January 6: Epiphany of the Lord

Tonus Recentior


When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, “Where is the new-born king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.” When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.

Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, He inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They said to him,
“In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet: And you, Beth-le-hem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rul-ers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel.” Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star’s appearance. He sent them to Beth-le-hem and said, “Go and search dil-igent-ly for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him hom-age.” Af-ter their au-di-ence with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its ris-ing pre-ced-ed them, un-til it came and stopped o-ver the place where the child was. They were o-verjoyed at see-ing 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. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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