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"Enter the Church and repent ... for here is the physician, not the judge. Here one is not investigated, one receives remission of sins." (St. John Chrysostom)

December 23, 2018

The Commemoration of the Ten Holy Martyrs of Crete

THE SUNDAY OF THE GENEALOGY OF CHRIST

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THE ORDER OF TODAY'S LITURGY

The Troparion of the Resurrection (6th Tone) Page 53

The Troparion of the Preparation of the Nativity of the Lord (4th Tone)

Bethlehem make ready, for Eden has been opened for all. Ephrata be alert for the Tree of Life has blossomed forth from the Virgin in the cave. Her womb has become a spiritual Paradise wherein the divine Fruit was planted, and if we eat of it we shall live, and not die like Adam. Christ is coming forth to bring back to life the likeness that had been lost in the beginning,

The Troparion the Holy Ancestors of Christ (2nd Tone)

Faith can accomplish great things. Through it the three holy young men rejoice in the flames as if they had been in refreshing water, and Daniel in the midst of lions is like a shepherd among his sheep. Through their intercession, O Christ God, save our souls.

The Troparion of the Dormition of the Theotokos (1st Tone): Page 16

The Kontakon of the Preparation of the Nativity of the Lord (3rd Tone)

Today the Virgin is on her way to the cave where she will give birth to the Eternal Word of God in an ineffable manner. Rejoice therefore, O universe, when you hear this news, and glorify, with the angels and the shepherds, Him who shall appear as a new child, being God from all eternity.

THE PROKIMENON:

**BLESSED ARE YOU, O LORD, GOD OF OUR FATHERS,
AND YOUR NAME IS WORTHY OF PRAISE AND GLORIOUS FOREVER!**

*For You are just in all You have done to us,
and all Your works are true and Your ways right!*

Today's Readings: Hebrews 11: 9-10, 32-40 and Matthew 1: 1-25

LITURGY INTENTIONS

Saturday (December 22) 4:30 PM:

For the repose of George Kessop (24th) and Adma Solomon (15th)

Sunday, (December 23) 10:30 AM

For the repose of Ethel Steinmetz (24th Anniversary),
by her son Fr. Tom and Family

Next Saturday (December 29) 4:30 PM:

For the repose of Louise Samara (30th), Frederick Solomon (16th),
Margaret Marpes (41st), and Eva Abood (28th)

For the repose of Elizabeth Freije (6th Anniversary),
by her sister Grace Freije

Next Sunday (December 30) 10:30 AM

For the repose of Mary Miller, who fell asleep in the Lord on December 16,
by her daughter Andrea Taylor

For the repose of Juliette Bilodeau, by her husband Henry Bilodeau



Can you give a Christmas gift to help support your parish?

I am asking that each family prayerfully consider making a gift of \$100 to the church between now and Jan. 6. If you cannot afford a gift of \$100, then I ask you to give according to your means. If you can afford more than \$100, then I ask you to please be more generous.

When you make out your check to Our Lady of the Cedars Church please write: "Parish Christmas Gift" in the memo of the check. You may mail the check to the church or include it in the Sunday collection. Our goal is to raise \$17,000. **So far we have raised \$12,170!** Thank you for your generosity.

- Fr. Tom



CHRISTMAS SERVICES

The Nativity of our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ will be commemorated with the celebration of the Divine Liturgy on:

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24, at 7:30 PM
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25, at 10:30 AM

Sunday School will not be held next Sunday. December 30.
Classes will resume on Sunday, January 6.

Christmas Carols: 7:00 PM on Christmas Eve!

Get in the spirit of the season! Come to church early on Christmas Eve and join in the singing of traditional Christmas carols. The caroling will begin at 7:00 PM and conclude at 7:30 PM, when the Divine Liturgy begins.



The 2019 offering envelopes are available in the back of the church. If you are not receiving envelopes and would like to receive envelopes for 2019, please tell Fr. Tom.

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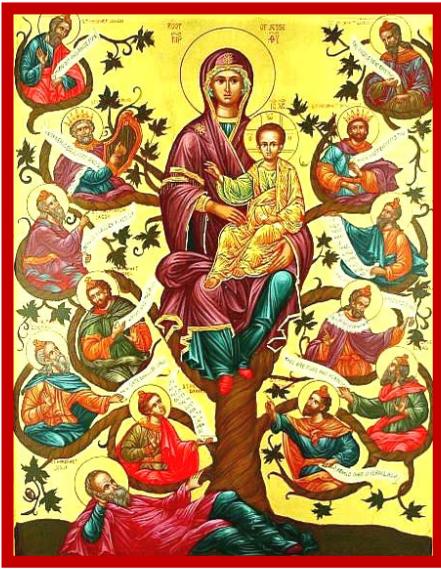
Last Weekend's Collection: \$1,081.⁰⁰

The average Sunday envelope donation: \$32.²⁴

The balance remaining on our mortgage is: \$67,060.²⁵

SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Dec. 24	7:30 PM	Divine Liturgy: The Feast of the Nativity of the Lord
Tues. Dec. 25	10:30 AM	Divine Liturgy: The Feast of the Nativity of the Lord
Sat., Dec. 29	4:30 PM	Divine Liturgy: The Sunday before Theophany
Sun., Dec. 30	9:45 AM	Sunday Orthros
Sun., Dec. 30	10:30 AM	Divine Liturgy: The Sunday before Theophany



The Sunday of the Genealogy of Christ

The Sunday before Christmas is known as the Sunday of the Holy Genealogy. On this day the Church commemorates the ancestors of Christ from Adam to Joseph the Betrothed. Christ's full humanity meant not just that he possessed a human nature but that he had blood relatives, and that he came from a long family line. One of the shortcomings of modern culture is the tendency to leave the past behind and focus on the now. This has resulted in people feeling rootless and incomplete.

In our Byzantine tradition we remember our ancestors because they are part of us. To remember our family and our family roots is to affirm our humanity;

likewise, to overlook our family connections is to diminish our humanity. To remember is an act of love and faithfulness. We all came from somewhere. Our family heritage is a source of blessing and sometimes a source of pain. As Christians we have both a biological and a spiritual family lineage. Salvation in Christ extends to both family lines.

St. Paul writes in Ephesians 3:14-15: *For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, from whom the **whole family** in heaven and on earth is named....* Here Paul is looking to the future when all of humanity and creation become one family under the fatherhood of God.

This Sunday before Christmas provides us an opportunity to reflect on the way God works mysteriously and sometimes obscurely in our family history. It also reminds to have faith that God is working redemptively in human history. Sin might be present but God's grace even more so (Romans 5:15).

This Sunday also reminds us that Jesus was a real historical person and not some mythical figure. This means that Christian theology is ultimately grounded in the empirical events of the birth of Jesus Christ, His life and ministry, His crucifixion under Pilate and His third day resurrection. Interestingly, the first Christian heretics did not deny that Jesus was a divine being. They denied His humanity and claimed that he only appeared to be a true man, but was not really one since "flesh and blood" were taken to be intrinsically degrading if not downright evil. Thus the apostle Paul had to insist that in Jesus, who belongs to the Jews "according to the flesh" (Rom 9:5), the "whole fullness of deity dwells *bodily*" (Col 2:9), and that it is the same Jesus who died and was buried and raised in the flesh as a real man, who is Messiah and Lord.

There is a hunger among many for a historically grounded Christianity. The Sunday of the Holy Genealogy is also a reminder just such a Church can be found here, in the Melkite Church, which has a historical lineage that reaches back to the original Apostles.



O people, let us celebrate the forefeast of the Nativity of Christ. Raising our minds on high, let us go to Bethlehem in spirit. With the eyes of the soul, let us gaze upon the Virgin as she hastens to the cave to give birth to our God, the Lord of all. When he beheld this wonder, Joseph thought he saw a mortal wrapped in swaddling clothes; but from all that came to pass, he understood it was the true God, who grants the world great mercy.

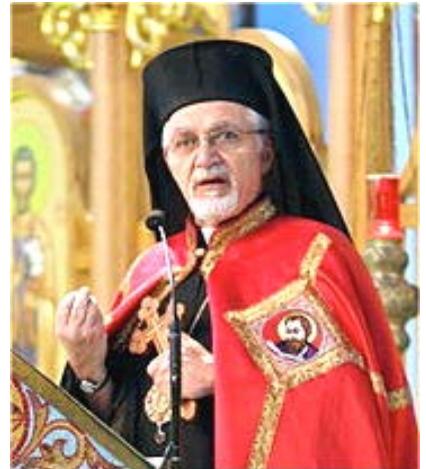
Make ready, O Bethlehem! Throw open your gates, O Eden! For He who exists forever comes to be that which He was not; and He who formed all creation now takes a form, granting the world great mercy.

Make ready, O cave, to receive the Mother who bears Christ within her womb. O manger, receive the Word who destroyed the sins of mankind. O shepherds, keep watch and then bear witness to the awesome wonder. O Magi, come from Persia and bring your gifts to the King. For the Lord has appeared from a Virgin Mother, yet she bowed to Him as a servant and spoke to Him within her heart saying, “How were You conceived in my? How did You grow in me, O Jesus, my Savior and my God?”

— *From Vespers for the Paramony of the Nativity of the Lord*

The Bishop’s Appeal

Give thanks to God for the Gift of His Divine Son born for us, and give back to the Lord in return for all the blessings He has bestowed upon you and your families in 2018: Give a generous gift to support our Melkite Eparchy in America. Your gift pays a tribute of honor for the labor and sacrifice of our forebears in the faith who have gone before us, and helps assure our Church continues in to promote their tradition. Offer thanks to God by giving a generous gift to the Bishop’s Appeal. Your gift means so much to so many! Our Father and Shepherd, Bishop Nicholas thanks you for your generous support and asks God’s abundant blessings upon you and all your family on this Feast of the Holy Nativity of Christ and throughout the New Year! Extra Appeal donation slips are available in the back of the church.



Son of God, Son of Man

RESEARCHING FAMILY HISTORY has become a favorite pastime for many Americans seeking to discover their roots. One reason for this resurgent interest is that, for many, family history was ignored for so long. Many Americans see themselves as forward looking rather than fixated on their past. The growing interest in genealogical research shows that at least some Americans want to know where they came from.

In more traditional societies one's family tree may be a source of pride or amusement, but it is always an object of interest. Little wonder, then, that the first Christians displayed an interest in the genealogy of our Lord Jesus Christ. They had encountered Him healing the sick and touching their hearts. They knew Him as the One who forgave sins, raised the dead and rose Himself. They looked to His ancestry to discover more who He really was.

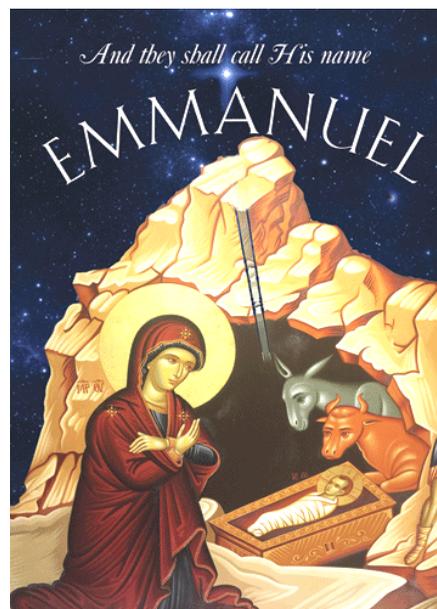
“Son of David, Son of Abraham”

St. Matthew's Gospel begins with a genealogy of Christ (*Mt* 1:1-16); it is the passage we read each year on the Sunday before Christmas. The first words of the passage – *biblios geneleos Iisous Christos* – translated literally as “the book of the genesis of Jesus Christ” – would remind the reader of the entire sweep of Jewish history by harkening back to Genesis, the first Book of the Torah. They would realize that Christ was the beginning and the climax of God's dealing with the human race, starting in the Garden.

Matthew's genealogy portrays Christ as descended from David through the house of Joseph, His adoptive father. Since the time of King David (10th century BC) Jewish rulers had based their authority on their connection to David. The awaited Messiah was portrayed in Jewish tradition as the “son of David” for a similar reason: to show that he, like David, was anointed by God to be Israel's deliverer.

In this passage Jesus' ancestry is traced back another millennium to the patriarch Abraham with whom God had made His first covenant with the ancestors of the Jewish people. For the first Christians, portraying Jesus as the son of Abraham meant that He was the personification of the nation, heir to the promises made by God to Abraham and to his seed, “*who is Christ*” (*Gal* 3:16). Commentators have pointed out other aspects of this passage which reflect the early Church's faith in Christ. In this listing of fathers and sons we find two women – and foreign women at that. Jesus is not only son of Abraham and David. He is son of all mankind: Jew and Gentile, male and female, truly one of us in the flesh.

Finally, we note that besides being an exercise in genealogy, this passage is also built on numerology: the significance of numbers in the narrative it recounts. The ancestry of Christ is divided into three groups of fourteen, the numerological equivalent of “David.” Several less than worthy individuals are removed from the Old Testament lists to come up with this number, leaving us with a catalog of the righteous ancestors of Christ. This grouping also alludes to the 28-day lunar



cycle. Like the star of Bethlehem, the moon is introduced to show the cosmic significance of Jesus' birth. These interpretations suggest that Matthew's genealogy is an example of what Pope Benedict XVI, in his three-volume work *Jesus of Nazareth*, called "interpreted history": based on events that actually happened, but as they were "interpreted and understood in the context of the Word of God."

"Son of Adam"

St Luke's Gospel also contains a genealogy: one with a different placement and a different emphasis. While Matthew connects Jesus' lineage with the story of His birth, Luke places it in the context of His hearer's idea of Him. "*Now Jesus Himself began His ministry at about thirty years of age, being (as was supposed), the son of Joseph, the son of...*" (Lk 3:23). And while Matthew emphasizes the connections between Jesus, David and Abraham, Luke traces Jesus' lineage back to "*Seth, the son of Adam the son of God*" (Lk 3:38). Luke, of Gentile origin, traces Christ back to the beginnings of the human race, stressing His connection with all mankind. Jesus is not only a son of Israel but of the entire human race.

Many commentators have noted other discrepancies between these genealogies which would be contradictory if these passages were not "interpreted history." Thus St. Ambrose sees Matthew showing Christ's royal family heritage and Luke stressing his priestly connection. "We should not consider one account truer than the other," he writes, "but that the one agrees with the others in equal faith and truth. According to the flesh, Jesus was truly of a royal and priestly family, King from kings', Priest from priests" (*Exposition of the Holy Gospel according to Luke*, 87-88).

Fr John Custer summarizes another theological message in this passage. "Adam has no other 'father' but God and no 'mother' but the virgin earth from which he was taken. Adam became a 'living being when God breathed into him (*Gen 2:7*). All this resembles the Holy Spirit overshadowing the Virgin Mary in the conception of Jesus, whose only true father is God" (*The Holy Gospel, a Byzantine Perspective*, p. 408).

"In the Beginning Was the Word"

While not offering a genealogy in the same sense, St John's Gospel begins with another Genesis-like statement on the Lord's origins. Using the same opening words as the Book of Genesis (definitely not an oversight), John tells us that "*In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God. All things were made through Him, and without him nothing was made that was made*" (Jn 1:1). The Son of God became incarnate in time (Jn 1:14 – "*And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us.*") but even before that, before time, He was with the Father as His eternal Son.

Thus the Gospels present us with a panoramic vision of the eternal Word become one of us: Son of Abraham and David, son of Seth and Adam, King and Priest, the only-begotten Son of the Father, of whose fullness we have all received.

THE SON WAS BORN INEFFABLY of the Father before all ages. And in these last days, He has willed to be incarnate of the Virgin Mary without seed. Let us lift up our voices to the Lord and say: "You have lifted us up from our fallen state. Holy are You, O Christ our God!"

~He who is enthroned in the highest Heaven with the Father and the Holy Spirit saw the humiliation of the human race. The Son of the Father, without beginning, enters into time. Behold, He allows Himself to be born in the flesh as man!

Canon of the Fore-feast, Ode 3

Please remember to pray for the health and protection of Genevieve Allen, Donna Andruskiewicz, Olivia Aragon, Elizabeth Ashooh, Elsie Ashooh, Alice Auclair, Erin Baroody, Michael Baroody, Henry Bilodeau, Anthony Blando, Helena Burkush, Fr. Michael Carl, Danielle Caron, Michael Cavanaugh, Meghan Connors, Sarah Cullen, Theresa Cullen, Sarah Dagher, Bishop John Elya, Sher Farrow, Julie Fregeau, Mary Fregeau, Peter Fregeau, John Gallagher, Marguerite Ganem, Mary Ann Garvey, Loretto Gauvin, Bonnie Gomez, Gail Fisher, Laurice Haddad, Nick Haddad, Lucille Harper, Laura Jorba, Virginia Kearney, Leila Khoury, Shirley Lanoue, Susan Latvis, Diana Label, Haley Lesmerises, Sadie Grace McCallum, Miriam McCallum, Ramona Matias, Susan Merrill, Maria Moser, Joanne Nader, Mimi Nasser, Alfred Nasr, Afef Nasr, Raymond Nehme, Samira Nehme, Steve Notter, Steven O'Leary, Ellen Osgood, Alice Paymant, Marco Enrique Peschiera, MaryJo Pond, Ellen Powell, Sheila Quinn, Daniel Quintal, Deborah Roberts, Adam Rubin, Fr. Andre St. Germain, Kara Salvias, Barbara Schultz, Raymond Sherburne, Tarrant Smith, Catherine Waldron, George Webber, Martha Webber, Marilyn Whitmore, and Iris Angelina Velasquez.

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Today's Readings:

A reading from the Epistle to the Hebrews (11: 9-10, 32-40)

Brethren, by faith, Abraham lived in the Land of the Promise as in a foreign land, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the co-heirs of the same promise, for he was looking for the city with fixed foundations, of which city the architect and builder is God. And what more shall I say? For time will fail me if I tell of Gideon, Barac, Samson, Jephthe, David and Samuel and the prophets, who by faith conquered kingdoms, wrought justice, obtained the fulfillment of promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of sword, recovered strength from weakness, became valiant in battle, routed foreign armies.

Women had their dead restored to them though resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to yield for their release in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others again suffered mockery and blows, even chains and jailings. They were stoned, cut to pieces, put to the question, killed by the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, distressed, afflicted (of whom the world was not worthy), wandering in deserts, mountains, caves and holes in the ground.

And none of these, despite the positive witnessing of faith, received what was promised, for God has something better in store for us, so that they were not to reach their final perfection without us.

الرسالة (عبرانيين 11: 9-10 و 32-40)

يا أخوة، بالآيمان نزل إبراهيم الى ارض الميعاد نزوله في بلاد غربة، وسكن في أخبية مع اسحق ويعقوب الوارثين معه للموعد نفسه، لأنه كان ينتظر المدينة ذات الاسس، التي الله صانعها وبارئها. وماذا أقول أيضاً؟ انه يضيقُ بي الوقتُ ان اخبرت عن جدعون وبارق وشمشون، ويفتاح وداود وصموئيل والانبياء، الذين بالآيمان قهروا الممالك وعملوا البر، ونالوا الموعد وسدوا افواه الاسود. وأطفأوا قوة النار ونجوا من حد السيف، وتقوا من ضعف وصاروا أشداء في القتال، وكسروا معسكرات الاجانب، واسترجعت نساء أمواتهن بالقيامة، وآخرون قد عُذِّبوا بتوتير الاعضاء والضرب، ولم يقبلوا النجاة ليحصلوا على قيامة أفضل. وآخرون قد ذاقوا الهزة والسياط والقيود أيضاً والسجن. رجموا، نشروا، امتحنوا، ماتوا بحد السيف، ساحوا في جلود الغنم والمعز، مُعوزين، مُضايقين، مجهودين. ولم يكن العالم مستحقاً لهم، تائهيين في البراري والجبال والمغاور وكهوف الارض. فهؤلاء كلهم المشهود لهم بالآيمان لم ينالوا الموعد، لان الله قد سبق فنظر لنا شيئاً أفضل، لكي لا يكملوا بمعزلٍ عنّا.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew (1: 1-25)

The book of the origin of Jesus Christ, the Son of David, the son of Abraham. Abraham begot Isaac, Isaac begot Jacob, Jacob begot Judah and his brethren. Judah begot Perez and Zarah whose mother was Thamar. Perez begot Hezron, Hezron begot Ram. And Ram begot Amminadab, Amminadab begot Nahshon, Nahshon begot Salma. Salma begot Boaz of Rahab. Boaz begot Obed of Ruth, Obed begot Jesse, Jesse begot David the King.

And David the King begot Solomon of the former wife of Uriah. Solomon begot Rehoboam, Rehoboam begot Abijah, Abijah begot Asa. And Asa begot Jehoshaphat, Jehoshaphat begot Joram, Joram begot Azariah. And Azariah begot Jotham, Jotham begot Ahaz, Ahaz begot Ezechiah. And Ezechiah begot Manasseh, Manasseh begot Amon, Amon begot Josiah. And Josiah begot Jeconiah and his brethren at the time of deportation to Babylon.

And after the deportation to Babylon, Jeconiah begot Shealtiel, Shealtiel begot Zerubbabel. And Zerubbabel begot Abiud, Abiud begot Eliakim, Eliakim begot Azor. And Azor begot Zadok, Zadok begot Achim, Achim begot Eliud. And Eliud begot Eleazar, Eleazar begot Matthan, Matthan begot Jacob. And Jacob begot Joseph, the husband of Mary, and of her was born Jesus, Who is called Christ. So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations. And from David to the deportation to Babylon fourteen generations; and from the deportation to Babylon to Christ, fourteen generations.

Now the origin of Christ was like this. When Mary His mother had been betrothed to Joseph, she was found, before they came together, to be with child by the Holy Spirit. But Joseph her husband, being a just man and not wishing to expose her to reproach, was thinking of putting her away privately. But while he was considering these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Do not be afraid, Joseph, son of David, to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is begotten in her is of the Holy Spirit. And she shall bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus; for He shall save His people from their sins."

Now all this came to pass that what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet might be fulfilled, "*Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son; and they shall call his name Emmanuel;*" which is interpreted, "God with us." So Joseph, arising from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him, and took Mary to be his wife. And he did not know her till she brought forth her firstborn son. And he called His name Jesus.

الانجيل (متى 1:1-25)

كتاب ميلاد يسوع المسيح ابن داود ابن ابراهيم. فإبراهيم ولد اسحق، واسحق ولد يعقوب، ويعقوب ولد يهوذا وإخوته. ويهوذا ولد فارص وزاراح من تamar، وفارص ولد حصرون، وحصرون ولد أرام. وأرام ولد عميناداب، وعميناداب ولد نحشون، ونحشون ولد سلمون، وسلمون ولد بوعز من راحاب، وبوعز ولد عوبيد من راعوت، وعوبيد ولد يسى، ويسى ولد داود الملك. وداود الملك ولد سليمان من التي كانت لاوريا. وسليمان ولد رحبعام، ورحبعام ولد آبيا، وآبيا ولد آسا. وآسا ولد يوشافاط، ويوشافاط ولد يورام، ويورام ولد عزيا. وعزيا ولد يوثام، ويوثام ولد آحاز، وآحاز ولد حزقيا، وحزقيا ولد منسى، ومنسى ولد آمن، وآمون ولد يوشيا، ويوشيا ولد يكنيا وإخوته في جلاء بابل. ومن بعد جلاء بابل يكنيا ولد شالتييل، وشالتييل ولد زربابل. وزربابل ولد أبيهود، وأبيهود ولد ألياقيم، وألياقيم ولد عازور. وعازور ولد صادوق، وصادوق ولد آكيم وأكيم ولد أليهود. وأليهود ولد ألعازر، وألعازر ولد متان، ومتان ولد يعقوب. ويعقوب ولد يوسف رجل مريم، التي منها ولد يسوع الذي يدعى المسيح. فكل الاجيال من ابراهيم الى داود أربعة عشر جيلاً، ومن داود الى جلاء بابل أربعة عشر جيلاً، ومن جلاء بابل الى المسيح أربعة عشر جيلاً. أما مولد يسوع المسيح فكان هكذا: لما خطبت مريم أمه ليوسف ووجدت من قبل أن يسكنها معاً حبلى من الروح القدس. وإذ كان يوسف رجلاً صديقاً ولم يرد أن يشهرها، عزم على تخليتها سراً. وفيما هو يفكر في ذلك إذا بملاك الرب قد تراءى له في الحلم قائلاً: يا يوسف ابن داود، لا تخف أن تأخذ امرأتك مريم، فإن المولود فيها هو من الروح القدس. وستلد ابناً فتسميه يسوع، لأنه هو الذي يخلص شعبه من خطاياهم. وكان هذا كله ليتم ما قال الرب بالنبي القائل: ها إن العذراء تحبل وتلد ابناً ويسمى عمانوئيل، الذي ترجمته الله معنا. فلما نهض يوسف من النوم فعل كما أمره ملاك الرب، فأخذ امرأته. ولم يعرفها حتى ولدت ابنها البكر، فسماه يسوع.