

From the Director

On the Incarnation

The very Son of God, older than the ages, the Invisible, the Incomprehensible, the Incorporeal, the Beginning of beginning, the Light of light, the Fountain of Life and Immortality, the Image of the Archetype, the immovable Seal, the perfect Likeness, the Definition and Word of the Father: He it is who comes to His own Image and takes our nature, for the *good* of our nature, and unites Himself to an intelligent soul, for the good of *my* soul, to purify like by like. He takes to Himself all that is human, except for sin. He was conceived by the Virgin Mary, who had first been prepared in soul and body, by the Spirit. His coming to birth had to be treated with honor, virginity had to receive *new* honor. He comes forth as God, in the human nature He has taken. One Being made of two

contrary elements, flesh and spirit. Spirit gave Divinity, and flesh received it. He who makes rich is made poor. He takes on the poverty of my flesh, that I may gain the riches of his divinity. He who is full is made empty. He is emptied, for a brief space of his glory, that I may share in his fullness. What is this wealth of goodness? What is this mystery that surrounds me? I received the likeness of God, but I failed to keep it. He takes on my flesh, to bring salvation to my image, immortality to my flesh. He enters into a second union with us, a union far more wonderful than even the first. Holiness had to be brought to man by the humanity assumed by the one who was God, so that God might overcome the tyrant, by force, and so deliver us and lead us back to himself through the mediation of his Son. The Son arranged this for the honor of the Father, to whom the Son is obedient in all

things. The Good Shepherd, who lays down his life for the sheep, came in search of the straying sheep to the mountains and hills on which you used to offer sacrifice. When he found it, he took it upon the shoulders that bore the wood of the cross, and led it back to the life of heaven. Christ, the Light of all lights, follows John, the lamp that goes before him. The Word of God follows the voice in the wilderness; the Bridegroom follows the bridegroom's friend, who prepares a worthy people for the Lord by cleansing them by water in preparation for the Spirit. We need God to take our flesh, to die, that we might live. We have died with him, so may we be purified. We have risen with him, because we have died with him. We have been glorified with him, because we have risen with him in glory.

by Saint Gregory Nazianen, Early Church Father



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and they shall be
created and Thou
shall renew the face
of the earth.
AMEN*

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