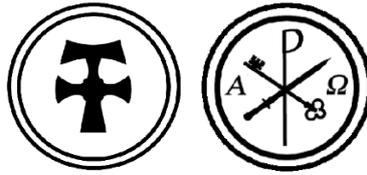


Monastery of St. Antony and St. Cuthbert
The Brotherhood of the Glorious Apostles Peter and Paul



From Fr. Philip: Christmas Day 2018

Short Christmas Day Greeting!



May He who was born in a stable and laid in a manger, for our sake, Christ our true God, through the prayers of the Theotokos and all the saints bless you this Christmas season and throughout the coming year. Amen.

Firstly: a big thank you to all those who have visited us so far and joined in our life here in the Monastery and to those who are supporting us in other ways. It has been wonderful to have each of you praying alongside us, muscling in and helping to dig, build, repair, clean and offer help and advice as we need it. God bless you!

Secondly: I hope that many people will want to come and visit and join us over the coming year. There is room to stay (usually!) and in the summer there will be tents and the outside cells to use. Also you can bring your own tents or stay nearby. As the Apostle Philip said "Come and see!"

Thirdly: the shops and restaurants have been working overtime selling things that no one needs or wants. They will be taking down their Christmas decorations now that Christmas has arrived. Let this be the sign that we are really waiting for! Let each of us allow the Christ to be born in the lowly stable of our hearts. Let each of us welcome the Mother of our God into our very centre. Let each of us welcome the outcasts (as were the shepherds) and the strangers (as were the magi) and bring them into that stable where they will find the Lord Jesus the Saviour.



Fourthly: don't forget that we are here to pray ... and to pray with and for you. So send us the names and what to pray about. We remember everyone in the services and particularly at the proskimide.

May God saturate you with His love.

Amen.

Pictures from Christmas day:



