Nativity of the Theotokos – September 8th

Woman: Well, Ann, the baby and I need to go finish our shopping.

Ann: Of course. Until next time, then.

Older Lady: Oh, Ann. You’re a godly woman. I want you to pray for my grandchildren, three of them with fevers and their mother too sick to do a thing for them.

Ann: I will pray.

Older Lady: Thank you, Ann. And maybe one day, God will give you and Joachim a baby to worry about, too.

Ann (sighing): Maybe. (In prayer): Lord God, please grant us a child. Goodness knows I ask you often enough. And if you give us a child, we will give the child to your service. I promise.

Narrator: God heard the prayers of Ann and Joachim. After years of infertility, she conceived in her womb and gave birth to a tiny girl baby.

Joachim: We will name her Mary! Our own baby girl! God has been so good to us!

Ann: But she does not belong to us, Joachim. She is set aside to serve God.

Joachim: And she will. But for the next few years at least, we will keep her with us and teach her to love God.

Ann: And when she is three, we will take her to the Temple in Jerusalem, and she will become a servant of God.

(Meanwhile, in Hades…)

Eve: It’s her!

Adam: Who is her?

Eve: The One! Her! The one that will fix our mistake!

Adam: You see her? Where?

Eve: Over there! Near the place where you died! See the bright light with that couple over there in the East? It’s her!

Adam: The Gate through which the King will enter the world.

Eve: Yes! And look at how God did it! A barren woman brings forth the Mother of God!

Adam: God likes a story with a twist!

Eve: I do, too! ‘Cause if SHE’s here, that means HE is coming soon to get us out of here!

Adam (shouting happily): She’s here! She’s here!

Eve: Maranatha! Come quickly!

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