A quilt with a central star pattern made of colorful triangles (blue, green, pink, brown) and a red star in the center. The quilt is surrounded by a wide border with floral and vine patterns. There are also floral motifs scattered throughout the quilt's background.

Epiphany of the Lord

Year C

Isaiah 60:1-6
Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14
Ephesians 3:1-12
Matthew 2:1-12

Arise, shine; for your light has come ...
Nations shall come to your light, and
kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Isaiah 60:1a, 3

Star of Bethlehem
Quilt

c. 1835
Metropolitan
Museum of Art
New York, NY



In the time of King Herod, after
Jesus was born in Bethlehem of
Judea, wise men from the East
came to Jerusalem,

Matthew 2:1



Journey of the Magi -- James Tissot, Minneapolis Institute of Art, Minneapolis, MN

asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage."

Matthew 2:2

Three Kings

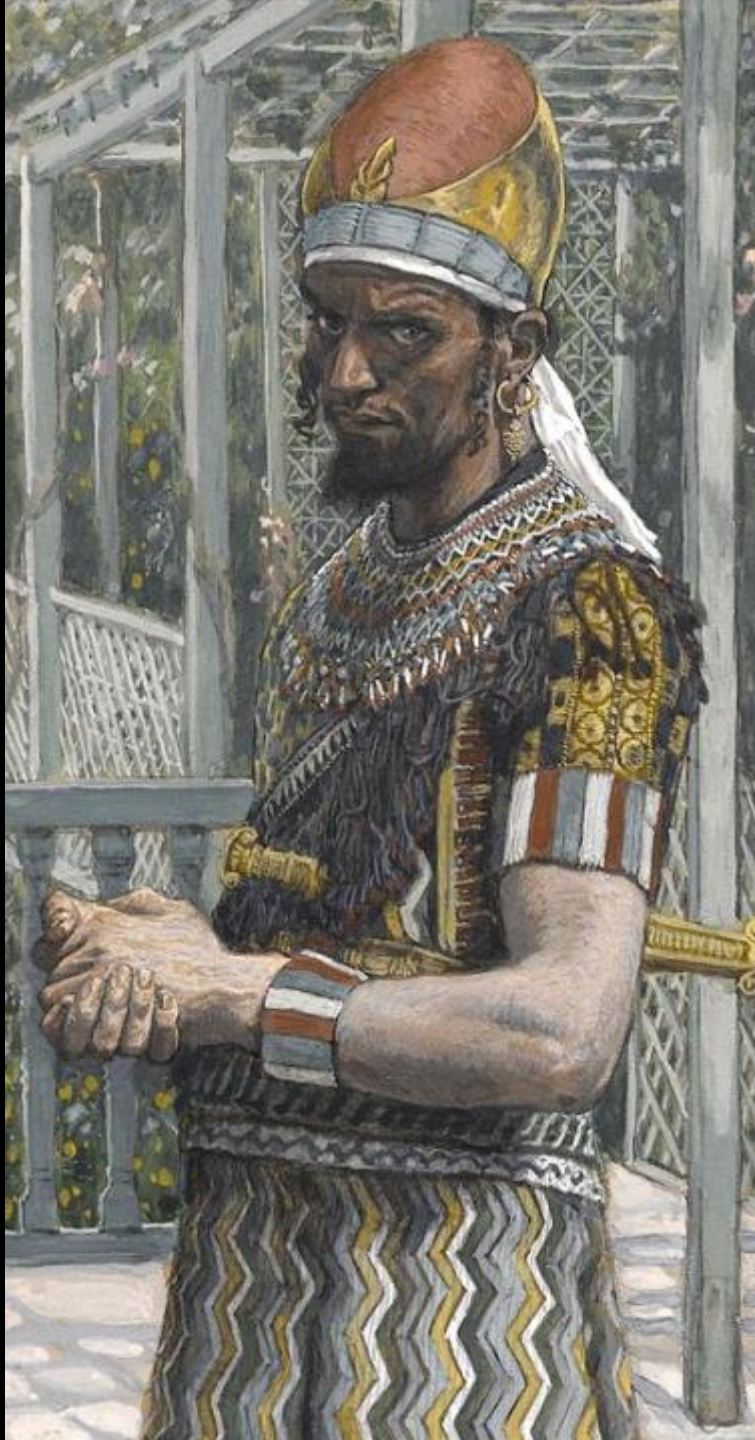
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Three Kings

When King Herod heard this, he was
frightened ... and calling together all
the chief priests and scribes ...

Matthew 2:3a, 4a



Herod

James Tissot
Brooklyn Museum
New York, NY

... he inquired of them where the
Messiah was to be born. They told
him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so
it has been written by the prophet:

Matthew 2:4b, 5



Figure of the Tres Reyes Magos
Maracaibo, Venezuela

'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'"

Matthew 2:6



Christ Child as Good
Shepherd

Goa, India
Walters Art Museum
Baltimore, MD

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared.

Matthew 2:7



Herod Speaks with the Magi -- Mosaic, Santa Maria Maggiore, Rome, Italy

Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage."

Matthew 2:8



Herod with the Three Kings -- Church of Saint-Gonery, Plougrescant, France

When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was.

Matthew 2:9



Rising Star, Milky Way -- John Fowler, Placitas, New Mexico

When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy.

Matthew 2:10



Nativity

Patrick Pollen
St. Michael's Church,
Ballinasloe, Ireland

On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage.

Matthew 2:11a

The Magi and the
Christ Child

Peter Paul Reubens
Royal Museums of Fine
Arts of Belgium
Brussels, Belgium



Then, opening their treasure chests,
they offered him gifts of gold,
frankincense, and myrrh.

Matthew 2:12



Adoration of the
Magi

Master Francke
Kunsthalle Hamburg
Hamburg, Germany

And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Matthew 2:12

The Magi Warned in a
Dream

Amiens Cathedral
Amiens, France



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