



Let us be “Enrolled” Today
as “Citizens” of Lowly Bethlehem

December 25, 2016 (Old Style)

“And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes, and laid Him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn” (St. Luke 2:7).



The Nativity in a manger signifies that Christ our Savior wishes to be reckoned among the poorest and humblest.

We will encounter Him amid the outcasts, the sick, the imprisoned, and the sinners.

A Christian prefers be poor together with Christ rather than rich without Him, and to dwell in a cave together with Him, alongside Mary the Theotokos and the Righteous Joseph, rather than in an inn, where there is no room for Them.

We must never forget that for those who love the Incarnate God, Who became Poor for our sakes, there is no “place” or “inn” in this world:

“The Son of Man hath not where to lay His head”
(St. Luke 9:58).

† Holy Nativity of Jesus Christ our Lord

The Least Minister of Christ’s Sheep, Girt with the Towel of Servitude

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