Feast of the Epiphany

The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod,

behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem saying, “Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.” When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the
people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born.

They said to him, “In Beth-le-hem of Ju-dea, for thus it has been

Written through the prophet: And you, Bethlehem, land of Ju-dah,

are by no means least among the ru-lers of Ju-dah; since from you

Shall come a ru-ler, who is to shepherd my people Is-ra-el.”

Then Herod called the ma- gi sec-re-ly and ascertained from them

the time of the star’s ap- pear- ance. He sent them to Beth- le-hem and said,

“Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word,

that I too may go and do him ho-mage.” After their au-di- ence with the king
they set out. And be-hold, the star that they had seen at its rising

pre-ced-ed them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was.

They were o-ver-joyed at see-ing the star, and on en-ter-ing the house

they saw the child with Mary his mo- ther. They pros-trat-ed themselves

and did him hom-age. Then they o-pened their trea-sures and of-fered him

gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream

not to re-turn to Her- od, they departed for their count-ry by an- oth- er way.

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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