

Death thru Eve, life thru Mary...

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**"When the most holy Virgin was born,
the whole world was made radiant;
blessed is the branch and blessed is the stem
which bore such holy fruit."**

Today's Liturgy of the Hours, Antiphon 2



FEAST *of the* **NATIVITY**

of the **BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

September 8

**"This radiant and manifest coming of God to men
most certainly needed a joyful prelude
to introduce the great gift of salvation to us.**

The present festival, the birth of the Mother of God, is the prelude,
while the final act is the foreordained union of the Word with flesh.
Today the Virgin is born, tended and formed, and prepared for her role **as Mother of
God, who is the universal King of the ages."**

St Andrew of Crete, bishop - Oratio 1: pg 97



Raul Berzosa ~ Holy Mother

"Another woman is now given thee in place of the first, a prudent and humble Eve instead of the proud and foolish one, an Eve who shall offer thee, not the tree of death but the Bread of Life, and who shall yield thee, not the poisoned fruit of bitterness but the delicious fruit of immortality.

Change thou, therefore, the wicked words of self-excuse into the voice of praise and thanksgiving, and say to the Lord,

'The woman whom Thou gavest me, gave me of the tree of life and I did eat; and it has become in my mouth sweeter than honey, because in it Thou hast given me life.'

Behold here the purpose for which the Angel was sent from God to the Virgin. O Virgin, worthy of all admiration, deserving of all honour! O most wonderful of women and venerable over all."

St Bernard of Clairvaux

"Death through Eve, life through Mary." ~ *Saint Jerome*

"The day of the Nativity of the Mother of God is a day of universal joy, because through the Mother of God, the entire human race was renewed, and the sorrow of the first mother, Eve was transformed into joy." ~ *Saint John Damascene*



"We never give more honor to Jesus than when we honor His Mother, and we honor her simply and solely to honor Him all the more perfectly. We go to her only as **a way leading to the goal we seek - Jesus, her Son. ...** She is an **echo of God,** speaking and repeating only God.

If you say "Mary," she says "God."

St Louis Marie de Montfort, True Devotion to the Blessed Virgin, #94



"Today God welcomes on earth the holy throne
which He had prepared for Himself. He who
established the heavens in wisdom has
fashioned a living Heaven." - Byzantine Liturgy

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(song +images - lovely! - 2 mins)

[Click here: The Birth of Mary -](#)
[YouTube](#) (Commentary + images - 2 mins)

[Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary](#)

Mary, mother of the
Bread of Life,
pray for us!

