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 2025





FROM THE FATHERS

"THE IMAGINATION not only records things, that is; receives images of things seen, but also recalls those images that have been forgotten, fashions other images on its own which is substitutes for others by adding or subtracting or changing. Thus it can change insignificant images insignificantly, both when we are awake and when we are asleep through our dreams, in which dreams, I suggest, you never believe. It is written: For dreams have deceived many, and those who put their hope in them have failed. (Sir. 34:7)."

St. Nicodemus of the Holy Mountain, + AD 1809

"BECAUSE all that Christ did and suffered was for our teaching, He began after His baptism to dwell in the wilderness and He fought against the devil, that every baptised person might patiently sustain greater temptations after his baptism, and not be troubled as if this which happens to him was contrary to his expectation, but that he might bear up against all things, and come off conqueror."

St. John Chrysostom, + AD 407

"IN SPITE of men's fall into sin, in spite of the darkness surrounding our souls, the grace of the Holy Spirit granted at Baptism in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, shines in men's hearts with the Divine light which has been, from time immemorial, the light of the priceless gifts of Christ. If a sinner does not repent, this light of Christ cries to the Father: 'Abba, Father, harden not Thy heart forever against this sinner.' And then, at the sinner's conversion to the way of repentance, it completely erases all traces of the sins that were committed, and clothes the former sinner afresh with a robe of incorruptibility, woven from the grace of the Holy Spirit."

St. Seraphim of Sarov the Wonder-worker + AD 1833

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.

Note: Where there is more than one set of readings for the day, bold type shows the readings appointed by The Typikon to be used at the Divine Liturgy.

Wednesday 1st January 2025

Fast free

Liturgy of St Basil

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

St. Gregory, bishop of Nazianzus, father of St. Gregory the Theologian (4th C). 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:* Colossians 2:8-12; Luke 2:20-21, 40-52

Thursday 2nd January 2025

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: **Hebrews 5:4-10; John 3:1-15**

Friday 3rd January 2025

Fast free

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:* Acts 10:44-11:10; Matthew 3:1-6

Saturday 4th January 2025

Saturday before the Theophany of Our Lord

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

For the Commemoration: 1 Corinthians 4:9-16; John 1:18-28

Sunday 5th January 2025

Fast day: wine and oil allowed Tone 3 : Eothinon 6

Sunday before the Theophany of Our Lord

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

Monday 6th January 2025

Liturgy of St Basil

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 Lacedæmonia (1695)

British Isles and Ireland: St. Edevrn (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: For the Commemoration: Titus 2:11-14,3:4-7; Matthew 3:13-17

Tuesday 7th January 2025

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

Wednesday 8th January 2025

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 Theophilos the deacon, and Helladius, of Libva (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: Romans 6:3-11; John 3:22-33

Thursday 9th January 2025

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: 2 Timothy 2:1-10; Mark 1:9-15

Friday 10th January 2025

Fast day: strict fast

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; Luke 3:19-22

Saturday 11th January 2025

Saturday after the Theophany of Our Lord

Saint Theodosius the Great, the Cœnobiarch 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: Ephesians 6:10-17; Matthew 4:1-11

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

Sunday 12th January 2025

Tone 4 : Eothinon 7

Sunday after the Theophany of Our Lord

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) *Britich Islas and Iraland*: St. Bonedict Biscon 1st abbet of Wearmouth, scholar (600)

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

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

For the Commemoration: Acts 18:22-28; John 10:39-42

Monday 13th January 2025

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: Galatians 3:23-4:5; Luke 20:1-8

Tuesday 14th January 2025

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). Virginmartyr Agnes (304). St. Theodulus, son of St. Nilus of Sinai (5th C). *Readings:* **Ephesians 4:7-13; Matthew 4:12-17**

Wednesday 15th January 2025

Fast day: strict fast

St Paul of Thebes

St. 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:* **Galatians 5:22-26; Luke 12:32-40**

Thursday 16th January 2025

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, Sisoes, 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. Fursey of Burgh Castle, Enlightener of East Anglia (650). St. Dunchaid O'Braoin, abbot of Clonmacnoise (988).

Readings: Acts 12:1-11; John 21:14-25

Friday 17th January 2025

Fast day: wine and oil allowed

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: Hebrews 13:17-21; Luke 6:17-23

Saturday 18th January 2025

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) Derivich Jahon and Jackson A. St. Deiselb of Dengen (Cth C). St. Millicid (Ulfrid), missionene on denote the

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

Readings: Hebrews 13:7-16; Matthew 5:14-19

Sunday 19th January 2025

Tone 5 : Eothinon 8

29th after Pentecost : 12th of Luke

Holy and Venerable Macarius the Great of Egypt

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 (Breward) bishop of Jersey (6th C). St. Nathalan, bishop of Tullicht (c.678).

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

For the Commemoration: Galatians 5:22-6:2; Matthew 19:16-26

Monday 20th January 2025

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: 2 Corinthians 4:6-15; Luke 6:17-23

Tuesday 21st January 2025

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:* **Philippians 1:12-20; Luke 12:8-12**

Wednesday 22nd January 2025

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.

British Isles and Ireland: St. Brithwald of Ramsbury (1045).

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

Thursday 23rd January 2025

Hieromartyr Clement, bishop of Ancyra

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:* **Philippians 3:20-4:3; Mark 2:23-3:5**

Friday 24th January 2025

Fast day: strict fast

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:* **Galatians 5:22-6:2; Matthew 6:22-33**

Saturday 25th January 2025

Saint 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: Hebrews 7:26-8:2; John 10:9-16

Sunday 26th January 2025

Tone 6 : Eothinon 9

32nd after Pentecost : 15th of Luke

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

Monday 27th January 2025

Translation of the Relics of Saint 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:* **Hebrews 7:26-8:2; John 10:9-16**

Tuesday 28th January 2025

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:* Galatians 5:22-6:2; Luke 6:17-23

Wednesday 29th January 2025

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:* **Hebrews 10:32-38; Mark 9:33-41**

Thursday 30th January 2025

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: Hebrews 13:7-16; Matthew 5:14-19

Friday 31st January 2025

Fast day: strict fast

Holy Wonderworkers and Unmercenaries Cyrus and John

Those with Cyrus and John 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 Corinthians 12:27-13:8; Matthew 10:1,5-8

Services:

Sun 5 th Jan	9:30am 10:15am	Parish Matins, Divine Liturgy	Sunday before Theophany
Sun 12 th Jan	9:30am 10:15am	Parish Matins, Divine Liturgy	Sunday after Theophany
Wed 15 th Jan	6:30pm	Daily Vespers & Paraklesis	
Sun 19 th Jan	9:30am 10:15am	Parish Matins, Divine Liturgy	12 th of Luke (Ten Lepers)
Sun 26 th Jan	9:30am 10:15am	Parish Matins, Divine Liturgy	15 th of Luke (Zaccheus)
Sun 2nd Feb	9:30am 10:15am	Parish Matins, Divine Liturgy	Presentation of The Lord in the Temple
Wed 12 th Feb	6:30pm	Daily Vespers & Paraklesis	
Sun 9 th Feb	9:30am 10:15am	Parish Matins, Divine Liturgy	16 th of Luke (Publican & Pharisee)
Sun 16 th Feb	9:30am 10:15am	Parish Matins, Divine Liturgy	17 th of Luke (Prodigal son)
Sun 23 rd Feb	9:30am 10:15am	Parish Matins, Divine Liturgy	Meatfare Sunday (Last Judgment)

The services continue to be streamed. The link is on our website.

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