

SAINT EDWARD'S SERVICES IN DECEMBER 2025

Sun 1/14 Dec	f1 ❖	Prophet Nahum; Righteous Philaret the Merciful; Martyr Ananias of Persia; St. Theoclitos of Sparta; Ven. Anthony the New; Ven. Botolph of Ikankoe: Tone 2 MG-5 Luke 24: 12-35; Eph. 6:10-17; Luke 18:35-43
Mon 2/15 Dec	f2	Prophet Abbacum; Martyr Myrope of Chios; Ven. Athanasius 'the Resurrected' of the Kiev Caves; St. Stephen-Urosh King of Serbia and his mother Helen; 2 Tim. 2:20-26; Luke 20:27-44
Tue 3/16 Dec	f2 μ	Prophet Sophonias; St. John the Silent of Saint Sabbas Monastery; St. Birinus of Wessex; 2 Tim. 3:16-4:4; Luke 21:12-19
Wed 4/17 Dec	f2	Great Martyr Barbara and Martyr Juliana; St. John of Damascus; New Hieromartyr Seraphim of Phanarion; 2 Tim. 4:9-22; Gal. 3:23-4:5; Luke 21:5-7, 10, 11, 20-24; Mark 5:24-34
Thu 5/18 Dec	f2 ❖	Ven. & God-bearing Sabbas the Sanctified of Palestine; Ven. Martyr Justinian of Ramsey Island; St. Gurias of Kazan; Wis. 3:1-9; Wis. 5:15-6:3; Wis. 4:7-15; Titus 1:5-2:1; Gal. 5:22-6:2; Luke 21:28-33; Matt. 11:27-30

VIGIL FOR SAINT NICOLAS THE WONDERWORKER at 7 p.m.

Fri 6/19 Dec	f1 ❖	Saint Nicolas the Wonderworker of Myra; <i>Vespers Readings:</i> New Martyr Nicolas of Smyrna; MG John 10:1-9; Heb. 13:17-21; Luke 6:17-23; Divine Liturgy at 9.30 a.m.
Sat 7/20 Dec	f1 ❖	St. Ambrose of Milan; Ven. Bassa of Jerusalem; St. Gregory the Silent of Serbia; St. Philothea of Turnovo; Ven. John the Faster of the Kiev Caves; Eph. 1:16-23; Luke 13:18-29; <i>Name Day of our Bishop, Metropolitan Ambrose of Methoni</i>
Sun 8/21 Dec	f1 ❖	St. Patapius of Thebes; Martyr Anthusa; Ven. Parthenius of Chios; New Hm. John of Tsarkoe Selo; Tone 3; MG-6 Luke 24:36-53; Col. 1:12-18; Luke 17:12-19
Mon 9/22 Dec	f2 ❖	Conception of the Theotokos; Righteous Hannah, mother of Prophet Samuel; Martyrs Soistheus, Narses and Isaac of Persia; Heb. 3:5-11; 17-19; Gal. 4:22-27; Mark 8:11- 21; Luke 8:16-21 <i>Return of the Relics of Saint Edward the Martyr to Brookwod</i>
Tue 10/23 Dec	f2 μ	Martyrs Menas, Eugegraphus and Hermogenes; St. Ioasaph of Belgorod; Virgin Martyr Eulalia of Spain; Holy Martyr Eugene; Heb. 4:1-13 Mark 8:22-26
Wed 11/24 Dec	f3	St. Daniel the Stylite of Constantinople; Ven. Leontius of Monemvasia; Heb. 5:11-6:8; Mark 8:30-34

VIGIL FOR STS. SPYRIDON AND HERMAN AT 7 p.m.

Thu 12/25 Dec	f1 ❖	St. Spyridon of Trimythos; St. Herman of Alaska; M. Juvenaly of Alaska; N.M. Peter the Aleut of San Francisco; <i>Vespers Readings;</i> MG John 10:1-9; Eph. 5:8-19; Galatians 5:22-6:2; John 10:9-16; Luke 6:17-23; Divine Liturgy at 9.30 a.m. (Note: Last day of eating fish in this fast).
Fri 13/26 Dec	f3	Five Martyrs of Armenia; St. Columba of Holy Island; St Colman of Glendalough; Heb. 7:18-25; Mark 9:33-41

Sat 14/27 Dec	f2	Martyrs Thyrsus, Leucius, and Callinicus of Bithynia; Eph. 2:11-13; Luke 14:1-11
Sun 15/28 Dec	f2 ❖	Sunday of the Holy Forefathers; Hm. Eleutherius of Illyricum; St. Tryphon of Pechenga; Tone 4; MG-7 John 20:1-10; Col. 3:4-11; Luke 14:16-24
Mon 16/29 Dec	f2	Holy Prophet Aggeus; Rb. Empress Theophanó; St Ado, Abp of Vienne; Ven. Sophia, former Great Princess Solomone of Moscow; St. John the Barefoot of Kiev; Heb. 8:7-13 Mark 9:42-10:1
Tue 17/30 Dec	f2 ❖ μ	Holy Prophet Daniel and the Three Youths; Ananias, Azarias & Misael; Saint Dionysius of Zakynthos the Wonderworker, Bp of Aegina; Heb.9: 8-23; Mark 10:2-12
Wed 18/31 Dec	f3	M. Sebastian et al; Hm. Modestus of Jerusalem; Ven. Daniel the Hesychast of Voronet; St Gatian of Tours; Ven. Symeon of Verkhoturye; Heb. 10:1-18; Mark 10:11-16
Thu 19 D/1 Jan	f2 ❖	Holy M. Boniface & the Rght. Aglais; St Boniface the Merciful of Ferentino; (<i>Secular New Year</i>) Heb. 10:35-11:7; Mark 10:17-27; <i>Civil New Year's Day</i>
Fri 20 D/2 Jan	f2	<i>Forefeast of the Nativity;</i> Holy Hm. Ignatius the God-bearer of Antioch; Righteous John of Cronstadt the Wonderworker; Heb. 11:8-16; Mark 10:23-32
Sat 21 D /3 Jan	f2	<i>Saturday before the Nativity;</i> Holy M. Juliana of Nicomedia; Saint Peter, Metropolitan of Moscow; Gal. 3:8-12; Luke 13:19-29
Sun 22 D/4 Jan	f2 ❖	Sunday of the Genealogy; Great Martyr Anastasia, Deliverer from Bonds; Martyrs Demetrius, Honoratus and Florus, Tone Pl. 1; MG- 8 John 20:11-18; Heb. 11:9-10, 32-40; Matt. 1:1-25
Mon 23 D/5 Jan	f2 ❖	Ten Martyrs of Crete; St Niphon of Constantiana; Ven. Naum of Ochrid; St Frithebert of Hexham; Heb. 11:17-31; Mark 10:46-52
Tues 24 D/6 Jan	f3 ❖	<i>Eve of the Nativity;</i> Ven. M. Evgenia et al; New Martyr Ahmet the Calligrapher; Royal Hours & Typica at 8 a.m., followed by the Vespertal Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great; Eight Vespers Readings; Heb. 1:1-12; Luke 2:1-20

VIGIL FOR THE NATIVITY OF OUR SAVIOUR at 7 p.m.

Wed 25 D/7 Jan	nf ❖	GREAT FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR SAVIOUR: CHRISTMAS DAY; the Shepherds who beheld a vision of Angels and the Magi who worshipped led by a star; Saint Eugenia of Rome; Venerable Alburga of Wilton; MG Matt. 1:18-25; Gal. 4:4-7; Matt. 2:1-12; Divine Liturgy at 10 a.m. followed by the Festal Parish Breakfast at Brookwood Memorial Hall; Vespers at 4:00 p.m.
Thurs 26 D/8 Jan	nf ❖	Synaxis of the All-holy Mother of God; Ven. Tathai the hermit; New Hm. Constantius the Russian of C'ple; Ven. M. Jonas & the Fifty Monks and sixty-five laymen slain by the Lutherans in Pechenga; Heb. 2:11-18; Matt. 2:13-23

- Fri 27 D/9 Jan nf ❖ **Holy Protomartyr & Archdeacon Stephen;** Ven. Theodore the Branded; Hieromartyr Maurice and the seventy with him in Bythinia; James 2:1-13; Acts 6:8-7:5, 47-60; Mark 12:1-12; Matt. 21:33-42
- Sat 28 D/10 Jan nf *Saturday after the Nativity;* Twenty Thousand Martyrs of Nicomedia; Apostle Nicanor the Deacon; St. Simon the myron-streamer; 1 Tim. 6:10-16; Matt. 12:15-21
- Sun 29 D/11 Jan** nf ❖ *Sunday after the Nativity;* **Holy Righteous Joseph the Betrothed, David the King and James the Brother of God;** Holy Innocents; Ven. Marcellus of the Monastery of the Unsleeping Ones; Ven. Mark the Grave-digger of Kyiv; Tone Pl.2 MG-9 John 20:19-31; Gal. 1:11-19; Matt. 2:13-23; *Liturgy of Saint James*
- Mon 30 D/12 Jan nf M. Anisia of Thessalonica; Venerable New Martyr Gideon of Thessaly; St Egwin of Worcester; Ven. Leo the Archimandrite: James 2:14-26; Mark 12:13-17
- Tues 31 D/13 Jan nf μ *Leavetaking of the Nativity;* Ven. Melania the Younger; Hm. Zoticus, patron of the orphans; St Theophylact of Ochrid; Holy Martyr Olympiodora: James 3:1-10; Mark 12:18-27
- Wed 1/14 Jan nf ❖ **Circumcision of our Saviour; Saint Basil the Great of Caesarea in Cappadocia;** St Gregory of Nazianzus; St. Emilia mother of St. Basil; *Vespers Readings;* Col. 2:8-12; Heb. 7:26-8:2; Luke 2:20-21, 40-52; Luke 6:17-23
- Thu 2/15 Jan nf ❖ *Forefeast of Theophany;* Saint Sylvester, Pope of Rome; **Ven. Seraphim of Sarov the Wonderworker;** Rght. Juliana of Lazarevo; Ven. Seiriol of Anglesey; Heb. 5:3-10; John 3:1-15
- Fri 3/16 Jan nf Holy Prophet Malachias; Ven. Genevieve of Paris; Righteous Thomais of Lesbos; **Royal Hours for Theophany read after Matins;** Acts 10:44-11:10; John 1:18-28
- Sat 4/17 Jan nf *Saturday before Theophany;* **Synaxis of the Seventy Apostles;** Hm. Theopemptus & M. Theonas; St. Symeon Metropolitan of Smolensk: Ven. Syncletike of Alexandria; 1 Tim. 3:13-4:5; Matt. 3:1-6
- Sun 5/18 Jan** f2 ❖ *Eve of Theophany;* Hm. Theopemptus & M. Theonas; Ven. Syncletike of Alexandria; Grave Tone; MG-10 John 21:1-14; **Great Blessing of Waters at the Liturgy;** 2 Tim. 4:5-8; Mark 1:1-8 (*Please note that this Sunday is a fast day*)

VIGIL FOR THE HOLY THEOPHANY at 7 p.m.

- Mon 6 /19 Jan** nf ❖ **The Great Feast of HOLY THEOPHANY, the Baptism of our Saviour in Jordan; Divine Liturgy at 10 a.m.,** followed by the **Great Blessing of Waters** at the Abbey River, Chertsey, *through the kind hospitality of Mary Haigh on whose property we are invited to do it. Please offer lifts to any who do not have their own cars.* Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7; Matt. 3:13-1
- Tue 7/20 Jan nf ❖ μ **Synaxis of the Honourable, Glorious Prophet & Forerunner John;** St. Brannock of Branuton; St. Cedd of Northumbria; Acts 19:1-8; John 1:29-34

Key to Symbols above

No Symbol – usual weekday schedule: Matins at 7 a.m. , & Vespers at 6 p.m.

μ – Supplicatory Canon to the Mother of God after Vespers

✠ Mondays to Saturdays: the Divine Liturgy also follows Matins at 8.30 a.m; Vespers at 6 p.m.

✠ Sundays: Matins is at 8.00 a.m. and the Divine Liturgy begins at 9.45 a.m: Vespers at 2 p.m

Fasting Guidelines

f3 - Strict vegan diet, no animal products, no oil or alcohol;

(other than fish itself, sea foods are permitted on f3 days);

f2 - as f3, but wine (alcohol) & oil also permitted;

f1 - as f2, but fish also permitted;

nf - all food products permitted.

N.B. When Mondays are designated nf, for the monastics the usual regime is f1, 2 or 3; ***please check***

The Prayers of the Faithful are asked for:-

Newly Departed: Protopresbyter Radomir, Anatoly, Vasileos - O; Olga, Rachel, Jonty - non O;

The Sick: Metropolitan Photii, Archimandrite Alexis, Archimandrite Daniel, Presbytera Helena, Diaconissa Kalina, Chrysanthy, Askena, Ludmilla, Rositsa, Larissa, Lucia, Elizabeth - O; Catherine, Macaria, Sylvia, Alice, Ted, Robert, Beth, Sasha, Samara - non O;

Expectant Mothers: Ann, Anna, Katerina - O; Bethany - non O;

Special Needs: Natalia, Alexander, Tatiana, Nicolas and family, Odysseas, Natalia, Matthias - O; Clive and family, Charlie - non O;

Our Thanks to

Bishop Seraphim of Sozopol - icon cards and anointing oil for icons; Abbot Isaac - incense; Priest Evangelos Liassi - dog treats; Priest Gabriel Lawani - olive oil, ice cream; Deacon Ioan Turcu - chrism brush and beeswax candles; Presbytera Loukia Liassi - prosphoras and church cleaning; Presbytera Marina Popova, Tanya James - church cleaning, communion wine, church flowers; Valentina Merritt - Bubble Baps, church cleaning, meals; Ken and Lorraine Brighton - Devon scones and cream; Family of Adam Kouridis, Jelica from Split - icons; Mark Slater, John Crask - ditch clearing; Anthony and Procla Bell - Grasmere gingerbread; Little George - engine oil; Alla Sion - prosphoras, stump; Melanie Swan - communion wine, church flowers, cat basket; Plamen Monovski - cloth touched to the relics of St. John of Rila, icon, provisions; James Merritt, Maria Enache - church flowers; Elena Matthews, Lucie Brazil - prosphoras, church flowers; Benjamin & Elaine Waterhouse - communion wine, provisions, Larissa Bouaka - meals, coffee machine in memory of her father; Elena Holden, Alexandra Galbeaza, Emilia Maties, Archondoulla Cleovoullou, Ludmila Belokopytova, Natalia Broadbottom - meals; Elizabeth Castle - communion wine, newspapers; Osyth and Dymphna Thompson, Angela Pieri - prosphoras, provisions, meals; The Onischenko Family, Adochitei Family, Costia Family, Maria Shulshenko, Xenia Cook, Pippi Bailey, Anon - provisions; Anastasia Panagiotidou - beeswax candles, charcoal, incense; Fiona Savvas - homemade cake and provisions; Trevor Drury, Anon - icon; Edward Whicker, Mark Slater, Anthony Wiles, Luke Marshall - cleaning up after Sunday Breakfast; and to all who have supported us by your prayers, church attendance, labours and almsgiving. May our Saviour bless you abundantly and ever keep you in His care.