

Poem 2:

Gabriel met with Mary, greeted her, and revealed the mystery, as he had been commanded by God in the heavens above.

He bowed to the Virgin, the Mother of the King, and He spoke with her saying:

“Peace be with you, full of divine splendor! Peace to you Mary, Mother of the Sun of Justice! “Peace be upon you, castle of holy things and full of virtues, harbor of mysteries and new ship full of riches.

“Blessed of women, peace be with you! Our Lord is with you; you have conceived and in your virginity you will bear a son.”

Mary listened, and wonder seized her at the words of the angel; the message was in her ears, and great trembling within her mind:

“My Lord, I am a virgin and how is it that you speak to me of conception? Your words are new, speak, explain what you are saying!

“Who has ever sought a harvest from the land without sowing it? Who has ever sought grapes on the vine without cultivating it?

“From a virgin who would expect birth without marital union? Tell your tale which is confusing and concealed from the intellect.

“How will what you say come to pass, as you say it? Either explain it to me or it will not be easy for me to consent.”

The angel said: “The Holy Spirit will come to you; descending He dwells and sanctifies you in your virginity.

“He loosens from you the curse of Eve and blesses you; the Power of the hidden Father comes and in you will be clothed with a body.

“You are going to bear a Baby whose Kingdom will have no end; because He is a great King, the Son of the unsearchable God.”