

A decorative border of intricate floral and vine patterns in a light blue color surrounds the text. The border features various flowers, leaves, and scrolling vines, creating a classic, ornate frame.

Annunciation of Our Most Holy Lady Theotokos & Ever-Virgin Mary

Gospel according to Luke, Pericope 4.

In those days, Mary arose, and went into the hill country with haste, into a city of Judah; and entered into the house of Zachariah, and saluted Elisabeth. And it came to pass, that, when Elisabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elisabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit: and she spake out with a loud voice, and said, "Blessed art thou among women, and blessèd is the fruit of thy womb. And whence is this to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For, lo, as soon as the voice of thy salutation sounded in mine ears, the babe leaped in my womb for joy. And blessèd is she that believed: for there shall be a performance of those things which were told her from the Lord." And Mary said, "My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. For He hath regarded the low estate of His handmaiden: for, behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessèd. For He that is mighty hath done to me great things; and holy is His name." And Mary abode with her about three months, and returned to her own house.