

JOHN PAUL II

ANGELUS

*Thursday, 6 January 2000
Solemnity of the Epiphany*

“My thoughts now turn to the Christian East, where my brothers in faith, the Patriarchs of the Orthodox Churches, live and proclaim the Gospel: in Constantinople, Antioch, Jerusalem, Moscow, Romania, Georgia and every other land where these Churches sing the praises of the Word of God made man. I would like to name them one by one, while expressing the ardent hope that the light of Christ, whose birth they are celebrating at this time, will give them in abundance all that can strengthen the proclamation of the one Gospel of salvation.”

(Pope John Paul II’s words during the Angelus mid-day prayer on Thursday, 6 January 2000, Solemnity of the Epiphany)