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Beholding him that was in God's image and likeness fallen through transgression, Jesus bowed the heavens and came down, and without change He took up His dwelling in a Virgin womb: that thereby He might fashion corrupt Adam anew, who cried to Him: "Glory to Thine Epiphany, O my Deliverer and my God." (Nativity Litya)

Why did God become man? St. Gregory of Nyssa: "Here is the reason for God's presence among men. Our nature was sick and needed a doctor. Man had fallen and needed someone to raise him up. He who had ceased to participate in the good needed someone to bring him back to it. He who was shut up in darkness needed the presence of life. The prisoner was looking for someone to ransom him; the captive for someone to take his part. He who was under the yoke of slavery was looking for someone to set him free." St. Gregory Nazianzus: "This is our festival, this we celebrate, God becoming man that man might go out (or better, go back) to God our Father. Off with the old man, on with the new! Once dead in Adam, now alive in Christ, born with Christ, crucified with Christ, buried with Christ, risen with Christ." St. John the Evangelist: "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Jesus Christ, the God-Man: "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." Now approach the solemn and salvific Feasts of the Nativity of Christ, His Circumcision, Theophany, and His Presentation in the Temple. The Directors of the ROCA Assistance Fund, grateful for your past support, ask that you consider donating to the Assistance Fund, which supports our clergy, our youth, and our parishes.

Christ is born! Glorify Him!

With love in the incarnate Christ,

Priest John Hinton

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