**25 DECEMBER – NATIVITY OF THE LORD – SOLEMNITY [A]**

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**To enter the abyss of the mystery of the incarnation, we need to combine the revelation that the Holy Spirit has given us about the Word of life both through the means of the Apostle Paul and through the means of the Apostle John. The Apostle John says: “From his fullness we have all received, grace in place of grace, because while the law was given through Moses, grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.” It is truth. Here are the ways through which the grace comes to us given according to the revelation that the Holy Spirit gives the Apostle Paul: “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavens, as he chose us in him, before the foundation of the world, to be holy and without blemish before him. In love he destined us for adoption to himself through Jesus Christ, in accord with the favor of his will, for the praise of the glory of his grace that he granted us in the beloved. In him we have redemption by his blood, the forgiveness of transgressions, in accord with the riches of his grace that he lavished upon us. In all wisdom and insight, he has made known to us the mystery of his will in accord with his favor that he set forth in him as a plan for the fullness of times, to sum up all things in Christ, in heaven and on earth. In him we were also chosen, destined in accord with the purpose of the one who accomplishes all things according to the intention of his will, so that we might exist for the praise of his glory, we who first hoped in Christ. In him you also, who have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and have believed in him, were sealed with the promised holy Spirit, which is the first installment of our inheritance toward redemption as God's possession, to the praise of his glory. (Eph. 1,3-14).**

**“He delivered us from the power of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For in him were created all things in heaven and on earth, the visible and the invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers; all things were created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things he himself might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile all things for him, making peace by the blood of his cross (through him), whether those on earth or those in heaven.” (Col 1,13-20). Combining these two voices of the Holy Spirit come to us through the Apostle Paul and the other mighty voice come to us through the Apostle John, the mystery of Christ Jesus, that is mystery of eternity, of incarnation, of redemption, of salvation, of justification, of eternal life and in the truth that Christ Jesus is, receives its completeness.**

**Let us read the text of John 1,1-18**

**In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came to be through him, and without him nothing came to be. What came to be through him was life, and this life was the light of the human race; the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came to be through him, but the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, but his own people did not accept him. But to those who did accept him he gave power to become children of God, to those who believe in his name, who were born not by natural generation nor by human choice nor by a man's decision but of God. And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth. John testified to him and cried out, saying, "This was he of whom I said, 'The one who is coming after me ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.'" From his fullness we have all received, grace in place of grace, because while the law was given through Moses, grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. The only Son, God, who is at the Father's side, has revealed him.**

**Today this mystery revealed by the Holy Spirit both through the mouth of the Apostle Paul and through the mouth of the Apostle John is as if it were devoured by an exterminated army of locusts to its roots. These locusts are the members themselves of the body of Christ. If the mystery of Christ has been devoured, also the mystery of man has been devoured. Working to destroy every mystery surrounding eternity and time is sad for a body of Christ. This is the work of Satan, not of Christ. If it is not of Christ, it cannot be of the body of Christ. Everyone should ask himself: “Am I a locust devouring every mystery or am I a true messenger of Christ to rise and build up the hut of the mystery on earth?” May the Mother of God make every Christian enlivener of the destroyed mystery so far.**