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Diocese of Toledo and
The Midwest

**ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN ARCHDIOCESE
OF NORTH AMERICA**

Nativity of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

December 25, 2022

To the beloved Clergy and faithful of our Diocese Family,

Christ is Born! *Glorify Him!*

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Christ is born glorify Him. Christ is come from heaven receive Him. Christ is on earth be ye lifted up. Sing to the Lord all the earth and praise Him with joy, all people. For He has been glorified.

From the First Nativity Canon, Ode 1

As you rejoice with your family, friends, and brothers and sisters throughout the world, know that He is born so we can receive Him. He is born on earth, to bring us back to heaven, to paradise, to the garden of Eden, to live with Him and to eat with Him at the heavenly banquet.

He is the King of kings, and the Lord of lords, because our Lord is born to die. In His death, he destroys death and He saves us from death. Our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ is born so our sins can be forgiven.

As He humbly becomes a babe, let us humbly receive Him today and every day! Receive Him so His love, peace, and joy may abide in your hearts forever and ever, alleluia, alleluia!

May He who was born in a cave and lay in a manger for our salvation bless you always.

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"The disciples were first called Christians in Antioch" (Acts 11: 26)

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