,
and to those who have no might he increases their power.

31 He makes the weak strong,
and the feeble increase their power.
They shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not grow weary,
they shall walk and not grow faint.

41 Keep silence before Me,
O coastlands. **Ezek 2:2**
And let the people renew their strength;
Let them come hear, then let them speak;
Let us come near together for judgment. **1:18**

2 "Who raised up one from the east?" **46:11**
Who in righteousness called him to His feet?
Who gave the nations before him,
And made him rule over kings?
Who gave them as the dust to his sword,
As driven stubble to his bow?
3 Who pursued them, and passed safely
By the way that he had not gone with his feet?
4 Who has performed and done it,

Calling the generations from the beginning?
1, the LORD, am the first,
And with the last I am He."
5 The coastlands saw it and feared,
The ends of the earth were afraid.
6 They drew near and came
And said to his brother,
"Be of good courage."
7 So the craftsman smoothes the goldsmith,
He who smooths with the hammer (disposes him as strikes the anvil),
Saying, "It is ready for the soldering."
Then he fastens it with pegs,
And it might not totter.

8 "Behold, are My servants,
I have chosen them,
I have called them by name,
I have said to you,
You are My chosen ones,
I have said to you,
Do not fear."
9 "Behold, all those who were increased against you
Shall be ashamed and disgraced;
They shall be as nothing,
And those who strive with you shall perish. **Isa 2:17**

12 You shall be as nothing,
I thought of you,
You, those who sit amidst

shall be as nothing,
As a name without thing.
13 For I, the LORD your God, will send your right hand,
Saying to you, "Fear not, I will help you."
14 Fear not, you weak man,
You men of Israhel,
I will help you," says the LORD,
And your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israhel."
15 Behold, I will make you into a new threshing sower with many teeth,
You shall thresh the mountains and beat them small,
And raise the hills as dung and tread them down like clay.
You shall plow the field of the widow and sow the field of the orphan,
And you shall say, "I have sown in desolate places,
I have sown in the field of the widow and the orphan."
16 The poor shall multiply like kine,
The rich shall increase like oxen;
They shall eat and be full,
They shall lie down and be at ease,
They shall say, "I have not sown in desolate places,
I have not sown in the field of the widow and the orphan,
I have sown in the field of the widow and the orphan,
I have sown in the field of the widow and the orphan."
17 The oxen shall eat of the straw of the stall,
The asses shall eat of the stubble of the field,
They shall lie down and be at ease,
They shall say, "I have not sown in desolate places,
I have not sown in the field of the widow and the orphan,
I have sown in the field of the widow and the orphan,
I have sown in the field of the widow and the orphan."
18 The cedar shall be with the cypress,
The myrtle and the oil tree;
They shall be together,
They shall say, "I have not sown in desolate places,
I have not sown in the field of the widow and the orphan,
I have sown in the field of the widow and the orphan,
I have sown in the field of the widow and the orphan."
19 For I looked, and there was no one who should show his words,
I sought, and there was no one who should give to them;
I said to Zion, "I will give to Jerusalem,"
and I will give to Jerusalem,
and I will give to Jerusalem,
and I will give to Jerusalem.

Behold, your cup," says the LORD,
"shall be filled with strength;
You shall say, 'Behold, the King of Israhel brings forth and sets us what will happen to us; what they were, we may consider them, and know the latter end of them.'
Or declare to us things to come."
23 Show the things that are to come hereafter,
That we may know that you are gods;
Yes, do good or do evil,
That we may be dismayed and see it together. **Isa 10:3**

24 Indeed you are nothing,
And your work is nothing;
He who chooses you is an abomination. **1 Cor 8:4**

25 "I have raised up one from the north,
And he shall come;
From the rising of the sun he shall call on My name,
And he shall come against princes as though against mortar.
As the utter tread of clay. **41:2**

26 Who has declared from the beginning that we may know?
43:9
And former times, that we may say, 'He is righteous';
Surely there is no one who shows,
Surely there is no one who shows,
Surely there is no one who shows,
Surely there is no one who shows;
The righteous I said to Zion,
"I will give to Jerusalem,"
and I will give to Jerusalem,
and I will give to Jerusalem,
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They shall mount up with wings like eagles - ©Overcomersart.com

THURSDAY OF THE SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT

Mt 11:11

Amen, I say to you, among those born of women there has been none greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.



Eric Armusik, Martyrdom of St. John the Baptist, 2015 - ©Eric Armusik

FRIDAY OF THE SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT

isa 48:17-18

Thus says the LORD, your redeemer, the Holy One of Israel, I, the LORD, your God, teach you what is for your good, and lead you on the way you should go. If you would hearken to my commandments, your prosperity would be like a river, and your vindication like the waves of the sea.

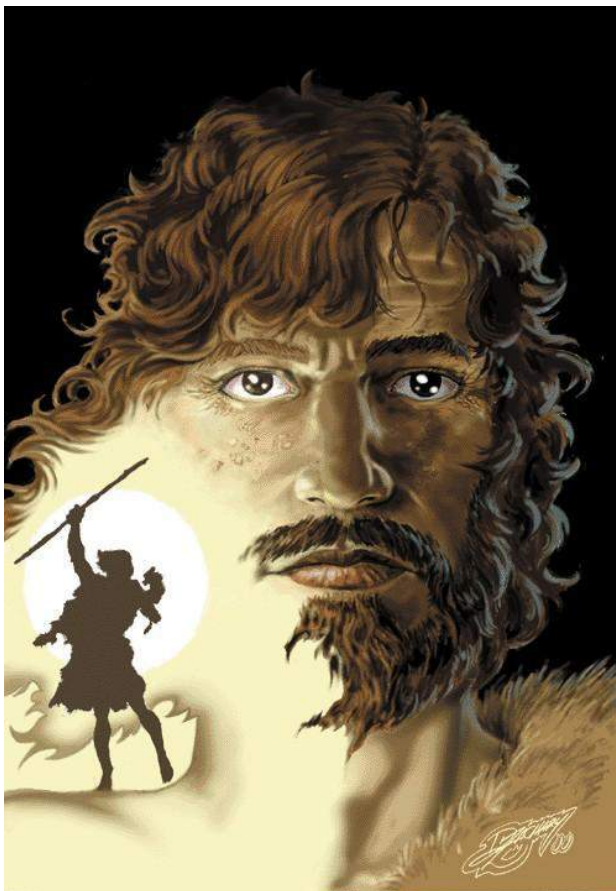


River with stepping stones

SATURDAY OF THE SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT

mt 17:11-13

He said in reply, "Elijah will indeed come and restore all things; but I tell you that Elijah has already come, and they did not recognize him but did to him whatever they pleased. So also will the Son of Man suffer at their hands." Then the disciples understood that he was speaking to them of John the Baptist.



John the Baptist

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Isa 61:2,1

To announce a year of favor from the LORD and a day of vindication by our God, to comfort all who mourn; The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; He has sent me to bring glad tidings to the lowly, to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners.



de Meester van Alkmaar, De zeven werken van barmhartigheid - De gevangenen bezoeken

MONDAY OF THE THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

num 24:2-5

When he raised his eyes and saw Israel encamped, tribe by tribe, the spirit of God came upon him, and he gave voice to his oracle: The utterance of Balaam, son of Beor, the utterance of the man whose eye is true, The utterance of one who hears what God says, and knows what the Most High knows, Of one who sees what the Almighty sees, enraptured, and with eyes unveiled: How goodly are your tents, O Jacob; your encampments, O Israel!



Christina Mattison Ebert, Parashat Balak - ©Christina Mattison Ebert

TUESDAY OF THE THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

zeph 3:13

the remnant of Israel. They shall do no wrong and speak no lies; Nor shall there be found in their mouths a deceitful tongue; They shall pasture and couch their flocks with none to disturb them.



The tongue

WEDNESDAY OF THE THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

isa 45:22-23

Turn to me and be safe, all you ends of the earth, for I am God, there is no other! By myself I swear, uttering my just decree and my unalterable word. To me every knee shall bend, by me every tongue shall swear.



Kacper Pempel, People kneel on the street as they take part in a Corpus Christi procession, 2013 (Gora Kalwaria, Poland) - ©CNS photo/Kacper Pempel, Reuters

THURSDAY OF THE THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

isa 54:1-5

Raise a glad cry, you barren one who did not bear, break forth in jubilant song, you who were not in labor, For more numerous are the children of the deserted wife than the children of her who has a husband, says the LORD. Enlarge the space for your tent, spread out your tent cloths unsparingly; lengthen your ropes and make firm your stakes. For you shall spread abroad to the right and to the left; Your descendants shall dispossess the nations and shall people the desolate cities. Fear not, you shall not be put to shame; you need not blush, for you shall not be disgraced. The shame of your youth you shall forget, the reproach of your widowhood no longer remember. For he who has become your husband is your Maker; his name is the LORD of hosts; Your redeemer is the Holy One of Israel, called God of all the earth.



Jump For Joy-Mary en Elizabeth - ©ArtByCorby

FRIDAY OF THE THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

Isa 56:6-7

And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, ministering to him, Loving the name of the LORD, and becoming his servants - All who keep the sabbath free from profanation and hold to my covenant, Them I will bring to my holy mountain and make joyful in my house of prayer; Their holocausts and sacrifices will be acceptable on my altar, For my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.



Procession

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Lc 1:28-33

And coming to her, he said, "Hail, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."



Hermine David, Annunciation - ©Hermine David

DECEMBER 17TH

Mt 1:2

Abraham became the father of Isaac, Isaac the father of Jacob, Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers.



Govert Flinck, *Isaak zegent Jakob*, ca. 1638 (Rijksmuseum Amsterdam)

DECEMBER 18TH

Mt 1:20-21

Such was his intention when, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."



François-Xavier de Boissoudy, L'Annonciation à Joseph, 2014 - ©François-Xavier de Boissoudy

DECEMBER 19TH

Lc 1:16-17

And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God. He will go before him in the spirit and power of Elijah to turn the hearts of fathers toward children and the disobedient to the understanding of the righteous, to prepare a people fit for the Lord."



Greta Maria Le#ko, Contemporary Polish iconography - ©Greta Maria Le#ko

DECEMBER 20TH

Lc 1:26-29

In the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary. And coming to her, he said, "Hail, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be.



Anthony Santella, Annunciation, 2006 - ©Anthony Santella

DECEMBER 22ND

Lc 1:46-48

And Mary said: "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my savior. For he has looked upon his handmaid's lowliness; behold, from now on will all ages call me blessed.



Sandro Botticelli, *Madonna of the Magnificat*, 1481 (Uffizi, Florence)

DECEMBER 23RD

Lc 1:57-58

When the time arrived for Elizabeth to have her child she gave birth to a son. Her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy toward her, and they rejoiced with her.



the-birth-of-john-the-baptist-domenico-ghirlandaio-1486-1490-santa-maria-novella-florence.jpg

DECEMBER 24TH (MORNING MASS)

Lc 1:76

And you, child, will be called prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways.



Jacob Jordaens, John the Baptist (Rubenshuis, Antwerpen)

SATURDAY OF THE FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT

Lc 1:76

And you, child, will be called prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways.



Jacob Jordaens, John the Baptist (Rubenshuis, Antwerpen)

VIGIL FOR CHRISTMAS

December, 24th

Mt 1:23

"Behold, the virgin shall be with child and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means "God is with us."



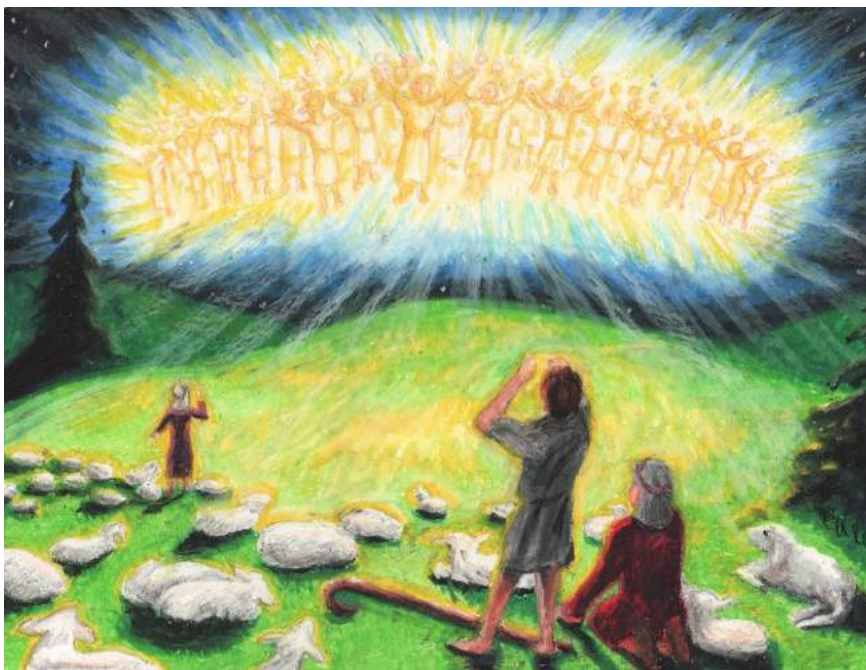
Traditional greek icon, De ontmoeting van Joachim en Anna (Private collection)

CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS

December, 25th

Lc 2:8-14

Now there were shepherds in that region living in the fields and keeping the night watch over their flock. The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were struck with great fear. The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."



Amber Pine, Glory to God in the Highest - ©Amber Pine

CHRISTMAS DAWN MASS

December, 25th

Lc 2:15-16

When the angels went away from them to heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go, then, to Bethlehem to see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went in haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger.



omgeving van Bartolommeo Suardi, De aanbidding der herders, 1500 - 1535 (Rijksmuseum, Amsterdam)

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS

December, 25th

Jn 1:16-18

From his fullness we have all received, grace in place of grace, because while the law was given through Moses, grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. The only Son, God, who is at the Father's side, has revealed him.



David Binnig, The Ten Commandments - ©David Binnig

SAINT STEPHEN, FIRST MARTYR **December, 26th**

Mt 10:19-20

When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say. You will be given at that moment what you are to say. For it will not be you who speak but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.



Peter-Paul Rubens, The Martyrdom of St Stephen, 1620 (Musée des Beaux-Arts, Valenciennes)

SAINT JOHN, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST **December, 27th**

Jn 20:3-4

So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first.



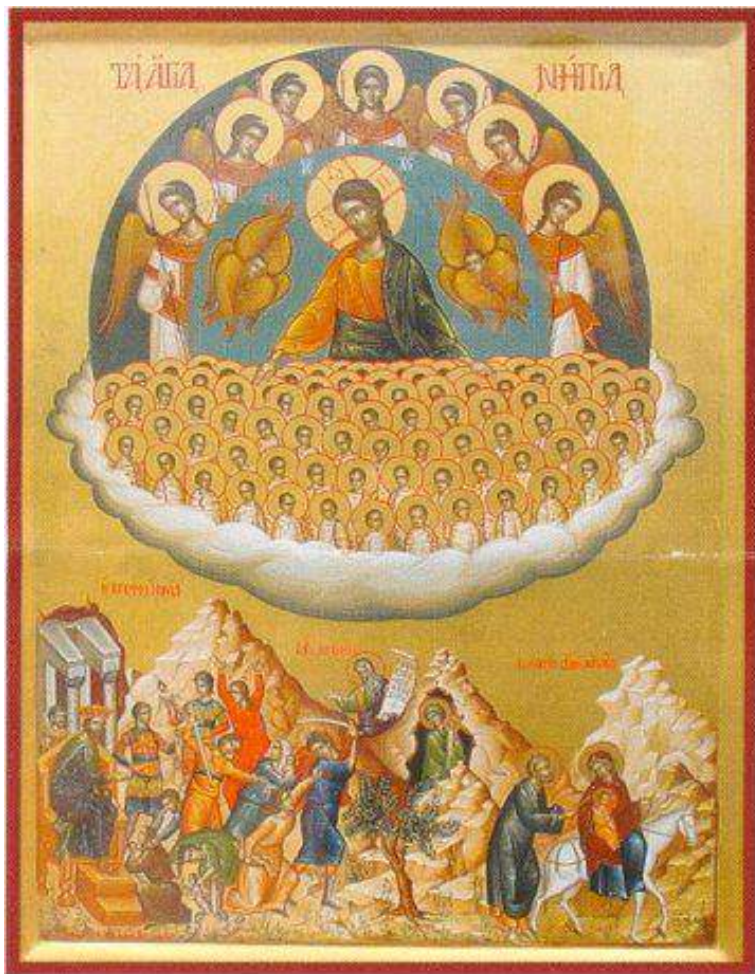
Eugene Burnand, Les Disciples Pierre et Jean courant au sépulcre
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THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS

December, 28th

Mt 2:18

"A voice was heard in Ramah, sobbing and loud lamentation; Rachel weeping for her children, and she would not be consoled, since they were no more."



Icon commemorating the Slaughter of the Innocents with the Flight into Egypt

THE HOLY FAMILY

Gen 18:1-5

The LORD appeared to Abraham by the terebinth of Mamre, as he sat in the entrance of his tent, while the day was growing hot. Looking up, he saw three men standing nearby. When he saw them, he ran from the entrance of the tent to greet them; and bowing to the ground, he said: "Sir, if I may ask you this favor, please do not go on past your servant. Let some water be brought, that you may bathe your feet, and then rest yourselves under the tree. Now that you have come this close to your servant, let me bring you a little food, that you may refresh yourselves; and afterward you may go on your way." "Very well," they replied, "do as you have said."



Julia Stankova, *The Guests of Abraham*, 2008 - ©Julia Stankova

SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

Jn 1:16-18

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EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Mt 2:9-11

After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

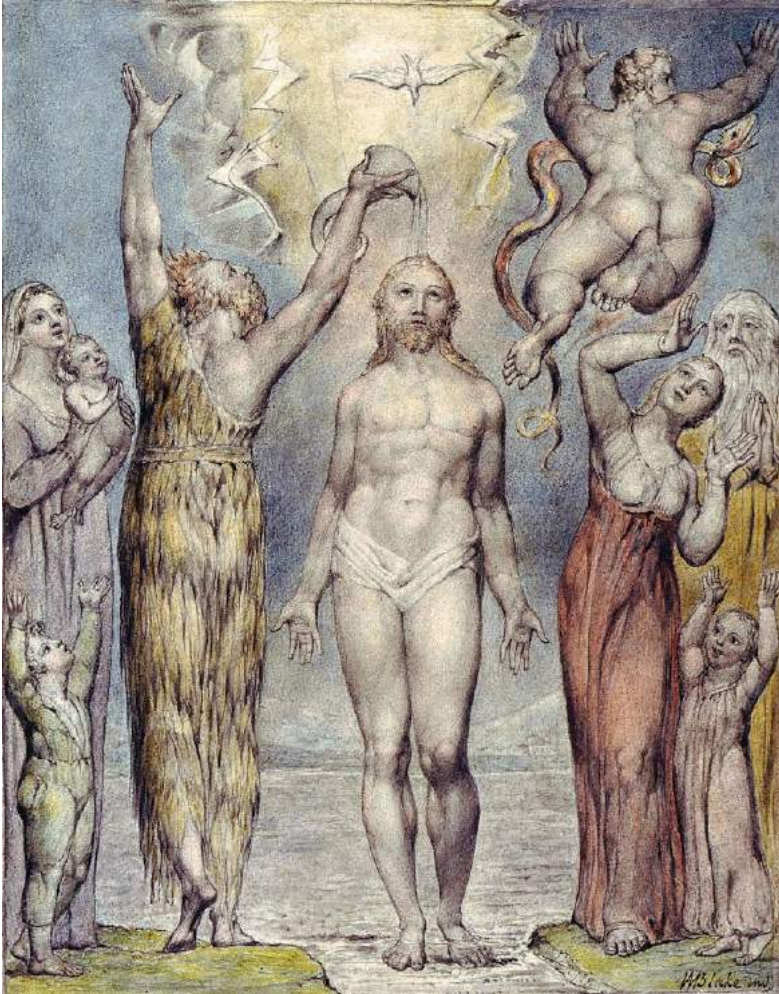


Nativity (coptic)

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Mc 1:10

On coming up out of the water he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon him.



William Blake, Baptism of Jesus, 1820

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