

## Nativity of the Theotokos



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# The Children's Word

"Let the little children come to me, and do not forbid them, for to such is the Kingdom of Heaven." Mark 10:14

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## A new creation

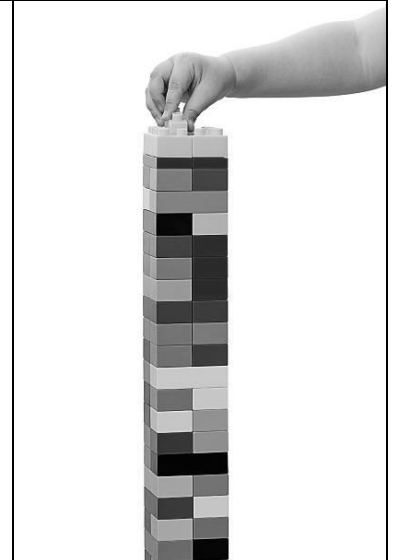
**Imagine making a tower out of blocks** or Legos. Let's say you are really proud of it, but somebody comes and knocks it all down. Imagine now making a new tower, taller, bigger, stronger, and even better! It's a new, better creation.

Before Jesus came, humans—God's creation—were knocked down by sin. That's what sin does to all of us people. When we sin, or do the wrong thing, we are knocked down! We might not even want to get up. We might not even want to change and do the right thing again!

But in today's epistle reading, Saint Paul writes about what God does for us. Saint Paul writes about how our Lord, Jesus Christ makes *us* into a new creation with His death on the cross. We are God's new creation, and Christ has saved us! He has built us new, taller, bigger, stronger, and even better by our faith in Christ. Christ is the master builder!

When we become Christians, we become part of Christ. We become a new creation, something different. We are something better than we were before. God rebuilds us. He makes us His new creation!

Let's thank God for lifting us up and making us even better.



## WORD SEARCH

Can you find these words in the jumble?

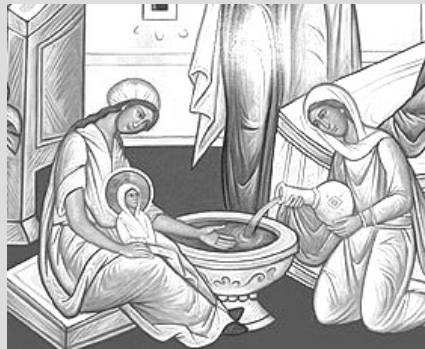
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Theotokos

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## WHAT'S IN THE ICON?

Here is a close-up part of the icon of baby Mary's birth. Do you see the servant women cleaning the baby and giving her a bath?

If you look in a Christmas icon, you can find baby Jesus being bathed too!



## ANOTHER NATIVITY THE BIRTH OF THE THEOTOKOS

### Do you celebrate your birthday?

Does your family celebrate your birthday too? Your parents or grandparents are probably especially happy on your birthday, because they remember you as a little baby. They remember how you could grow up to be someone really special.

In our Church tomorrow, we celebrate a very special birthday. It is the day Mary, the Holy Theotokos, was born. Her parents *knew* that she would grow up to be someone really special, because her birth was really a miracle in the first place! Her parents, Saints Joachim and Anna, were very old, and they didn't think they could have any children. With the new little baby, Mary, they knew that she was special to God.

In our Church calendar, we celebrate a few birthdays. Can you think of another? Well, Christmas, of course! Mary knew that her son would be a special person too. We also remember the birthday of Saint John the Baptist too. His parents knew he would be special.

Birthdays are fun to celebrate, but we can also use them as a time to thank God for what He has given us. We can ask God to help us use our lives in the way He wants us to....just like baby Mary grew up and did what God wanted *her* to do!

We celebrate this feastday tomorrow, September 8th (OC: September 21st).

