Christmas

The Birth of the Inner Savior

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Christ Mass
Χριστός Khrestos: The Anointed One
For our God is a consuming fire.
—Hebrew 12:29
Though Christ a thousand times in Bethlehem be born
And not within thyself, thy soul will be forlorn.
The Cross on Golgotha thou lookest to in vain
Unless within thyself it be set up again.

—Angelus Silesius
People can never conceive of the Intimate Christ in the heart of the human being. The masses only worship the statue of Christ, that is all.

December 25\textsuperscript{th}: The Winter Solstice
A Virgin Birth: Joseph and Mary

Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

—John 3:5-6
The Christ Child in the Manger
The Three Magi
The Christmas Tree

...the angel of the יהוה appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up.

—Exodus 3:2
St. Nicholas

- Patron saint of sailors, merchants, archers, repentant thieves, children, brewers, pawnbrokers, unmarried people, and students in diverse cities and European countries.
- Reputed for secret gift-giving.
The Aurora Borealis or Northern Lights
Santa, Gift-giving, and the Chimney
Nine Reindeer?
Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner, Blitzen, and Rudolph
Mistletoe and the Tree of Knowledge

• Frigg, the Norse Divine Mother, lost her son Baldur, the Nordic Christ, to an arrow made of mistletoe.
• She therefore vowed that Mistletoe would kiss anyone beneath it so long as it was never used as a weapon.
Selfless Service and Sacrifice
How to Celebrate Christmas

Spiritual Strength from Blessed Food and Drink
Meditation on the Nature of Christ
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