



Excerpt from *Christ Our Pascha*

c. *The Promise of the Messiah's Coming*

God's promised is fulfilled in Jesus Christ through the Virgin Mary: "The angel Gabriel was sent from God...to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary" (*Lk 1:26-27, rsv-ce*). It is precisely to Mary that the archangel addresses the same words of Isaiah's prophecy: "Behold you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus" (*Lk 1:30, rsv-ce*). In the name Jesus (from the Hebrew, meaning God saves), the fulness of the meaning of the name Emmanuel – God is with us – is revealed. (#163)