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## The Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

Originally a stational solemnity for January 6, in which we get the “twelve days of Christmas” preceding this other great “Christmas” feast, we celebrate the recognition of foreigners – pagans or gentiles – who worship the Christ child. Jesus has come for all, not only for the Jewish people, but to save all the tribes and tongues and peoples and nations of the earth! The wise men, or magi, from the east come to do Jesus homage and present Him with gifts that represent His important role as Messiah and Savior: “gold for his human nature, myrrh as a symbol of his death, and frankincense for his divine nature.’ In other words, gold for a king, frankincense for God, and myrrh for a body to be embalmed; or better yet, gold that he might be praised as one praises his master, and myrrh and frankincense to represent the physician who would heal the wound inflicted by Adam.” (Quote from *Commentaries on the Diatessaron* by Saint Ephrem the Syrian, Deacon and Doctor of the Church)

Happy Epiphany!!!

God Love You!

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