



# *“Joy of All Who Sorrow”*

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*Dearly beloved, today our Saviour is born; let us rejoice. Sadness should have no place on the birthday of life. The fear of death has been swallowed up; life brings us joy with the promise of eternal happiness.*

**Pope St Leo the Great (+ 461)**

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## NOTES & JOTTINGS

### FATHER ANTONY

Please pray that our priest, Fr Antony Bardsley, may be quickly restored to full health and fitness. Fr Antony has had some different health problems recently which have conspired to prevent him from being able to celebrate at some of the divine services over December and into January. In his absence the regular services will still be celebrated as Reader services with Vespers and Compline at 7.30pm on Saturdays and the Hours and Typika on Sundays. We will keep the website news ticker updated to clarify whether the Typika or Divine Liturgy will be served. If you want more information or clarification, please ring Fr Dcn Mark on 01502 716914.

### 2020 SAINT HERMAN CALENDARS

At the time of writing (30 December) the consignment has still not arrived. In the middle of December, being somewhat anxious, we contacted the publishers, St Herman Brotherhood at Platina in California. This was the reply we received on 18 December: *Unfortunately the package we sent you was returned to us. Someone in the system separated the box from the bag it was in (and the bag had all the information, tracking number etc). This is not the first time this has happened, The same week two other boxes, to two other countries, also came back to us. Your box was resent, but now has a new customs number. We hope it gets there in a reasonable amount of time. Maybe the delivery will arrive within the next few days. However, we do also have some of the annual ROCOR Fund for Assistance wall calendars which we can offer at £5 each. This year's theme is the Centenary of the founding of ROCOR.*

### IKON OF ARCHANGEL MICHAEL

The donor (Jonathan Olanczuk) of the large ikon of the Holy Archangel Michael has now had it framed in a gilt frame. We are looking forward to installing it in the church.

### NAMEDAYS

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

**MANY YEARS!**

2 January – **Repose of St John of Kronstadt** – John Steel

9 January – **St Stephen the Protomartyr** – Stephen Ward

12 January – **St Joseph the Betrothed** – Joseph Fitzpatrick-Williams,  
Joseph Meyer

15 January – **St Seraphim of Sarov** – Seraphim Collins, Serafima Hopper,  
Seraphima Dembri

30 January - **St Anthony the Great** – Priest Antony Bardsley



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## **JANUARY 2020**

**Monday 6 January**

*7.30pm ~ Vigil*

**Tuesday 7 January**

**✠ FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ✠**

**10.10am ~ Hours and Festal Liturgy**

*followed by a Christmas buffet in the College*

**Saturday 11 January**

*7.30pm ~ Vigil*

**Sunday 12 January**

**10.10am – Hours & Divine Liturgy\***

**(Sunday after Nativity: Holy Ancestors of God)**

**Saturday 18 January**

*7.30pm ~ Vigil*

**Sunday 19 January**

**FEAST OF THE HOLY THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST**

**10.10am – Hours & Festal Liturgy\* & Great Blessing of Water**

**Saturday 25 January**

*7.30pm ~ Vigil*

**Sunday 26 January**

**10.10am – Hours & Divine Liturgy\* (Sunday after Theophany)**

\*Divine Liturgies are scheduled, but due to Fr Antony's ongoing health problems, for up-to-date clarification on our services, please check our website or contact Fr Dcn Mark on 01502 716914