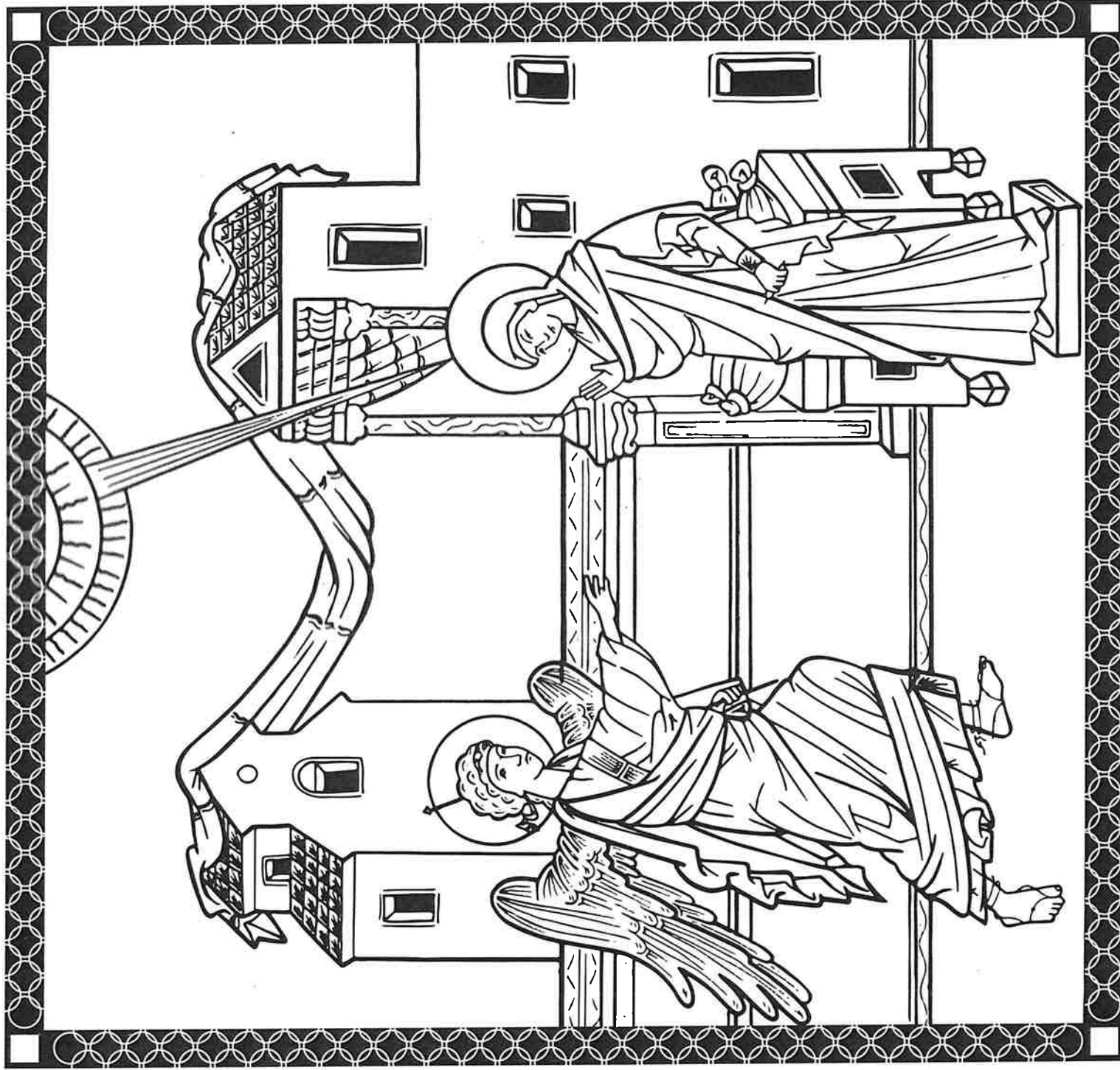




Feast of the Annunciation

The Nativity of Christ, like the birth of any child, actually starts about nine months earlier when a mother discovers she is carrying a child. Jesus' earthly story begins when Archangel Gabriel visits the Virgin Mary with

news that she is to be the Mother of God. Recognizing the miraculous power of God at work, Mary humbly replies, "Be it done to me according to Thy word."

See Saint Luke 1:26-56