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ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN ARCHDIOCESE OF NORTH AMERICA

Nativity of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ
December 25, 2019

To the beloved Clergy and faithful of our Midwest Diocese,

Christ is Born! *Glorify Him!*
المسيحُ وُلِد! فمجدوه!



From the Kontakion of the Nativity, we hear, *Today the Virgin gives birth to the Transcendent One, and the earth offers a cave to the Unapproachable One. Angels with shepherds glorify Him; the Wise Men journey with the star, since for our sake the eternal God was born as a little Child!*

اليومَ البتول تلدُ الفائقَ الجواهر, والأرض تقربُ المغارةَ لمن هو غير مُقتربٍ إليه, والملائكة مع الرعاة يمجدون والمجوس مع الكوكب في الطريق يسرون لأنه قد وُلد من أجلنا صبي جديد، الإله الذي قبل الدهور.

As we celebrate this most joyous event with our family and friends, remember the God-Man, Jesus Christ, was born for us! Strive to love one another as He has loved us (*see John 15:12*)!

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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