



**“...BLESSED ARE YOU
AMONG WOMEN!”**

Luke 1: 28



**ST. MARY IN
THE
CHURCH'S
BELIEF AND
PRAISES**



1. THE REASONABLE GATE

- “O the Reasonable gate of life”
The 3rd litany of the First Watch.
- Through her the Logos who gives life to the world came to us.
- She is the only Gate that God needed her permission to go through “Behold the maidservant of the Lord”



2. THE LADDER OF JACOB

“You are the ladder which Jacob saw. Set firmly on the earth, reaching to heaven”

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3. THE FIELD WHERE THE TREASURE IS

- “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and hid; and for joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field”

Matthew 13: 44

- “He (Joseph) found our Savior, Jesus in your womb, you gave birth to Him for the world, so He might save us”

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4. THE SWIFT CLOUD



- “Behold, the LORD rides on a swift cloud, and will come into Egypt” *Isaiah 19:1*
- “You are the light cloud, that had led us to, the rain of the coming, of the Only Begotten God” *Wednesday Theotokia*

5. THE RATIONAL PARADISE



For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive.
1 Corinthians 15:22



- “Hail to the rational Paradise of Christ who became the Second Adam, for the sake of Adam the first man”

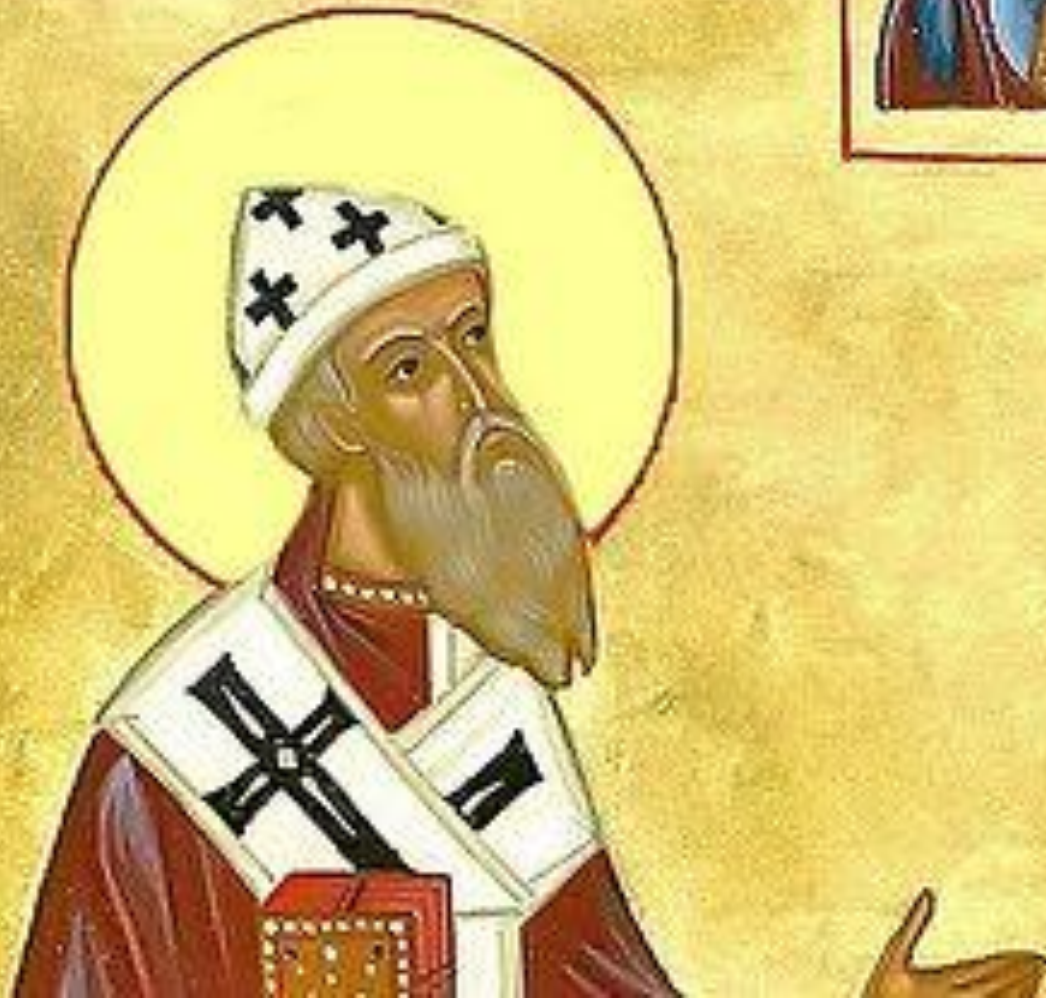
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6. THE UNITING PLACE

- “Hail to the Uniting Place, of the unparted natures that came together in one place, without ever mingling”

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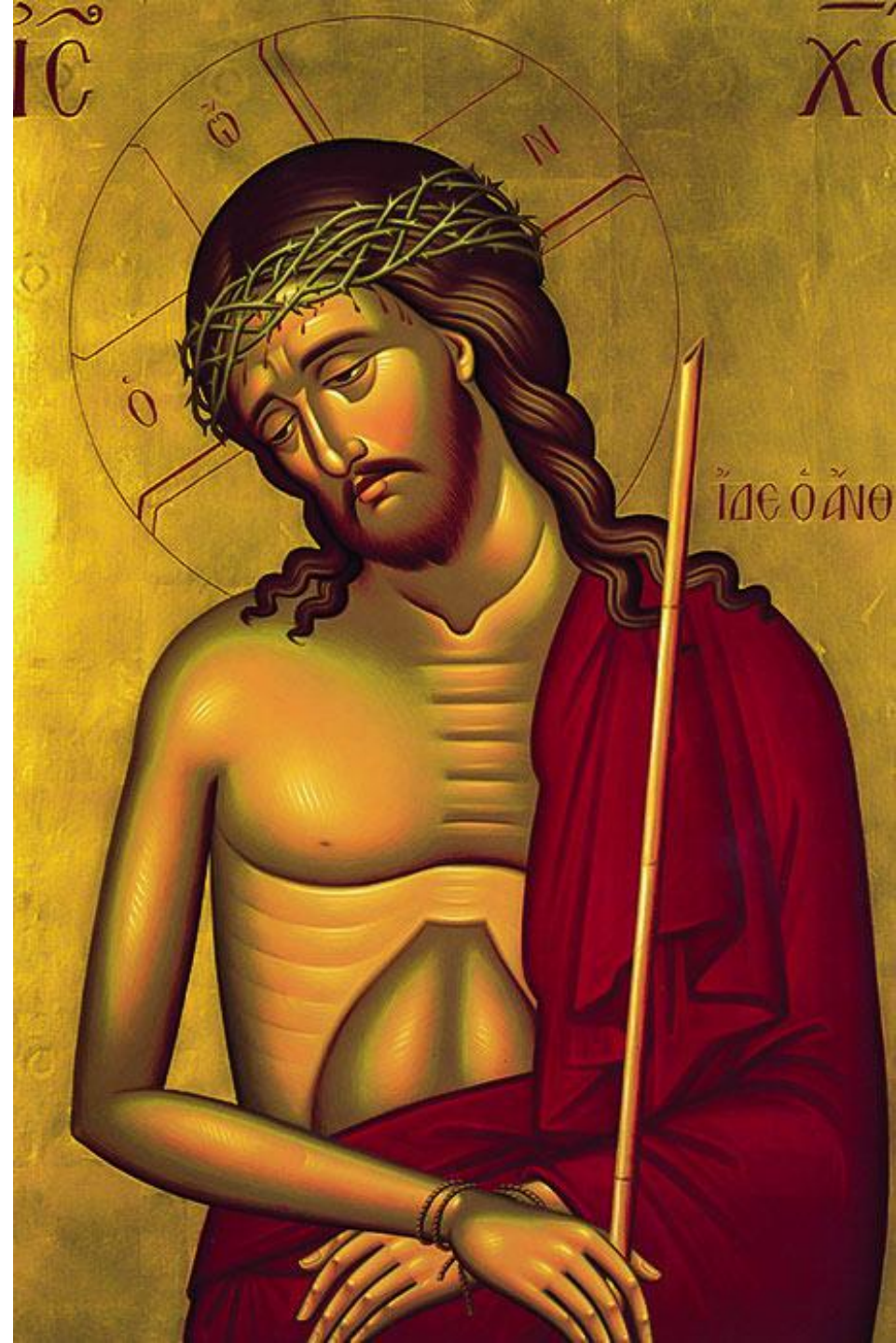
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7. THE BRIDAL CHAMBER

- “Hail to the bridal chamber, decorated in every way, for the True Bridegroom who united with humanity”

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8. THE RATIONAL BUSH

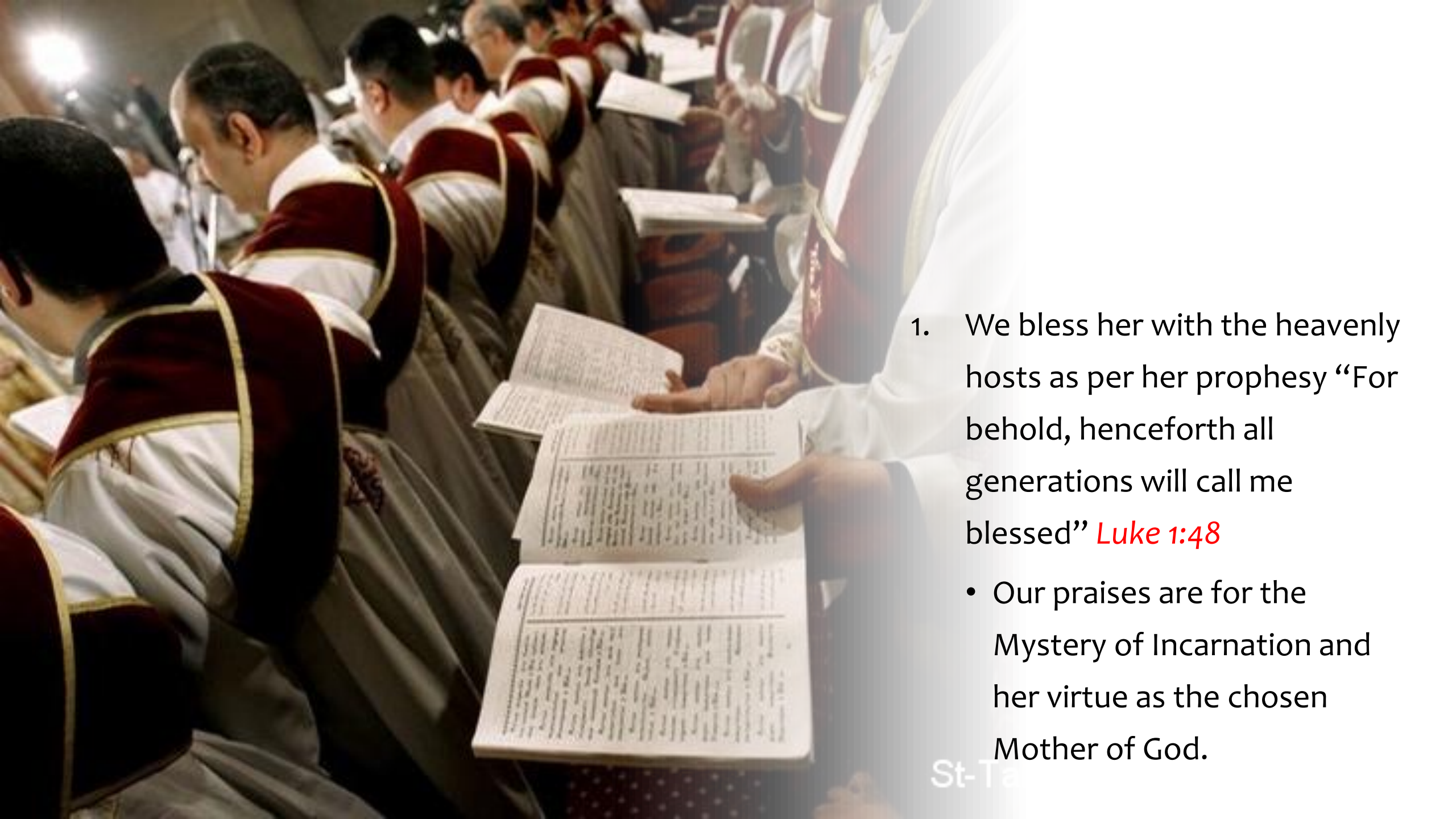
- “Hail to the rational bush, of the nature, which the fire of His divinity did not burn any of it”

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**OUR RELATIONSHIP
WITH THE HOLY
VIRGIN MARY**



1. We bless her with the heavenly hosts as per her prophecy “For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed” *Luke 1:48*
 - Our praises are for the Mystery of Incarnation and her virtue as the chosen Mother of God.



2. We ask for her prayers and intercessions before her Beloved Son.

- “...intercede for the peace of the world for you are our hope O Theotokos”

3rd Litany of the First Watch



3. We look up to her to learn from her example:
 - Her Humility –
Submission – Purity –
Silence – Service.