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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.  

[In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered.  

This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria.  

All went to their own towns to be registered.  

Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David.  

He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child.  

While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child.  

And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.]  

In that region there were
shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. 9 Then an angel of the
Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone a-round them, and they were ter-ri-
ified. 10 But the angel said to them, “Do not be a-fraid; for see—I am bringing you good news
of great joy for all the peo-ple: 11 to you is born this day in the ci-ty of Da-vid a Sav-ior, who
is the Messiah, the Lord. 12 This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands
of cloth and lying in a man-ger.” 13 And suddenly there was with the an-gel a mul-
ti-tude of
the heav’n-ly host, praising God and saying, 14 “Glory to God in the high-est heav-en, and on
earth peace among those whom he fa-vors!” 15 When the angels had left them and gone into
heav-en, the shep-herds said to one an-oth-er, “Let us go now to Bethle-hem and see this
thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” 16 So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. 17 When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; 18 and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. 19 But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. 20 The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.