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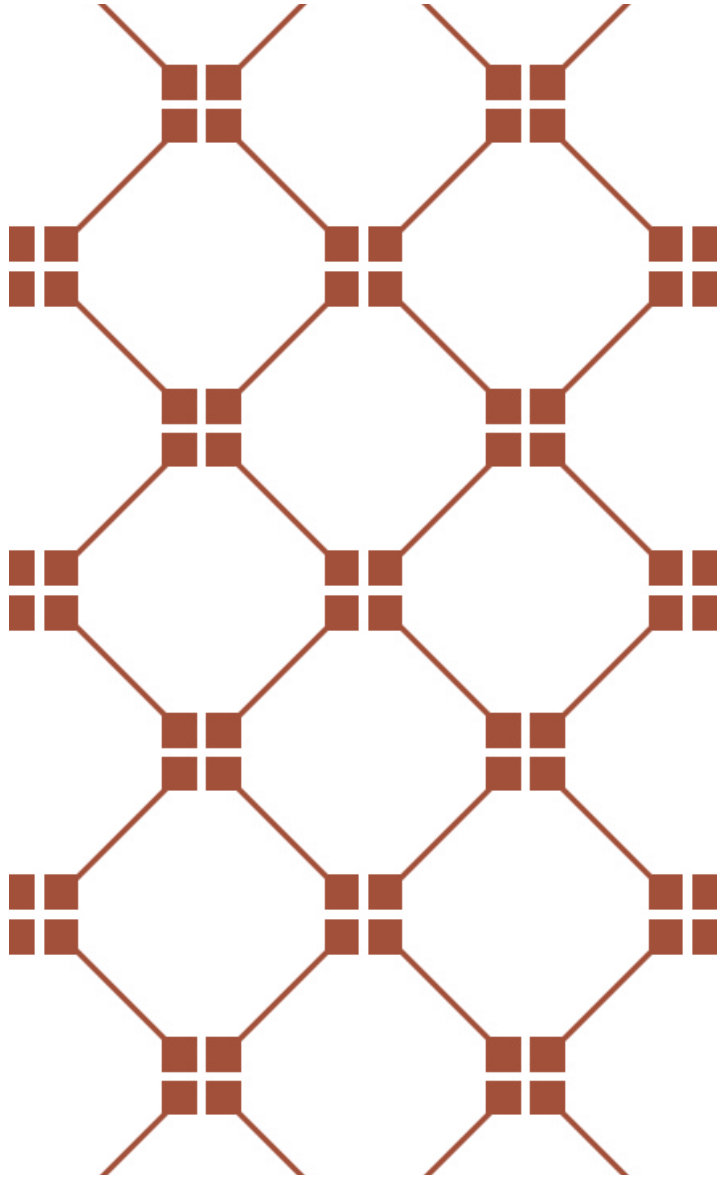
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THE INCARNATE WORD

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God.” (Jn. 1:1-2)

“Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.” (Is. 7:15)

“When the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman...” (Gal. 3:4)



A DAY OF OFFERINGS

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OFFERINGS OF THE VIRGIN ST. MARY

*“When the mother saw the Lamb and shepherd, the Savior of the world hung on the Cross, she said while weeping, “The world rejoices in receiving salvation, while my heart burns as I look at Your crucifixion...”
(Agpeya, 9th Hour litanies)*

THE OFFERING OF THE FATHER

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.” (Jn. 3:16-17)

“And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.” (Matt. 1:21)

The Father offers us His sacrificial, unconditional, and limitless LOVE.

THE OFFERINGS OF THE WISE MEN

“And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh.” (Matt. 2:11)

“It was the illumination wrought of God in their minds, guiding them little by little to the more perfect knowledge.” (St. John Chrysostom)

They offered Him gifts and worship





They offered Him a manger

The woman who gave two mites

- “...she out of her poverty put in all that she had, her whole livelihood” (Mk 12:44)



BETHLEHEM

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Woman at Zarephath

And Elijah said to her, “Do not fear; go and do as you have said, but make me a small cake from it first, and bring it to me; and afterward make some for yourself and your son. 14 For thus says the Lord God of Israel: ‘The bin of flour shall not be used up, nor shall the jar of oil run dry, until the day the Lord sends rain on the earth.’” (1 Kings 17:13-14)





THE ANGELS

Then the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people.” (Lk. 2:10)

Offered good tidings of GREAT JOY

“And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men!” (Lk. 2:13-14)

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.” (Matt. 5:9)

THE SHEPHERDS

“Now when they had seen Him, they made widely known the saying which was told them concerning this Child. And all those who heard it marveled at those things which were told them by the shepherds.”
(Lk. 2:17-18)

They offered their SERVICE



CONCLUSION

Offering of the Father

- Offered His only-begotten Son

The Wise Men

- They came and offer the Lord WORSHIP and GIFTS

Bethlehem

- Offered Him a manger

The Angels

- Offered good tidings of GREAT JOY

The Shepherds

- Offered their SERVICE



CONCLUSION

What will I offer with my life?

- Can I offer to Him my sincere desire to grow in His knowledge and allow Him to work in me?
- Can I offer Him the best that I have?
- Can I offer Him the first? Make Him the priority?
- Can I be His agent of peace on earth?
- Can I offer Him service?

