



**COPTIC ORTHODOX CHURCH OF ALEXANDRIA
DIOCESE OF OHIO, MICHIGAN & INDIANA**

The diocese Nativity message

Are we ready?

***Amos 4:12 prepare to meet your God.**

*Zacharias and Elizabeth, how you were ready when God decided to Grant you John the Baptist, (**they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinance of the Lord BLAMELESS**). Luke 1:6.

***Saint Mary**, how you were always ready, living the life of prayers & submission to the Lord, you deserved the great honour of the archangel visit and greeted you saying (**Blessed are you among women**)

Luke 1:28. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a son, and shall call His name JESUS. Luke 1:31.

***My Fathers the shepherds**, living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night Luke 2:8. Because you were always ready and serious you received the great honour to be first to know the direction, the place of the manger, to meet the holy family and see Lamb of God all generations have been waiting to see.

***The wise men**, how you used all your wisdom, energy, time and knowledge to search for the true light, to meet the King of kings, to worship Him , because being ready, you found Him, and opened your treasures, and presented gifts to Him. Matthew 2:11.

*How about us God, we want to be ready like all of them. After this fasting and life through Your mercy and love O Lord,

Make our hearts to be ready to enjoy and praise with angels saying: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men. Luke 2:14.

Dear fathers, sons and daughters of the diocese of Ohio, Michigan and Indiana, always in my prayers and wishing all a peaceful happy feast of Nativity.

Remember me in your prayers.

Bishop
Saraphim