

### CYPRUS: KYRENIA, ST ANDREW

Sunday November 29th Advent Sunday	“Now is the time to wake out of sleep for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed.” For the keeping of a holy and alert Advent.
Monday November 30th Andrew the Apostle	Almighty God, you bring our life and your life together in a marvellous way in your Son. Accept our praises offered to you with the prayers of the saints and of the hosts of heaven. In thanksgiving for the call and mission of all apostles, especially St Andrew.
Tuesday December 1st Clement of Alexandria (c.150) Priest and Scholar	Keep us ever mindful, O God, of the example of these your saints, and make us more worthy to follow in their steps, through Jesus Christ our Lord. In thanksgiving for the learning and teaching of missionaries, especially St Clement.
Wednesday December 2nd	For our continuing efforts in Kyrenia to reach out in love and understanding to the Muslim host community.
Thursday December 3rd	That all may remember how we lack for nothing, yet others around us, less fortunate than ourselves, struggle to survive on very little. Pray to exercise stewardship more faithfully and generously.
Friday December 4th	For St Andrew's to be a welcoming Church, not looking inwardly, but being a beacon of help and comfort, reaching out to everyone of all traditions.
Saturday December 5th	For all who have the responsibility of office within the Church, that they may have a vision of your kingdom, insight into your purposes, and understanding of the needs of your work.

### CYPRUS: NICOSIA, ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL

Sunday December 6th The Second Sunday of Advent	Almighty Father lover of souls, who chose your servant Nicholas to be a bishop in the Church, that he might give freely out of the treasures of your grace: make us mindful of the needs of others and as we have received, so teach us also to give; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. <i>Collect for St Nicholas Day</i> In thanksgiving for the compassionate ministry of St Nicholas
Monday December 7th	For continuing ministry in Nicosia and particularly for the new Dean and chaplain, Fr. John Tyrell, and his wife Carol.
Tuesday December 8th	For the work of the various denominational Churches in the city.
Wednesday December 9th	For work amongst the poor and needy.
Thursday December 10th	For work with the youth of the churches.
Friday December 11th	For ongoing work within Nicosia Central Prison.
Saturday December 12th	For the Nicosia Pregnancy Care Centre, its work and helpers that the power of the living, risen Lord may empower us all this weekend and for ever.

**O God our Father, we are preparing to celebrate the birthday of your Son Jesus Christ. While we recall his coming as a tiny baby in weakness and humility, may we be reminded that one day he will come in power and glory. We make this prayer to you through the same Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.**

*A Catholic Prayer Book*

## CHRISTIAN UNITY

Sunday December 13th The Third Sunday of Advent	For the unity of all Christians.
Monday December 14th	For deep immersion in the gospel of our salvation.
Tuesday December 15th	For intelligent understanding of scripture, tradition and reason.
Wednesday December 16th	For courage in addressing difficulties.
Thursday December 17th	For delight in celebrating the faith delivered to us.
Friday December 18th	For penitence and sorrow over our divisions.
Saturday December 19th	For trust that God the Holy Spirit will lead us into all truth.

## SPIRITUALITY AND RETREAT MINISTRY

Sunday December 20th The Fourth Sunday of Advent	As we remember God's provision for Mary and Joseph on their journey to Bethlehem thank God for the resources he has provided for the retreats work. Give thanks for the grants that have been received for the Bursary Fund and the general running of the Katafiyio Retreat House. For continued financial support to enable the staff to continue this work.
Monday December 21st St Thomas the Apostle	For Maggie Le-Roy and Judy Cannan as they develop the retreats work. In times of doubt may they, like Thomas, reach out, touch and believe. As the workload increases it may be necessary to increase staffing - pray for discernment in this.

Tuesday December 22nd	Remembering Mary and Joseph as they journey to Bethlehem, bring to God all the chaplaincies in the Diocese in their journeying towards him. May breathing spaces be created for clergy and congregations, that they may tune into God's presence during the coming year.
Wednesday December 23rd	As Mary rested before the birth of Christ, pray for busy people across the Diocese and Province, that they may realise their need to retreat, rest and wait for God to resource them for the work they are called to birth and nurture.
Thursday December 24th Christmas Eve	On the eve of remembering Christ's coming into the world, pray for those booked into the Katafiyio Retreat House over the coming months, that they may be filled with anticipation and meet them in their prayer that God will come to them.
Friday December 25th Christmas Day	As we enter into the joy of Christ's birth, praise God for the new life which he has generated in those who have been on retreat this year. Pray that the life of Christ may inspire them into the coming year.
Saturday December 26th Stephen, Deacon, 1st Martyr	As Stephen saw the glory of God, and as the angels at the birth of Christ gave glory to God, pray that the leading of Quiet Days, experiential prayer sessions for organisations, travel in the Middle East to lead retreats, and the leading of individually guided retreats will all result in glory going to God.

**O Lord, the Scripture says, 'There is time for silence and a time for speech.' Saviour, teach me the silence of humility, the silence of wisdom, the silence of love, the silence of perfection, the silence that speaks without words, the silence of faith. Lord teach me to silence my own heart that I may listen to the gentle movement of the Holy Spirit within me and sense the depths which are of God.**

*Source unknown, 16th century*

**DIOCESAN MINISTRY AND  
ADMINISTRATION**

Sunday  
December 27th  
The First Sunday  
of Christmas

For the Bishop in Cyprus and the Gulf, Michael Lewis, and Julia his wife.

Monday  
December 28th  
The Holy  
Innocents

For the Archdeacon in the Gulf, Bill Schwartz, and Edith his wife.

Tuesday  
December 29th  
John, Apostle &  
Evangelist  
(transferred from  
Dec.27th)

For the Archdeaconry of Cyprus.

Wednesday  
December 30th

For Mrs Georgia Katsantonis, the Bishop's PA.

Thursday  
December 31st

For Mrs Anetta Stylianou, office and finance secretary, and Mr Savvas Demetriou, administrative assistant and driver.

Friday  
January 1st  
The Naming of  
Jesus

For the work of Mr John Banfield, consultant, and for the Bishop's Council and Standing Committee.

**Most merciful Father, you have called us to be a caring Church, reflecting in our lives your infinite care for us your children. Help us to fulfil our calling and to care for one another in an unselfish fellowship of love; and to care for the world around us in sharing with it the good news of your love and serving those who suffer from poverty, hunger and disease. We ask it in the name of Christ our Lord.**

*Archbishop Michael Ramsey*

**Eternal Father,  
it is your joy to call men and women to serve you across  
the barriers of race and language and culture:  
Give them strength and courage.  
and satisfy their longing to make known  
the good news of Christ.  
Bless those who are called along the humble road,  
to serve and support but not to lead.  
When they face danger,  
save them from fear;  
When they are disheartened,  
be their friend;  
When they think they have failed,  
show them the cross.  
Give them peace in their hearts,  
and peace in their homes,  
and the joy of acceptance by those whom they serve.  
For Jesus Christ's sake.**

*The Reverend John Kingsnorth (USPG)*

**THE PROVINCE OF JERUSALEM AND THE MIDDLE EAST**

Sunday  
January 3rd  
The Second  
Sunday after  
Christmas

For the **Province of the Episcopal Church of Jerusalem and The Middle East** formed on 6th January 1976 from the former Archbishopric in Jerusalem. It covers the lands of the Bible and the countries in which Judaism, Christianity and Islam were born. This week, for clergy and people of our Province.

Monday  
January 4th

For the **Diocese of Jerusalem**. It includes Jerusalem, Palestine, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, and Syria. For the many pilgrims who visit Jerusalem and the Holy Land. For the Bishop, Suheil Dawani, and Shafeeqa, his wife.

Tuesday  
January 5th

For the **Diocese of Iran**. It continues its life and asks for the love and prayers of the whole Church in its faithful witness. For the Bishop, Azad Marshall, and Lesley, his wife.

Wednesday  
January 6th  
The Epiphany

For the **Diocese of Egypt with North Africa and the Horn of Africa**. It includes Egypt, Algeria, Tunisia, Libya, Ethiopia, Eritrea and Somalia/Somaliland. For the President Bishop, the Most Reverend Mouneer Hanna Anis and Nancy, his wife. For the Right Reverend Dr Bill Musk and Hilary, his wife, in Tunis. For the Right Reverend Andrew Proud and Janice, his wife, in Addis Ababa.

Thursday  
January 7th

For our **Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf**. It includes Cyprus, Iraq, the Gulf States, Yemen and the countries of the Arabian Peninsula. For our Bishop, Michael Lewis and Julia, his wife.

Friday  
January 8th

For the members of the **Provincial Synod and Standing Committee**.

Saturday  
January 9th

For the **Bishops of the Province**, meeting today and tomorrow in Beirut.

**THE YEMEN: ADEN, CHRIST CHURCH**

Sunday  
January 10th  
The First Sunday  
after Epiphany

For all Christians in Yemen, that they will grow in their relationship with God.

Monday  
January 11th

For the staff of the Family Department at the Ras Morbat Clinic, that through God's love they will heal the sick.

Tuesday  
January 12th

For the staff of the Eye Department at the Ras Morbat Clinic, that through God's love they will bring sight to the blind.

Wednesday  
January 13th

For all seafarers who pass through the Gulf of Aden, that under God's protection they will remain unharmed.

Thursday  
January 14th

For the Somali refugees who live in Yemen, that they will find hope for the future.

Friday  
January 15th

For Catherine Dawkins as she is ordained deacon today by Bishop Michael at Christ Church, that her ministry in Yemen will be fruitful

Saturday  
January 16th

For the Council of Reference as they meet today, that their discussions will be guided by God's Spirit.

**O God, who by a star guided the wise men to the worship of your Son; we pray you to lead to yourself the wise and the great of every land, that unto you every knee may bow, and every thought be brought into captivity through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

*Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East*

**THE WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES AND  
THE MIDDLE EAST COUNCIL OF CHURCHES**

<p>Sunday January 17th The Second Sunday after Epiphany Anthony of Egypt, Initiator of Religious Communities (c 251-356)</p> <p>Monday January 18th Beginning of the Week of prayer for Christian Unity</p> <p>Tuesday January 19th</p> <p>Wednesday January 20th</p> <p>Thursday January 21st</p> <p>Friday January 22nd</p> <p>Saturday January 23rd</p>	<p>This week, for the World Council of Churches and the Middle East Council of Churches</p> <p>For the <b>World Council of Churches (WCC)</b>. It promotes Christian unity in faith, witness and service for a just and peaceful world. An ecumenical fellowship of churches founded in 1948, today the WCC brings together 349 Orthodox, Anglican, Protestant and other churches representing more than 560 million Christians in over 110 countries, and works cooperatively with the Roman Catholic Church. For the General Secretary, and for the staff at WCC Headquarters.</p> <p>For the <b>Middle East Council of Churches</b>. It was founded in 1974 and is a regional fellowship of the families of Middle East Churches. It brings together Oriental Orthodox, Orthodox, Roman Catholic, Anglican and Evangelical churches under one body.</p> <p>For the General Secretary, Dr Guirgis Saleh and the Executive Committee. For the four Presidents of the Council, HH Catholicos Aram I, HB the Patriarch of Jerusalem Theophilos III, the Reverend Dr Safwat El Bayadi, and His Excellency Archbishop Boulos Matar</p> <p>For continuation of dialogue, cooperation and communication with Muslims in order to build a more peaceful and just world. For Christians of Oriental Orthodox traditions: Armenians, Copts, Ethiopians, Syrian Orthodox and the Church of the East. For Christians of Orthodox tradition in communion with the Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople. For Christians of Roman Catholic tradition, both Latin, Eastern-rite and Maronite, in communion with the Pope. For Christians of Anglican tradition in communion with the Archbishop of Canterbury. For those of Reformed and Evangelical tradition.</p>
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**CYPRUS: LIMASSOL, ST BARNABAS**

<p>Sunday January 24th The Third Sunday after Epiphany</p> <p>Monday January 25th The Conversion of Paul</p> <p>Tuesday January 26th Timothy and Titus, Companions of St Paul</p> <p>Wednesday January 27th</p> <p>Thursday January 28th</p> <p>Friday January 29th</p> <p>Saturday January 30th Samuel Gobat, Bishop in Jerusalem (d.1879)</p>	<p>For the growth and commitment of the Christian Church in Limassol and the role of St Barnabas in that growth among people with English as a first or additional language.</p> <p>For ministries of worship, prayer and learning, especially the Sunday liturgy, Tuesday prayer group and Alpha course, giving thanks for the ministries of St Paul.</p> <p>For children &amp; young people in church, schools and scouts, remembering those to whom Paul was like a father.</p> <p>For relationships with churches and groups sharing the buildings.</p> <p>For Christian unity across Limassol .</p> <p>For the prosperity of the community, those who create employment, those who seek work and those who serve the church in their work.</p> <p>For those struggling financially, with health and with loneliness, remembering too the Church in Jerusalem.</p>
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**O God who has called men and women in every land to be a holy nation, a royal priesthood, the Church of your dear Son; unite us in mutual love across the barriers of race and culture, and strengthen us in our common task of being Christ and showing Christ to the world he came to save.**

*John Kingsworth (USPG)*