



## The Period of the Nativity Fast Has Begun

November 15 – December 24, 2021

"Thou who heldest in thy womb God, Whom nothing can contain, and didst bring forth joy for the world entire, we extol thee, O All-Holy Virgin."



November 15, 2021 (Old Style)] † Holy Martyrs Gurias, Samonas, and Habib The Least Minister of Christ's Sheep, Girt with the Towel of Servitude † Metropolitan Cyprian of Oropos and Phyle

## Bridge and Ladder

Our winter journey to Bethlehem has begun... So as to encounter Her. the Immaculate Mother of God... She became the Heavenly Ladder "whereby God came down." She became the Bridge, "leading those from earth to Heaven." Let us purify ourselves, that we may receive and worship our Savior in the embrace of His Mother. And, through Her, may we traverse the turbulent flood of futility and ascend to that which abides forever, in the Uncreated Light of the Holy Trinity.



