



A Nativity gift *What is it and to whom?*

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In the book of St. Mathew Ch.2 we read about the birth of our God and Savior Jesus Christ, the visit of the three wise men and their gifts.

“And when they had come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary His mother and fell down and worshipped Him and when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: Gold, Frankincense, and Myrrh.”

We've learned from the holy fathers and their writings that these three gifts represented certain aspects of our Lord Jesus Christ and His life.

Gold represents the majesty of Christ and Him being the king over His creation.

Frankincense refers to the high ranking of our Lord Jesus Christ as Him being the High Priest of us all. Finally,

Myrrh is the gift that symbolizes the sufferings and pains of our Savior throughout His life on earth to redeem us.

Just as the three wise men presented precious gifts to the new born child and our Savior Jesus Christ, let's think of something valuable we can offer to someone on the feast of the Nativity.

To whom: to our Lord Jesus Christ from all the youth and the new generation who are about to



experience the world around them

What gift: the gifts of Gold, Frankincense, and Myrrh.

Gold: as a symbol of our purity. Purity of thoughts, body and emotions

Frankincense: as a symbol of our readiness to serve Him, our true spiritual prayers & praises and our life long commitment to our faith through the church sacramental life.

Myrrh: as a symbol of bearing our cross throughout our life facing and overcoming all the trials and the temptations of the devil.

May our Lord accepts our gifts and help us in fulfilling our commitment to Him.
Happy Nativity feast