

“But you, Bethlehem-Ephrathah, least among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be the ruler in Israel.” Micah 5:1

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Away in a poor manger, in the little town of Bethlehem, Christ was born in the middle of the night, between an ox and a donkey, surrounded by the love of Joseph, “the Just,” and Mary Immaculate. Perhaps it was a way for Him to tell us that our greatest richness is not so much found in the place where we live or the things that we have, but in the people around us and in the love, we give to one another.

My prayer for you in this Christmas season is that you may experience the love of Christ ever more profoundly in your lives, knowing His grace, mercy, and salvation as the answer and solution to every difficulty and suffering that you experience.

Welcome the Christ Child into your hearts and let Him truly reign within your soul. When we do so, we know the joy and peace that this world cannot give.

Join me in prayer this Christmas season! Let us ask God to renew our hope and lift us up when we are weary. Let us ask God to keep our hearts joyful in all circumstances, because we have come to know God’s love for us.

God bless you and all your loved ones. As I celebrate the Divine Liturgy in this Christmas season, know that I bring all of you to the altar with me.

Wishing you all a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year 2024!

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