

Joy in the Visitation

Elizabeth Euphrainō

- Joy awakened by God
- Spirit-given understanding
- Her heart is “**gladdened**” as she understands divine truth
- She blesses both Mary and the Child



John — Agalliasis

- Overwhelming, Spirit-driven **exultation**
- “**Leaping**” joy that recognizes the Messiah
- Ecstatic worship

Mary

Khairō → Agalliaō

- Begins with **khairō**: a joyful **greeting**, human warmth, charity
- Climaxes in **agalliaō** in the Magnificat: “My spirit **exults** in God my Savior.”
- Mary contains both natural joy and supernatural exultation
- She expresses joyful discipleship and proclamation

Luke 1:39–56 This section includes:

- Mary traveling in haste to the hill country of Judea
- Mary greeting Elizabeth
- John the Baptist leaping for joy in Elizabeth’s womb
- Elizabeth filled with the Holy Spirit and proclaiming Mary “*the mother of my Lord*”
- Mary’s Magnificat (“My soul magnifies the Lord...”)

Why this matters theologically:

- Joy increases as Christ draws nearer. John (closest to Christ) experiences the deepest joy.
- Joy spreads outward like a ripple: Christ → John → Elizabeth → Mary (and Mary echoes it back in the Magnificat)