

THE INCARNATION

Gospel Side ~ First Window from the Altar

“For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.” Luke 2:11

“...when Jesus was born in Bethlehem...there came wise men from the East...saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jew, for we have seen his star in the East, and are come to worship him.” Matthew 2:1, 2

“Now when all the people were baptized, it came to pass, that Jesus also being baptized, and praying, the heaven was opened. And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased.” Luke 3: 21, 22

Symbols:

At the top of the window is the Nativity Star of Bethlehem. Below the Nativity Star is the Fleur-de-Lis of the Annunciation. The flower of the lily, the fleur-de-lis, against a blue background, is the symbol of the Virgin Mary, and the flower of her maidenhood.

Next is the Virgin and Christ Child. Note the seven stars in the Virgin’s halo representing the seven gifts of the Spirit. Three Crowns for Epiphany represent the manifestation of Jesus to the Gentiles, for the three kings from the East followed the star to Bethlehem.

Column, Scroll or Torah, Chi Rho, the Greek word for Christ, and the Star of David, represent Christ in the Temple. The white dove, an expression of innocence and purity, signifies the Holy Spirit, which descended from heaven after Jesus was baptized.

The flame - St. John said, “...I indeed baptize you with water, but one mightier than I cometh...he will baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire.”
Luke 3:16

St. John is shown baptizing Jesus in the Jordan River.

