



“Joy of All Who Sorrow”

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*A handful of sand, thrown into the sea, is what sinning is,
when compared to God’s providence and mercy.*

St Isaac the Syrian

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NOTES & JOTTINGS

FATHER ANTONY (HEALTH UPDATE):

Thanks be to God, Fr Antony's foot has healed and improved sufficiently that he has been able to serve the Divine Liturgy each Sunday since Theophany. Normal Sunday services of the Hours and Divine Liturgy from 10.10am have thus resumed. At the moment Vigil each Saturday is a Reader service and we will confirm when Fr Antony has resumed serving for our evening service. Due to Father's still fragile mobility we will not be serving the Liturgy for the Meeting of the Lord.

2020 SAINT HERMAN CALENDARS

The calendars finally arrived, after some anxious waiting, and have been distributed. We have about 15 copies left. If you have not ordered a copy, do so straightaway to avoid disappointment. They are in a book format and give the daily liturgical commemorations of the saints and the Bible readings. The editorial theme is *The Orthodox Church in Norway*. The calendars retail at £9.50 each.

LOOKING AHEAD IN 2020

The Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee is on 9 February. The following week is a fast-free week. Meatfare Sunday is on 23 February. The week beginning 24 February is Cheesefare Week followed by Forgiveness Sunday on 1 March. Great Lent begins on Monday 2 March. This year, Pascha (Easter) is on Sunday 19 April and Ascension Day is on Thursday 28 May. We hope that the annual pilgrimage to St Botolph will take place at the end of June. As soon as details are finalised, this will be announced in the bulletin.

IN AND AROUND THE COLLEGE

On the Theophany weekend Viktor, Elena and Timothy Levine carried out various works in the grounds, cutting down a dead tree, chain-sawing other large pieces of wood to make them suitable for firewood and pruning fruit trees. A lorry-load of shingle has been delivered. This will be used to resurface the drive and refresh various paths around the grounds that are becoming a muddy. As the snowdrops are beginning to appear, all of this work will improve the appearance of the grounds around the church and house. Work continues in the library, both sorting and cataloguing books. The idea to replace the old library shelves with floor-to-ceiling shelving certainly uses every inch of wall space but we have very high ceilings. Now it is necessary to acquire a tall library stepladder to give easy access to the top three shelves. We express our thanks to all who give their time to assist in developing the aims of our community here and to all donors of cash and equipment, especially remembering all who contribute to our *bring and share* lunch every Sunday.

NAMEDAYS

To all who are celebrating a nameday at this time we send congratulations and wish them:

MANY YEARS!

1 February - **St Mark of Ephesus** - Hieromonk Mark (Underwood)

3 February - **St Maximos the Confessor** – Maxim Sarmulis

13 February – **St Victor of Corinth** – Viktor Levine

21 February - **St Theodore Stratelates** – Tudor-Daniel Costec

26 February – **St Zoe of Bethlehem** – Zoe Andrews



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FEBRUARY 2020

Saturday 1 February

7.30pm ~ Vigil

Sunday 2 February

10.10am – Hours & Divine Liturgy (St Euthymius the Great)

Saturday 8 February

7.30pm ~ Vigil

Sunday 9 February

10.10am – Hours & Divine Liturgy

(Sunday of Publican & Pharisee / New Martyrs & Confessors of Russia)

Saturday 15 February

7.30pm ~ Vigil

Sunday 16 February

10.10am – Hours & Divine Liturgy (Sunday of the Prodigal Son)

Saturday 22 February

7.30pm ~ Vigil

Sunday 23 February

10.10am – Hours & Divine Liturgy (Sunday of the Last Judgement)