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*Thy Nativity, O Christ our God, hath
given rise to the light of knowledge in the
world; for they that worshiped the stars
did learn therefrom to worship Thee, O Sun
of justice, and to know that from the east
of the highest thou didst come.
O Lord, glory to Thee.*

Troparion



Nativity of Our Lord

December 25 / January 7

In the Nativity icon, we often see the child Jesus wrapped in white swaddling clothes with the darkness of the cave behind Him. The contrast of light (white) with dark reminds us of the light of wisdom that Jesus brought into a world darkened by sin. In one corner, we see Satan, disguised as an old man, casting doubts in Joseph's mind about the virgin birth. In the other corner, we see women bathing the infant Jesus, teaching us that He was truly human.

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