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Welcome to our Celebration today

Sunday 6th September 2009

**THE FEAST OF NATIVITY OF THE
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
& THE DEDICATION FESTIVAL OF
ALL SAINTS' PARISH CHURCH**



Pietro Lorenzetti - the Birth of Mary 1342

**FROM S. AUGUSTINE'S SERMON ON
OUR LADY'S BIRTHDAY**

"The hoped-for day of the blessed and venerable Mary ever a Virgin has now come; therefore let our earth rejoice with great gladness, illuminated by the birth of so great a Virgin. For she is the flower of the field from which came forth the priceless lily of the valley; by her child-bearing the nature inherited from our first parents is changed, their fault wiped out. In her that sentence passed on Eve was remitted which said, "In sorrow shall you bring forth children," for Mary brought forth the Lord in joy.

"Eve sorrowed, but Mary exulted; Eve carried weeping in her womb, but Mary carried joy, for Eve brought forth a sinner, but Mary innocence itself. The mother of our race brought punishment into the world, but the Mother of our Lord brought salvation into the world. Eve was the source of sin, Mary the source of merit. Eve by killing was a hindrance, Mary by giving life was a help. Eve wounded, Mary healed. Obedience takes the place of disobedience, faith makes up for faithlessness.

"Mary may now play on her instruments, the Mother strike the cymbals with swift fingers. The joyful choruses may sound out and songs alternate with sweet harmonies. (Cont. on back cover)

THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF BRISBANE
All Saints' Church,
Wickham Terrace
A FORWARD IN FAITH PARISH



Parish Priest: Canon Richard Martin SSC

**BIRTHDAY OF OUR LADY
& DEDICATION FESTIVAL**
6TH SEPTEMBER 2009

HYMNS AT LOW MASS - 7.30am

ENTRANCE: 214 The God of Earth and sea
OFFERTORY: 301 Alleluia, sing to Jesus
COMMUNION: 318 Let all mortal flesh
RECESSIONAL: ~~553~~ Now thank we all our God
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SOLEMN HIGH MASS

SETTING: SUMSION IN F

INTRODUCTORY RITES

RITE OF SPRINKLING WITH HOLY WATER

The priest sprinkles himself, his ministers and the people with holy water to remind us of our Baptism in which we were joined to the dying and rising of Christ, our sins were washed away, and we became part of his priestly people.

Antiphon: Thou shalt purge me, O Lord, with hyssop, and I shall be clean: thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Ps.51. Have mercy upon me, O God, after thy great goodness. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The Antiphon is repeated.

Priest: O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

People: And grant us thy salvation.

Priest: O Lord, hear my prayer.

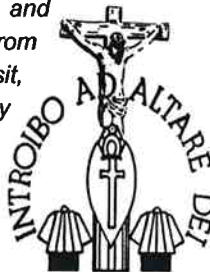
People: And let my cry come unto thee.

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy Spirit.

Priest: Let us pray. Graciously hear us, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God: and vouchsafe to send thy Holy Angel from heaven; to guard, cherish, protect, visit, and defend all who dwell in this holy place. Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.



PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Deacon: A procession in honour of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Let us proceed in peace.

People: In the name of Christ. Amen.

**Ye who own the faith of Jesus
Sing the wonders that were done,
When the love of God the Father
O'er our sin the victory won,
When he made the Virgin Mary
Mother of his only Son.**

Refrain: Hail Mary, hail Mary,
hail Mary, full of grace.

**Blesséd were the chosen people
Out of whom the Lord did come,
Blesséd was the land of promise
Fashioned for his earthly home;
But more blesséd far the Mother
She who bare him in her womb.**

Refrain:

**For the King of men and Angels
Chose her out of all he made,
And in robes of grace and glory
Her humility arrayed;
With the radiant sun he clothed her,
At her feet the moon he laid.**

Refrain:

**Thus prepared, and thus exalted,
Lowly still, and still unknown,
Mary waited till the fullness
Of her destiny was shown,
Till the Maid became God's Mother,
And her nursing arms his throne.**

Refrain:

**Wherefore let all faithful people
Tell the honour of her name,
Let the Church in her foreshadowed
Part in her thanksgiving claim;
What Christ's Mother sang in gladness
Let Christ's people sing the same.**

Refrain:

**Let us weave our supplications,
She with us and we with her,
For the advancement of the faithful,
For each faithful worshipper,
For the doubting, for the sinful,
For each heedless wanderer.**

Refrain:

**May the Mother's intercessions
On our homes a blessing win,
That the children all be prospered,
Strong and fair and pure within,
Following our Lord's own footsteps,
Firm in faith and free from sin.**

Refrain:

**For the sick and for the agéd,
For our dear ones far away,
For the hearts that mourn in secret,
All who need our prayers today,
For the faithful gone before us,
May the holy Virgin pray.**

Refrain:

**Praise, O Mary, praise the Father,
Praise thy Saviour and thy Son,
Praise the everlasting Spirit,
Who hath made thee ark and throne;
O'er all creatures high exalted,
Lowly praise the Three in One.**

Refrain:

THE INTROIT OF THE MASS

The choir sings: Rejoice we all in the Lord, keeping holy-day in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary: in whose Nativity the Angels rejoice and glorify the Son of God. *Ps.* My heart is inditing of a good matter: I speak of the things which I have made unto the King. Glory be . . .

KYRIE ELEISON *The people remain standing - the choir sings:*

Lord, have mercy upon us.
 Lord, have mercy upon us.
 Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.
 Christ, have mercy upon us.
 Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
 Lord, have mercy upon us.
 Lord, have mercy upon us.

The people SIT

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Priest: Glory be to God on high

All: and in earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son Jesu Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.



The people STAND

COLLECT

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy Spirit.

Priest: Let us pray. We beseech thee, O Lord, to impart unto us thy servants the gift of heavenly grace: that, as the child-bearing of the Blessed Virgin was unto us the beginning of salvation; so the devout celebration of her Nativity may bestow an increase of peace. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end.

People: Amen.

The people SIT

LITURGY OF THE WORD**THE FIRST READING** *Micah 5:1-4*

A reading from the prophet Micah.

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"House of Bread"

This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

THE RESPONSORIAL PSALM *13: vv 3-6*

R. With delight I rejoice in the Lord.

*3 Consider, and hear me, O Lord my God * lighten mine eyes, that I sleep not in death. 4 Lest mine enemy say, I have prevailed against him * for if I be cast down, they that trouble me will rejoice at it. R:*

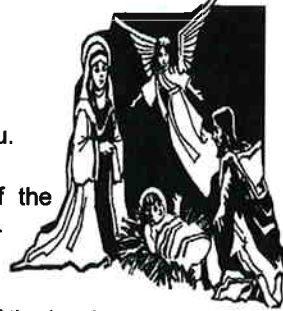
*5 But my trust is in thy mercy * and my heart is joyful in thy salvation. 6 I will sing of the Lord, because he hath dealt so lovingly with me * yea, I will praise the Name of the Lord most Highest. R:*

THE SECOND READING *Romans 8:28-30*

This is the Word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God.

ACCLAMATION The Choir sings:

Blessed art thou, O Virgin Mary; who a maiden undefiled hast our Saviour for thy child. Virgin Mother of God, the whole world cannot contain him, yet made man for our sake, hidden he lies in thy womb. Alleluia, alleluia. This is the festival of the glorious Virgin Mary of the seed of Abraham. Alleluia!

THE HOLY GOSPEL*Matthew 1:18-23**Deacon:* The Lord be with you.*People:* **And with thy spirit.***Deacon:* The continuation of the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.*People:* **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

All: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to thee, O Christ.

THE NICENE CREED*Priest:* I believe in one God

People: the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, Begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God; begotten, not made; Being of one substance with the Father; By whom all things were made: Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven,

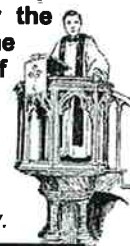
(All KNEEL) and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made

man; *(All STAND)* And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried: And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures: And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father: And he shall come again with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; Who spake by the prophets: And I believe one Catholic and Apostolic Church: I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins: And I look for the Resurrection of the dead: And the life of the world to come. Amen.

**SERMON** - *The People sit*

*Preacher: The Rev'd Frank Nichols,
 Assisting Priest, Holy Trinity, Fortitude Valley.*

**LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST****THE OFFERTORY**

The choir sings: Blessed art thou, O Virgin Mary, who didst bear the Creator of all things: thou didst give birth to thy maker and forever remainest a Virgin.

HYMN

**Chosen by God, high favoured, and elected,
 Mary of Nazareth, of David's line,
 Before Messiah's coming was expected
 God had you steadfastly in his design.**



Before the world's foundations were created,
Before the sun and stars were set in space,
You and none other were predestinated
To be the gateway of salvation for our race.

Came round the time
In God's design intended,
You bore God's Son. At Nazareth you made
A home for him. And then his course expended,
Saw him despised, rejected, and betrayed.
And since your Son is evermore our brother,
And since your heart
holds all for whom he cares,
You are to us for evermore a mother,
And shelter us
with the protection of your prayers.

High in the heavens,
John's eagle-vision found you,
The blazing sun enfolds you in
its light,
To make your crown the stars
are shining round you,
Beneath your feet the silver moon is bright.
To such a station
God's great mercy raised you.
No word of ours can ever match your fame;
Yet as all generations past have praised you,
So we in unison with them exalt your name.



INVITATION TO PRAYER

Priest: Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours
may be acceptable to God the Father Almighty.

People: The Lord receive this sacrifice at thy hands,
to the praise and glory of his name,
and to our benefit and that of all his holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Priest: We offer unto thee, O Lord, the sacrifice that
brings salvation, humbly beseeching thee: that by the
intercession of Blessed Mary and all thy Saints, we may
be surely established in thy peace, and serve thee in
holiness and righteousness all our days.
Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who
liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the
Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. **Amen.**



PREPARATION OF THE COMMUNICANTS

*The people are asked to make this Confession of their
sins. Then:*

All: Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
Maker of all things, Judge of all men: We
acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and
wickedness, Which we, from time to time, most
grievously have committed, By thought, word, and
deed, Against thy Divine Majesty, provoking most
justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do
earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our
misdoings; The remembrance of them is grievous
unto us; The burden of them is intolerable. Have
mercy upon us, Have mercy upon us, most merciful
Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever
hereafter serve and please thee in newness
of life, To the honour and glory of thy
name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The priest pronounces the Absolution.

The Prayer of Humble Access is omitted.



THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Priest: Lift up you hearts.

People: **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Priest: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People: **It is meet and right so to do.**

The priest continues with the Preface :

... we laud and magnify thy glorious name;
evermore praising thee, and saying:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts, Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord, Most High.

* Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.



During the EUCHARISTIC PRAYER the bread and wine becomes our Lord's Body and Blood; we are then offered to the Father in union with the perfect sacrifice of Jesus.

COMMUNION RITE

LORD'S PRAYER

Priest: Let us pray.

As our Saviour Christ hath commanded and taught us, we are bold to say: Our Father

All: **who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, The power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.**

Priest: ... throughout all ages, world without end.

All: **Amen.**

THE PAX

Priest: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**



AGNUS DEI

The Choir sings: O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world: Grant us thy peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God;
behold him that taketh away the sins of the world.

All: **Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof, but speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.**



The choir sings the Communion Antiphon: All generations shall call me blessed; for he that is mighty hath magnified me.

Holy Communion is now given.

The choir sings: Locus iste, Bruckner

Then ALL sing:

**Shall we not love thee, Mother dear,
whom Jesus loves so well?
And to his glory year by year
Thy joy and honor tell?**

**Bound with the curse of sin and shame
We helpless sinners lay,
Until in tender love He came
To bear the curse away.**

**And thee He chose from whom to take
True flesh His Flesh to be;
In it to suffer for our sake,
By It to make us free.**

**Thy Babe he lay upon thy breast,
To thee he cried for food;
Thy gentle nursing soothed to rest
The incarnate Son of God.**

**O wondrous depth of grace Divine
That he should bend so low!
And, Mary, O what joy 'twas thine
In his dear love to know!**

**Joy to be Mother of the Lord,
And thine the truer bliss,
In every thought and deed and word
To be for ever his.**

**And as he loves thee, Mother dear,
We too will love thee well;
And to his glory year by year
Thy joy and honour tell.**

**Jesu, the Virgin's Holy Son,
We praise thee and adore,
Who art with God the Father One
And Spirit evermore.**

CONCLUDING RITE

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Priest: Grant, we beseech thee, O Lord: that the sacraments which we have received in the observance of this yearly festival; may both in this present life and that which is to come, be profitable for our healing. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

All: **Amen.**

THE BLESSING

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Deacon: Depart in peace.

People: **Thanks be to God.**



Priest: The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and Holy Ghost, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

HYMN

**Hail! holy Queen, enthroned above, O Maria!
Hail! Mother of Mercy and of love! O Maria!**

**Refrain Triumph, all ye Cherubim,
Sing with us, ye Seraphim,
Heav'n and earth resound the hymn:
Salve, salve, salve Regina!**

**Our life, our sweetness here below, O Maria!
Our hope in sorrow and in woe, O Maria!**

Refrain

O Gate of Life, we honour thee, O Maria!
Our Joy, our hope, and heaven's key, O Maria!
Refrain

O Mary, hasten with thine aid, O Maria!
Most gentle, loving Joyous Maid, O Maria!
Refrain

And when our life on earth is done, O Maria!
Then show us Christ, thy holy Son, O Maria!
Refrain

*The Angelus is said after the announcements
(refer to cards on the pews or book shelf at church door).*

POSTLUDE

'L'ANNONCIATION' FROM SUITE MARIALE, Maleingreau



+ PRAY FOR THE DEPARTED +

RECENTLY DECEASED - Fraser Young, Pr., Noel Jones, Bp.
Doreen Stynis

THIS WEEK'S ANNIVERSARIES & COMMEMORATIONS []]:

Sep 06

Sep 07

Thomas Deshon

Sep 08

Ailsa Till

Sep 09 [St Peter Claver] Clive Batson, Ena Trappett

Sep 10 [St Nicholas of Tolentino] Mervyn Ryan, David Issell

Sep 11 [Ss Protus & Hyacinth] Sybil Benn, Annie Hicks, Joan Davies,
Ralph Wicks, Bp.

Sep 12 [Holy Name of Mary] Edward Paine, Sam George,
Winifred Parsons, Lance Norman



Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

and the

140th Dedication Festival for All Saints' Church

6TH SEPTEMBER

A LUNCHEON,

follows High Mass today, (\$30.00 per person; \$25.00
unwaged / \$60.00 per family).

LUNCHEON SPEAKER, Fr Ben Stroet;
topic, "LEST WE FORGET".

A RAFFLE, will be drawn at the
Luncheon. Tickets, 6 for \$5.00 or
\$1.00 ea, (and 3 delightful prizes to
be won), will be available after
Mass today.



6.30 pm Solemn Evensong & Benediction

Guest Preacher: The Ven. Michael Chiplin,
Rector, St Andrew's, Indooroopilly.

PARKERS OF MOTORCARS in the church grounds, are advised of a wedding this Sunday at 3.30pm.

Prior to that time All Saints' Forecourt must be clear of all vehicles and, from 2.45pm, vehicles parked in the All Saints' Centre roof carpark, may be parked-in until after the departure of the wedding coaches.

SOLEMN EVENSONG AND BENEDICTION

Tonight at 6:30 p.m.
at All Saints'

and, also, 6.00pm 3rd Sunday of each month at Holy Trinity, Fortitude Valley.



OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM,
MOUNT RUSSELL, (near Delungra, NSW)

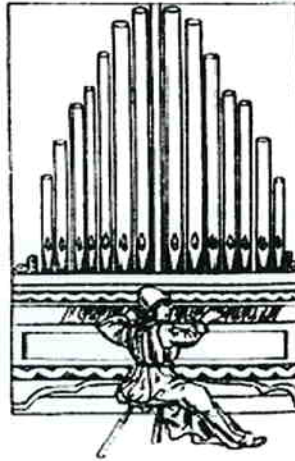
- weekend of 26/27 September,
an ecumenical pilgrimage, overnighting at Inverell. Transport and motel - \$150.00

Details from Peter Kent & Lorraine Hines.

AT THE PIPE ORGAN

a recital by Philip Gearing,
Organist of St Luke's,
Toowoomba, Lecturer
University of Southern
Queensland, and
consultant for the
restoration and rebuilding
of All Saints' pipe organ -

3.00pm Sunday,
27th September.



FOR YOUR DIARY:

ALL SAINTS' DAY, Parish Patronal Festival,
Sunday 1st November
Low Mass 7.00am, Solemn High Mass 9.30am

ALL SOULS' EVE and ALL SOULS' DAY,
1st & 2nd November
Hallowe'en, (Sunday) 6.30pm Requiem Mass,
preacher, Fr Craig Moody, Rector-elect, Holy Trinity, Dubbo. *
All Souls' Day (Monday) 12.15pm Requiem Mass
* this Requiem Mass will replace Evensong and Benediction.

ST ANDREW'S EVE Evensong and Benediction for
the City Churches of St Andrew, 6.30pm 29th November.

GOLDEN JUBILEE MASS for Fr Robert Long,
10.30am Saturday, 19th December.

Next Week's Readings / Holy Cross

Numbers 21:4-9
Psalm 22
Philippian 2:6-11
John 3:13-17

Offertory Receipts for last week \$

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SUNDAY SERVICES

7.30am Low Mass

9.30am SOLEMN HIGH MASS

6.30pm Evensong and Benediction 1st Sunday of the Month

- WEEKDAY MASSES -

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday - 12.15pm

Wednesday & Friday - 7.45am

Saturday - 9.00am Resumes in Advent

SOCIAL EVENTS: Champagne & Orange Juice is served after the 7.30am Mass, (in All Saints' forecourt under the Jacaranda) and **MORNING TEA & WINE** is served after **HIGH MASS** in the All Saints' Centre, with all profits going towards our missionary giving. Note that the "cost" of Morning Tea is a gold coin. Volunteers are needed to complete the Roster for morning tea following High Mass. Contact Bev Fellows if you can help, say, one Sunday per month.

BAPTISMS, MARRIAGES, & FUNERALS:

For details contact the Parish Office.

THE HEALING SACRAMENTS of Reconciliation, Anointing, and Holy Communion for the Sick are available at home, in church, or in hospital by appointment with the clergy.

ALL SAINTS' SINGERS sing at High Mass and Evensong on Sundays. New members are always welcome. For further information and auditions contact the Director of Music: Darryn Jensen on 3365 2218 or d.jensen@law.uq.edu.au

THE SOCIETY OF MARY meets for fellowship, teaching and to pray the Rosary after High Mass on the first Sunday of each month.

For details contact the clergy or Lorraine Hines (3208 4988)

"ALL SAINTS' CENTRE" is available for functions, seminars and conferences. Please call Tamyra on 0409 080 777 or email: tamyra@powerup.com.au

ALL SAINTS' WELFARE MINISTRY (including SOUP ON SUNDAY):

This enables parishioners and others to reach out to those in our part of the inner city needing pastoral care and other kinds of support. We support this outreach by providing cooked meals. Further information from the Parish Office.

PLANNED GIVING PROGRAMME: Sets of envelopes are available for any who would like to begin supporting All Saints' in this way (and we need the regular, sacrificial and generous support of all parishioners). Please contact Marica Cox on 0412 246 296

PARISH ROLL AND MAILING LIST: If you wish to be on the Parish Roll or to receive Parish information, please complete a form available at the back of the church and hand it to one of the clergy or Sides People or drop in the offertory plate.

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Hear, then, how she sings, she who leads our chorus. For she says, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; because He has regarded the lowliness of His handmaid; for, behold, henceforth all generations shall call me blessed; because He who is mighty has done great things for me." And so the miraculous new birth takes away the cause of our increasing burden of sin, and Mary's song puts an end to the weeping of Eve".

OUR LADY'S BIRTHDAY AND THE CHURCHES OF THE EAST

In the East, Mary's birthday is celebrated as one of the twelve great liturgies. The title for the liturgy in the East: "The Birth of Our Exalted Queen, the Birthgiver of God and Ever-Virgin Mary." Around 560, Romanos the Melodist wrote a Kontakion for the celebration. The oldest existing sermon for the liturgy was written by St. Andrew of Crete:

"The present feast forms a link between the New and the Old Testament. It shows that Truth succeeds symbols and figures and that the New Covenant replaces the Old. Hence, all creation sings with joy, exalts, and participates in the joy of this day . . . This is, in fact, the day on which the Creator of the world constructed His temple; today is the day on which by a stupendous project a creature becomes the preferred dwelling of the Creator."

The responsory for the liturgy proclaims:

"Your birth, Birthgiver of God, announced joy to the whole world. From you came the Sun of Justice, Christ our God. He released the curse and gave the blessing."

Finally, in "Byzantine Daily Worship" we read:

*Come, all you faithful,
let us hasten to the Virgin:
for long before her conception in the womb,
the one who was to be born of the stem of Jesse
was destined to be the Mother of God.*

*The one who is the treasury of virginity,
the flowering Rod of Aaron,
the object of the prophecies,
the child of Joachim and Anne, is born today
and the world is renewed in her.*

*Through her birth,
she floods the Church with her splendour.
O holy Temple, Vessel of the Godhead,
Model of virgins and Strength of kings:
in you the wondrous union
of the two natures of Christ was realized.*

*We worship Him
and glorify your most pure birth,
and we magnify you.*