

The Visitation as seen at Chartres Cathedral



Visitation, Life of Christ Window

In those days
Mary set out
and went with
haste
to a Judean
town
in the hill
country,
where she
entered
the house of
Zechariah and
greeted
Elizabeth.



The Visitation: West Wall,
Mary Tympanum (South), Chartres Cathedral



When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord." The Visitation: Outer Choir Sculptures, Chartres Cathedral

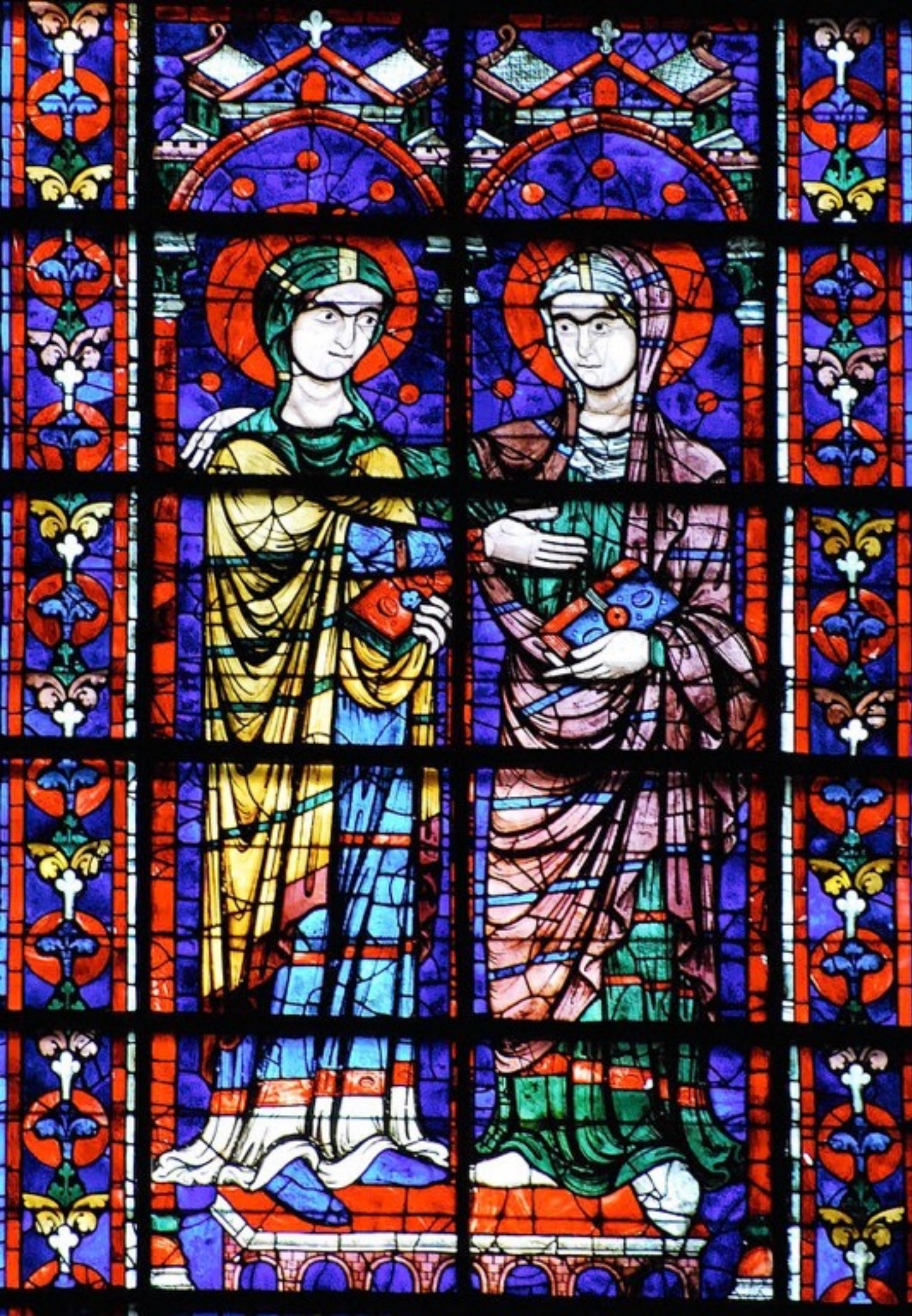


And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. The Visitation: South Ambulatory, Life of Mary Window, Chartres Cathedral



The Visitation: North Porch, East Bay, Chartres Cathedral

God's mercy is for those who fear God from generation to generation.
God has shown strength with God's arm;
God has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.
God has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up
the lowly;
God has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away
empty.



He has helped
his servant Israel,
in remembrance
of his mercy,
according to the promise
he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and
to his descendants
forever.”

The Visitation: Upper East Central Window,
Chartres Cathedral



And Mary
remained
with her
about
three months
and then
returned
to her home.

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