Matthew 2:1-12
(The Epiphany) (NRSV)

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews?” For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.” When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: ‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.’” Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when...
the star had appeared. 8 Then he sent them to Beth-le-hem, say-ing, “Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him hom-age.” 9 When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its ris-ing, until it stopped over the place where the child was. 10 When they saw that the star had stopped, they were over-whelmed with joy. 11 On entering the house, they saw the child with Ma - ry his moth-er; and they knelt down and paid him hom-age. Then, o- pen-ing their trea-sure chests, they of - fered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. 12 And having been warned in a dream not to return to Her-
od, they left for their own coun-try by an-oth-er road.

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