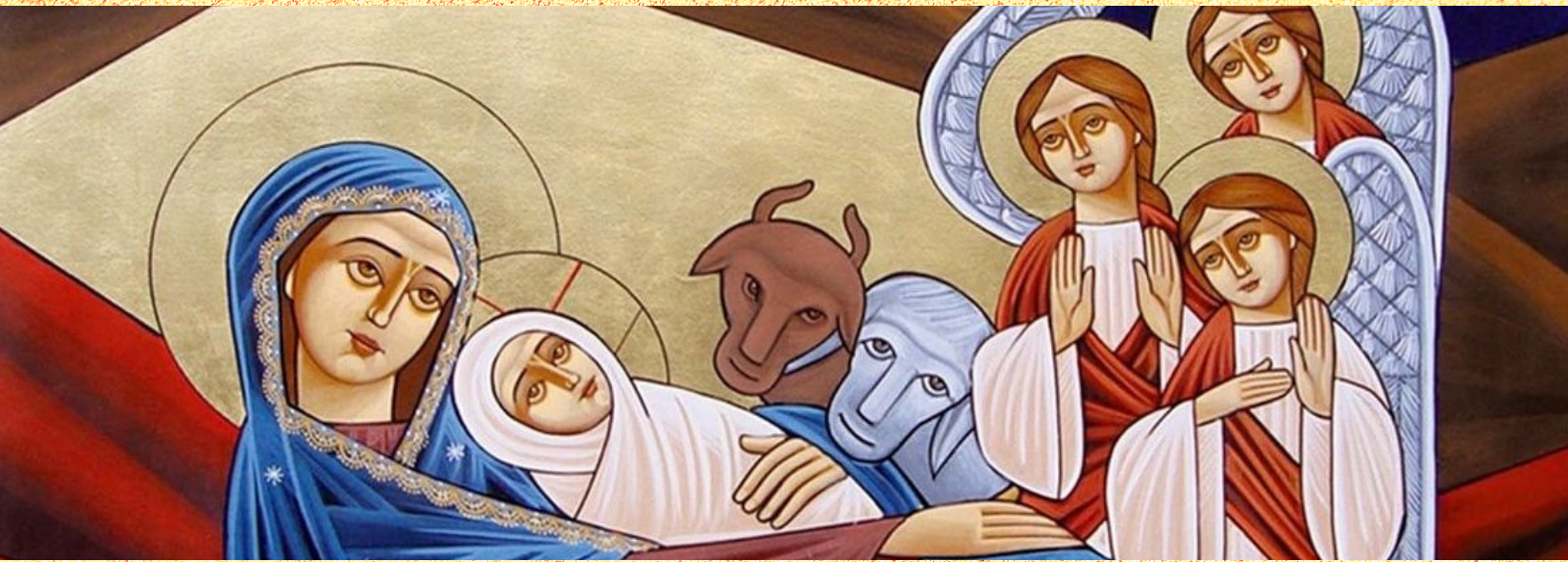


# Matters of the Heart

Orthodox reflections on faith and life



## 53 Unto Us a Child is Born

Not just any child, not merely a prophet, nor a man of God, but the very Son of God is born unto us this day. Prior to this moment in time, God must've seemed out of reach, infrequently manifesting Himself to mankind and speaking on occasion through messengers and prophets. But now God could be found amongst us, Emmanuel is in our midst! Our Hope was incarnate, and our Maker became Man.

Let us not delay in welcoming into our cluttered hearts Him who was born in a ragged manger. Let us revere our Wonderful Newborn, for in Him alone are we born anew. Let us honour our Mighty Saviour, who came to bear our sins upon His shoulders. And let us receive our Prince and Counselor, who suffered greatly in order to replace our sorrows with unsurmountable peace.

Christ is born! Rejoice and make haste to receive Him!

✦ 'Unto us a Son is given;  
 ✦ And the government will  
 ✦ be upon His shoulder.  
 ✦ And His name will be  
 ✦ called Wonderful,  
 ✦ Counselor, Mighty God,  
 ✦ Everlasting  
 ✦ Father, Prince of Peace.'

✦ Isaiah 9:6

✦ See Also:  
 ✦ Psalm 95 (96):11-13

✦ *My Lord who was born in  
 ✦ Bethlehem, may You  
 ✦ likewise find rest within my  
 ✦ ragged heart.*