

**Orthodox Christian Community
of St. Constantine the Great, York**

**Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese
of the British Isles and Ireland
Greek Orthodox Patriarchate of Antioch and all the East**

Calendar for January 2021





FROM THE FATHERS

“O CHRIST, our Master, how shall we, Your servants, give You worthy honour? For you have renewed us all in the waters. You, O our Saviour, were baptized in Jordan, and have sanctified the waters: accepting a servant’s hand upon Your head; You heal the passions of the world. Great is the mystery of Your dispensation: O Lord who love mankind, glory to You!”

St. Germanus of Constantinople + AD 740

“WHEN we are baptized, we are enlightened. Being enlightened, we are adopted as sons. Adopted as sons, we are made perfect. Made perfect, we become immortal . . . ‘and sons of the Most High’ [Ps. 82:6]. This work is variously called grace, illumination, perfection, and washing. It is a washing by which we are cleansed of sins, a gift of grace by which the punishments due our sins are remitted, an illumination by which we behold that holy light of salvation”.

St. Clement of Alexandria + AD 215

Of what use is it to weigh down Christ’s table with golden cups, when he himself is dying of hunger? First, fill him when he is hungry; then use the means you have left to adorn his table. Will you have a golden cup made but not give a cup of water? What is the use of providing the table with cloths woven of gold thread, and not providing Christ himself with the clothes he needs? What profit is there in that?... Once again, I am not forbidding you to supply these adornments; I am urging you to provide these other things as well, and indeed to provide them first. No one has ever been accused for not providing ornaments, but for those who neglect their neighbour a hell awaits with an inextinguishable fire and torment in the company of the demons. Do not, therefore, adorn the church and ignore your afflicted brother, for he is the most precious temple of all.

St. John Chrysostom + AD 407

Fasting Guidelines:

On days designated *strict fast* we abstain from dairy products, meat, fish, oil and wine. Some seafoods, e.g. squid, crab, roe and prawn, are permitted.

Readings in bold type are those appointed by the Typikon for use at the Liturgy

Friday 1st January 2021

Liturgy of St. Basil

The Circumcision of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, St. Basil the Great, Archbishop of Caesarea in Cappadocia (379)

St. Gregory, bishop of Nazianzus, father of St. Gregory the Theologian (4th C). St. Emelia, mother of SS Macrina, Basil the Great and Gregory of Nyssa (375). Holy martyr Basil of Ancyra (362).

New martyr Peter of The Peloponnese. Holy martyr Theodotos. St. Theodosius of Tryglia, abbot.

St. Almachius (391). St. Fulgentius, bishop of Ruspe in North Africa (533)

British Isles and Ireland: St. Maelrhys of the Isle of Bardsey (6th C). SS Elvan and Mydwyn, missionaries of Britain (2nd C). St. Beoc, abbot of Lough Derg (5th C). St. Connat, abbess of Kildare (590). St. Cuan (6th C). St. Fanchea, abbess of Rossory (585). St. Ernan mac Eoghan (c.640).

Readings: Hebrews 11:8-16; Mark 12:1-12

For the Commemoration: **Colossians 2:8-12; Luke 2:20-21, 40-52**

Saturday 2nd January 2021

Saturday before the Theophany of Our Lord

Forefeast of The Theophany

St. Sylvester, pope of Rome (335). St. Cosmas of Constantinople (1081). Repose (1833) and Second Uncovering of the Relics (1991) of St. Seraphim, Wonderworker of Sarov. Righteous Juliana of Lazarevsk (1604). St. Theodata, mother of the first SS Cosmas and Damian (3rd C). Hieromartyr Theogenes, bishop of Parium on the Hellespont (c.320). New Martyr George the Georgian (1770)

British Isles and Ireland: St. Seiriol of Wales (6th C).

Readings: **1 Timothy 3:13-4:5; Matthew 3:1-6**

Sunday 3rd January 2021

Tone 5 : Eothinon 8

Sunday before the Theophany of Our Lord

Forefeast of The Theophany

Righteous Prophet Malachi (400 BC). Holy Martyr Gordius at Caesarea in Cappadocia (314). St. Geneviève of Paris (502). St. Peter of Atroa (837). St. Thomais of Lesbos (10th C). Finding of the relics of New Monk-Martyr Ephraim of Nea Makri, in 1950

British Isles and Ireland: St. Hywyn, companion of St. Cadfan in Cornwall. (6th C). St. Finlugh (Finlag) (6th C). St. Fintan (6th C). SS Fugatius and Damian (2nd C). St. Wenog.

Readings: **2 Timothy 4:5-8; Mark 1:1-8**

Monday 4th January 2021

Forefeast of The Theophany

Synaxis of the Seventy Apostles. Holy martyrs abbot Euthymius and twelve monks of Vatopedi Monastery (1276). St. Euthymius the New of Thessalonica, monk (886). St. Theoctistus, abbot of Cuocomo in Sicily (800). New Martyr Onuphrius Manassias the deacon of Chilandar Monastery, Mt. Athos (1818). Repose of St. Eustathius I, archbishop of Serbia (c.1285). Holy martyrs Zosimas the Hermit, and Athanasius the Commentarisius, anchorites of Cilicia (4th C). Holy martyrs Chrysantha and Euphemia.

Readings: **Hebrews 11:17-31; Mark 12:13-17**

Tuesday 5th January 2021

Fast day: strict fast

Liturgy of St. Basil

Eve of the Theophany of Our Lord

Forefeast of The Theophany

Hieromartyr Theopemptus, bishop of Nicomedia, and Martyr Theonas (303). St. Syncletica of Alexandria (350). Righteous Prophet Micah (800 BC). Virgin Apollinaria of Egypt (470). SS Phosterius the Hermit and Menas of Sinai (6th C). St. Gregory of Crete, monk (820). New Monk-martyr Romanus of Carpenision, who suffered at Constantinople (1694)

British Isles and Ireland: St. Ruman of Ireland (5th C). St. Cera, abbess (7th C). St. Kiara (Chier) (c.680).

Readings: **1 Corinthians 9:19-27; Luke 3:1-18**

Wednesday 6th January 2021

The Theophany of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ

Venerable Makarios Makris of Vatopedi Monastery on Mt. Athos and Pantocratoros Monastery in Constantinople. New Hieromartyr Romanus of Lacedaemonia (1695)

British Isles and Ireland: St. Edeyrn (6th C). St. Eigrad (6th C). St. Merryn (6th C). St. Diman (658). St. Schotin (6th C). St. Peter, abbot of Canterbury (c.607).

Readings: 1 Corinthians 9:19-27; Luke 3:1-18

For the Commemoration: **Titus 2:11-14,3:4-7; Matthew 3:13-17**

Thursday 7th January 2021

Synaxis of the Holy Glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John

Afterfeast of The Theophany

New Martyr Athanasius of Attalia and Smyrna (1700)

British Isles and Ireland: St. Brannock of Braunton (6th C). St. Cedd of Lastingham, bishop of the East Saxons (664). St. Cronan Beg, bishop of Aendrum (7th C). St. Kentigerna, mother of St. Foellan (734).

Readings: James 1:19-27; Mark 12:38-44

For the Commemoration: **Acts 19:1-8; John 1:29-34**

Friday 8th January 2021

Fast day: strict fast

Afterfeast of The Theophany

St. George the Chozebite, abbot (7th C). Righteous Prophet Shemaiah (10th C. BC). St. Domnica of Constantinople (c.474). SS Atticus (425) and Cyrus (714), patriarchs of Constantinople. Venerable Gregory, Wonderworker of the Kievan Caves (1093). St. Agatho of Egypt, monk (4th C). St. Emilian the Confessor, bishop of Cyzicus (9th C). Holy martyr Abo the Perfumer of Baghdad, who suffered at Tbilisi, Georgia (786). New-Martyr Kyran. Holy martyr Theophilus the deacon, and Helladius, of Libya (4th C)

British Isles and Ireland: St. Ergnad of Ulster (5th C). St. Albert of Cashel (7th C). St. Pega, anchoress in Northamptonshire (c.719). St. Athelhelm, 20th archbishop of Canterbury (923). St. Wulsin, bishop of Sherborne (1002).

Readings: **James 2:1-13; Mark 13:1-8**

Saturday 9th January 2021

Saturday after the Theophany of Our Lord

Afterfeast of The Theophany

Holy martyr Polyeuctus of Melitene in Armenia (259). Hieromartyr Philip, metropolitan of Moscow and All Russia (1569). St. Peter, bishop of Sebaste in Armenia (4th C). St. Eustratius the Wonderworker (9th C). New Martyr Parthena of Edessa in Macedonia (1375)

British Isles and Ireland: St. Adrian of Canterbury, abbot and scholar (710). St. Berhtwald, 8th archbishop of Canterbury (731). St. Foellan of Strathfillan (8th C).

Readings: **Ephesians 6:10-17; Matthew 4:1-11**

Sunday 10th January 2021

Tone 6 : Eothinon 9

Sunday after the Theophany of Our Lord

Afterfeast of The Theophany

St. Gregory, bishop of Nyssa (395). St. Theophan the Recluse (1894). Blessed Theosebia the deaconess, wife of St. Gregory of Nyssa (385). St. Marcian, presbyter, of Constantinople (5th C). St. Dometian, bishop of Melitene (601)

British Isles and Ireland: St. Diarmaid, abbot of Innis-Clotran (6th C). St. Thomian, Archbishop of Armagh (c.660). St. Sethrid of East Anglia, abbess in France (7th C).

Readings: **Ephesians 4:7-13; Matthew 4:12-17**

Monday 11th January 2021

St. Theodosius the Great, the Cænobiarch of Palestine (529)

Afterfeast of The Theophany

St. Vitalis of the monastery of Abba Serid at Gaza (620). St. Theodosius of Antioch (c.412).

Venerable Theodosios of Philotheou Monastery. St. Michael of Klops Monastery, Fool-for-Christ (ca 1453). SS Theodore and Agapius of Apamea in Syria (306)

British Isles and Ireland: SS Eithne and Fidelma, daughters of King Laoghaire (433). St. Beandan, abbot (5th C).

Readings: James 2:14-26; Matthew 23:13-22

For the Commemoration: **Hebrews 13:7-16; Matthew 11:27-30**

Tuesday 12th January 2021

Afterfeast of The Theophany

Holy martyr Tatiana of Rome and those who suffered with her (3rd C). Holy martyr Mertius of Mauretania (c.305). Virgin-martyr Euthasia. Martyr Philotheus of Antioch (c.305)

British Isles and Ireland: St. Benedict Biscop, 1st abbot of Wearmouth, scholar (690).

Readings: **James 3:1-10; Matthew 23:23-28**

Wednesday 13th January 2021

Fast day: strict fast

Afterfeast of The Theophany

Holy martyrs Hermylus and Stratonicus of Belgrade (315). St. James, bishop of Nisibis (350). St. Hilary, bishop of Poitiers (369). St. Maximus the Righteous of Kapsokalyvia Skete (1364). St.

Eleazar of Anzersk Island at Solovki (1656). Holy martyrs Pachomios and Papyrinos of Greece

British Isles and Ireland: St. Kentigern (Mungo), 1st bishop of Glasgow and Strathclyde (603). St. Erbin of Cornwall (6th C). St. Elian (6th C).

Readings: **James 3:11-4:6; Matthew 23:29-39**

Thursday 14th January 2021

Leavetaking of The Theophany

The Holy Fathers slain at Sinai and Raithu (5th C). St. Nina, Equal-to-the-Apostles and Enlightener of Georgia (355). St. Sava (Sabbas) I, enlightener, and 1st archbishop, of Serbia (1237). Virgin-martyr Agnes (304). St. Theodulus, son of St. Nilus of Sinai (5th C).

Readings: **James 4:7-5:9; Matthew 24:13-28**

Friday 15th January 2021

Fast day: strict fast

SS Paul of Thebes in Egypt (341) and John Kalyvites ("the Hut-dweller") in Constantinople, monks (450). Monk-Martyr Pansophius of Alexandria (c.251). St. Maurus, disciple of St. Benedict (584).

St. Gabriel, founder of Lesnovo Monastery, Serbia-Bulgaria (11th C)

British Isles and Ireland: St. Ita of Killeedy, nun (570). St. Teath of Wales, daughter of King

Brychan (6th C). St. Lleudadd, abbot of Bardsey (6th C). St. Sawl, father of St. Asaph (6th C). St.

Ceolwulf, King of Northumbria, monk (764). Hieromartyr Blaithmaic, abbot of Iona (823).

Readings: **1 Peter 1:1-2,10-12,2:6-10; Matthew 24:27-33,42-51**

Saturday 16th January 2021

The Veneration of the Precious Chains of the Holy Apostle Peter

St. Honoratus, archbishop of Arles and founder of Lerins Monastery (429). St. Romilos, monk of Mt Athos, disciple of St. Gregory of Sinai, and with him SS Nestor, Martinius, Daniel, Sisoës,

Zosimas, and Gregory (1375). New Hieromartyr Damaskinos (1771). Blessed Maximus the priest, of Totma, Vologda, Fool-for-Christ (1650). Holy martyrs Pseusippus, Eleusippus, and Meleusippus

the brothers, their grandmother Leonilla, and with them Neon, Turbo, and Jonilla, in Cappadocia

(c.180). St. Macarius Kalogeras, hierodeacon of Patmos

British Isles and Ireland: St. Furse of Burgh Castle, Enlightener of East Anglia (650). St. Dunchaid O'Braoin, abbot of Clonmacnoise (988).

Readings: 1 Thessalonians 5:14-23; **Matthew 19:3-12**

For the Commemoration: **Acts 12:1-11**; John 21:14-25

Sunday 17th January 2021

Tone 7 : Eothinon 10

29th after Pentecost : 12th of Luke

Our Venerable and God-bearing Father Anthony the Great (356)

St. Anthony the New, ascetic of Berrea in Macedonia (11th C). New-martyr George of Ioannina (1838). St. Theodosius the Great, Emperor of Rome (395)

British Isles and Ireland: St. Nennius, disciple of St. Ninian (6th C). St. Mildgyth of Lyminge, virgin (676).

Readings: Colossians 3:4-11; **Luke 17:12-19**

For the Commemoration: **Hebrews 13:17-21**; Luke 6:17-23

Monday 18th January 2021

St Athanasius the Great (373) and St Cyril (444), Archbishops of Alexandria

Holy martyr Theodula and her companions Helladius, Boethius, Evagrius and Macarius of Anazarbus in Cilicia, (304). St. Marcian of Cyrrhus in Syria, monk (c.303). St. Maximus of Serbia (1546)

British Isles and Ireland: St. Deicola of Bangor (6th C). St. Wilfrid (Ulfrid), missionary and martyr in Sweden (1028).

Readings: 1 Peter 2:21-3:9; Mark 1:9-15

For the Commemoration: **Hebrews 13:7-16; Luke 8:5-8a, 9-15, 8b**

Tuesday 19th January 2021

Holy and Venerable Macarius the Great of Egypt (390) and St. Macarius of Alexandria (394). Holy and Venerable Mark Eugenikos, metropolitan of Ephesus, Pillar of Orthodoxy (1445). St. Sulpice, bishop of Bourges (c.647). St. Meletius, Confessor of Mt. Galesion, monk (1286)

British Isles and Ireland: St. Branwalader (Beward) bishop of Jersey (6th C). St. Nathalan, bishop of Tullicht (c.678).

Readings: **1 Peter 3:10-22; Mark 1:16-22**

Wednesday 20th January 2021

Fast day: wine and oil allowed

Our Holy and Godbearing Father Euthymios the Great of Palestine (473)

New Martyr Zacharias in Patrai in Morea (1782). St. Leo the Great, confessor, Emperor of the East (474). Blessed Peter the Customs Inspector of Constantinople (6th C). Holy Martyr Sebastian (288)

British Isles and Ireland: St. Fechin, abbot of Fobhar (664). St. Molagga, disciple of St. David and abbot of Fermoy (664).

Readings: 1 Peter 4:1-11; Mark 1:23-28

For the Commemoration: **2 Corinthians 4:6-15; Luke 6:17-23**

Thursday 21st January 2021

Holy and Venerable Maximus the Confessor (662). Holy Martyrs Zosimos and Neophytos (305).

Venerable Maxim the Greek (1556). Virgin-Martyr Agnes of Rome (304). Holy martyr Anastasius, disciple of St. Maximus the Confessor (662)

British Isles and Ireland: St. Brigid of Kilbride (6th C). St. Wynnin, bishop and abbot of Holywood (6th C). St. Lawdog of Wales (6th C). St. Macallan, hermit and abbot (978).

Readings: **1 Peter 4:12-5:5; Mark 1:29-35**

Friday 22nd January 2021

Fast day: wine and oil allowed

Apostle Timothy of the Seventy

St. Vincent the deacon, Protomartyr of Spain (4th C). Monk-Martyr Anastasius the Persian (628). St. Joseph Samakus the Sanctified of Crete. St. Brihtwald of Ramsbury (1045).

Readings: 2 Peter 1:1-10; Mark 2:18-22

For the Commemoration: 2 Timothy 1:3-8; Matthew 10:32-33,37-38,19:27-30

Saturday 23rd January 2021

Hieromartyr Clement, bishop of Ancyra, and Martyr Agathangelus (312). St. Paulinus the Merciful, bishop of Nola (431). St. Eusebius the Recluse of Mt Coryphe near Antioch (5th C). St. Mausimas the Syrian (4th C). St. Salamanes the Hesychast of the Euphrates (390). Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the Sixth Ecumenical Council (680-681). St. Dionysius of Olympus (1540)

British Isles and Ireland: St. Colman of Lismore (c.702). Holy Martyr Maimbod (c.880).

Readings: 2 Timothy 2:11-19; Matthew 20:29-34

Sunday 24th January 2021

Tone 8 : Eothinon 11

31st after Pentecost : 14th of Luke

St. Xenia of Rome and her two female slaves (5th C). St. Xenia, the Fool-for-Christ of St. Petersburg (18th C). Holy martyrs Babylas of Sicily and his two disciples: Timothy and Agapius (3rd C). St. Philotheus, founder of Philotheou Monastery (10th C). St. Neophytos the Anchorite, of Cyprus (1214). St. Philo, bishop of Kalpa in Cyprus (5th C). Hieromartyr Felician, bishop of Foligno (254)

British Isles and Ireland: St. Guasacht, bishop of Granard (5th C). St. Cadoc of Wales (588).

Readings: 1 Timothy 1:15-17; Luke 18:35-43

Monday 25th January 2021

St Gregory (Nazianzus) the Theologian, archbishop of Constantinople (389)

Holy martyrs Felicitas of Rome, and her seven sons: Januarius, Felix, Philip, Silvanus, Alexander, Vitalis, and Martial (c.164). St. Mares the Singer of Syria (430). Venerable Demetrios. New Martyr Auxentius of Constantinople (1720). New Hieromartyr Vladimir, metropolitan of Kiev, Protomartyr of the communist yoke (1918)

British Isles and Ireland: St. Eochod, apostle of the Picts of Galloway (597). St. Dwynwen of Wales (460). St. Sigebert, King of the East Angles and Martyr (635). St. Thordgyth of Barking, nun (700).

Readings: 2 Corinthians 8:7-15; Mark 3:6-12

For the Commemoration: Hebrews 7:26-8:2; John 10:9-16

Tuesday 26th January 2021

St. Xenophon, his wife, Mary, and their two sons, Arcadius and John, of Constantinople (6th C). St. Symeon "the Ancient", Hermit at Amanus Mons, Cilicia (390). Translation of the relics of St. Theodore, abbot of the Studion (845). St. Joseph, bishop of Thessalonica, brother of St. Theodore of the Studion (830)

British Isles and Ireland: St. Conan, bishop of Sodor and Man (648).

Readings: 2 Corinthians 8:16-9:5; Mark 3:13-21

Wednesday 27th January 2021

Fast day: wine and oil allowed

Translation of the Relics of St John Chrysostom (437), Archbishop of Constantinople

St. Peter of Egypt (4th C). New Martyr Demetrius at Constantinople (1784)

British Isles and Ireland: St. Natalis of Ulster (6th C).

Readings: 2 Corinthians 9:12-10:7; Mark 3:20-27

For the Commemoration: **Hebrews 7:26-8:2; John 10:9-16**

Thursday 28th January 2021

St. Ephraim the Syrian (373). St. Palladius the Hermit of Antioch (4th C). St. Isaac the Syrian, bishop of Nineveh (7th C). St. James the Ascetic of Porphyreon in Palestine (6th C). St. Theodosius, abbot of Totma, Vologda (1568)

British Isles and Ireland: Holy Pilgrim-Martyrs Brigid and Maura (4th C). St. Cannera of Bantry (530). St. Glastian of Kiunglassie (830). St. John the Wise of Malmesbury, monk (8th C).

Readings: **2 Corinthians 10:7-18; Mark 3:28-35**

Friday 29th January 2021

Fast day: strict fast

Translation of the relics of Hieromartyr Ignatius the Godbearer of Antioch (107). St. Sulpicius Severus, disciple of St. Martin of Tours (406). New Martyr Demetrios of Chios (1802). St. Laurence, Recluse of the Kievan Caves and bishop of Turov (1194)

British Isles and Ireland: St. Gildas the Wise, abbot of Llanilltud and Brittany (c.570). St. Blath (Flora) of Kildare (523). St. Dallan Forgaill, martyr (598). St. Voloc, bishop in Scotland (c.724).

Readings: **2 Corinthians 11:5-21; Mark 4:1-9**

Saturday 30th January 2021

Synaxis of the Three Great Hierarchs and Ecumenical Teachers: Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian, and John Chrysostom

Hieromartyr Hippolytus, pope of Rome and those with him at Ostia (269). St. Zeno, hermit at Antioch (5th C). New Martyr Chatzi-Theodore in Mytilene (1784). Holy Martyr Theophilus the New in Cyprus (784)

British Isles and Ireland: St. Tudy, virgin, daughter of King Brychan of Brecknock (5th C). St. Bathild, Queen of France (680). St. Amnichad, hermit (1043).

Readings: 1 Corinthians 2:6-9; Matthew 22:15-22

For the Commemoration: **Hebrews 13:7-16; Matthew 5:14-19**

Sunday 31st January 2021

Tone 1 : Eothinon 1

32nd after Pentecost : 15th of Luke

Holy Wonderworkers and Unmercenaries Cyrus and John and those with them at Canopus in Egypt (311). St. Nikita of the Kievan Caves, bishop of Novgorod (1108). St. Arsenius of Paros (1877).

New Martyr Elias Ardiunes at Kalamata (1686). Holy martyr Papias of Corinth

British Isles and Ireland: St. Aidan (Maedoc), bishop of Ferns (626). St. Melangell, virgin-recluse of Montgomeryshire (6th C). St. Adamnan of Coldingham, monk (680). St. Wilgils, Hermit of the Humber (7th C). Holy Martyr Eusebius the Scot (884).

Readings: **1 Timothy 4:9-15; Luke 19:1-10**

Services:

Please note: All services are currently being held under the rules laid down by the UK Government for Places of Worship during the COVID-19 pandemic. All worshippers must wear face masks and follow the social-distancing arrangements currently in use in the chapel. Thank you for cooperation. Furthermore the bishop has asked that our churches remain closed at the start of the year and until the situation improves. Please see the website for the latest information.

Sunday 3 rd Jan	10am	Divine Liturgy	Sunday before The Theophany of Our Lord
Wednesday 6 th Jan	10am	Divine Liturgy & Great Blessing of the Waters	The Theophany of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ
Sunday 10 th Jan	10am	Divine Liturgy	Sunday after the Theophany of Our Lord
Wednesday 13 th Jan	6:30pm	Vespers & Paraklesis to the Mother of God	2 nd Wednesday of the month
Sunday 17 th Jan	10am	Divine Liturgy	29 th after Pentecost & 12 th of Luke. St. Anthony the Great
Sunday 24 th Jan	10am	Divine Liturgy	31 st after Pentecost & 14 th of Luke
Sunday 31 st Jan	10am	Divine Liturgy	32 nd after Pentecost & 15 th of Luke

*3rd & 6th Hours are chanted each Sunday at 9:30am
before the Divine Liturgy*

Services take place in the chapel of York St. John University, Lord Mayor's Walk, York YO31 7EX at the time shown, d. v.

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