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NOTE

The first performances of *The Blessed Birthday* and *Santa Conversazione* were given in 1919, at the Bennett School, Millbrook, New York, with Edith Wynne Matthison as the American Soldier in *Santa Conversazione*, and Charles Rann Kennedy as the Spirit of Tolstoi. *The Blessed Birthday* was first published by Messrs. E. P. Dutton & Company, New York, and Messrs. J. M. Dent & Sons, London, in 1917. *Thy Kingdom Come* is included in the Cycle by the courtesy of *The Atlantic Monthly*.

I

THE BLESSED BIRTHDAY

A CHRISTMAS MIRACLE PLAY

What gift shall we bring to thee,
O Christ, since thou as Man on earth
hast shewn thyself for us, since every
creature made by thee brings to thee
its thanksgiving? The angels bring
their song, the Heavens bring their
star, the Magi bring their gifts, the
shepherds bring their awe, earth gives
a cave, the wilderness a manger: and
we the Virgin Mother bring. God be-
fore all worlds, have mercy upon us!
Amen.

*First Vespers of Christmas
in the Greek Church.*

THE PEOPLE IN THE PLAY

THE ANGELS:

The Angel of the Annunciation
The Angel of the Nativity
The Angel of the Resurrection

THE HOLY FAMILY:

Joseph
Mary
Jesus

THE CHILDREN:

John the Baptist
Abner
Hezekiah
Tobias
Eli
Ruth
Miriam
Leah