

December 20th

Annunciation



What a wonder! God is come among men; He who cannot be contained is contained in a womb; the timeless enters time. A great mystery! His conception is without seed, his emptying past telling! So great is this mystery! For god empties himself, takes flesh and is fashioned as a creature, when the angel tells the pure virgin of her conception: “Rejoice, you who are full of grace; the Lord who has great mercy is with you!” (*Stichera of Annunciation*)

(Icon in the Coptic style by Yordanka Karalamova)