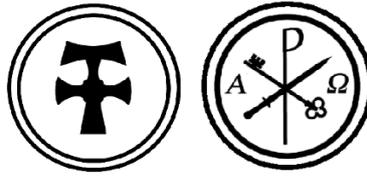


Monastery of St. Antony and St. Cuthbert
The Brotherhood of the Glorious Apostles Peter and Paul



April 2022

From Fr. Philip:



A candle order for Pascha

The end is in sight for Great Lent – there is a Light at the end of the tunnel and that Light is Christ risen from the dead! Our prayers and fasting unite us to God in the sacraments and are a direct demonstration that we are not at all interested in all the false and greedy blandishments that the evil one dangles before us.

We are always preparing ourselves to say



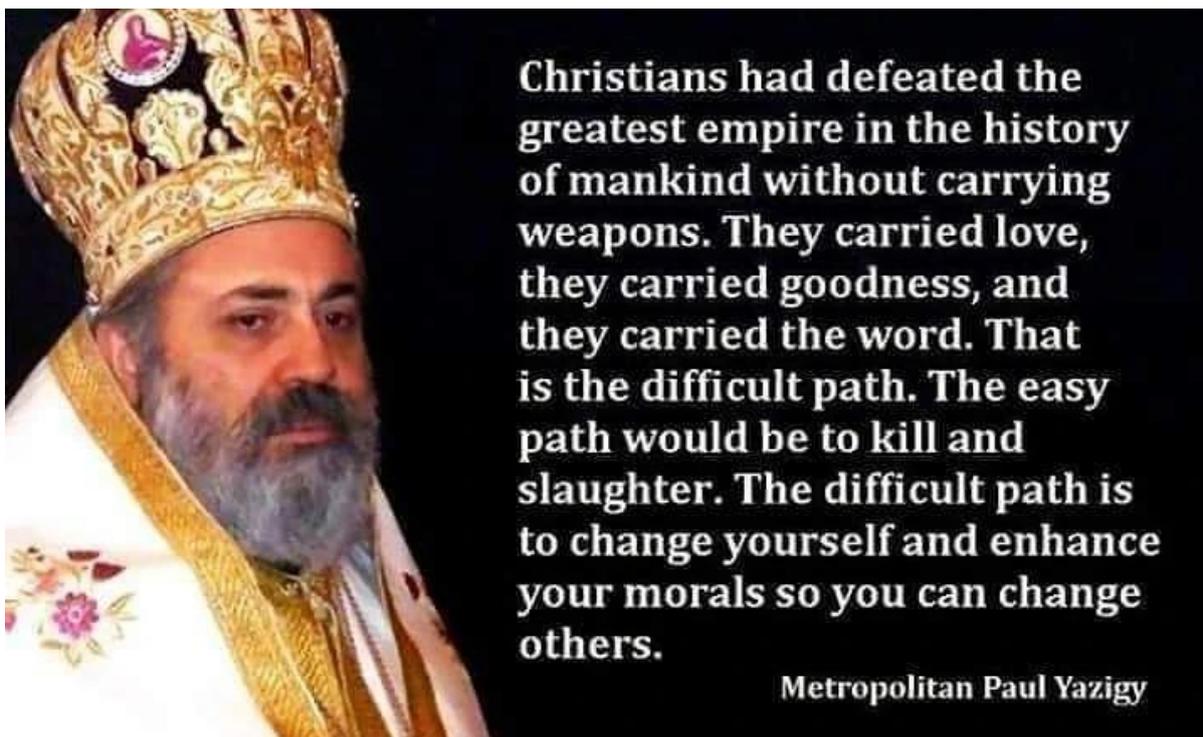
“Christ is risen! المسيح قام! Χριστὸς ἀνέστη! Христóсь воскрес! Hristos a înviat!
 Kristus vstal z mŕtvých! Christus resurrexit! Kristus augšāmcēlies! Kristus prisikēlė!
 Krisztus feltámadt! Le Christ est ressuscité! Atgyfododd Crist! Cristo ha resucitado!”

Christ risen from the dead is our goal, our meaning, our focus, our joy, our future, and our message to the world that suffers and causes such suffering. The evil one, the prince of this world tempts us with power, authority, wealth, status and all those other things that cause mayhem, destruction, and death throughout the world. Our repentance from all that nonsense and our firm adherence to Jesus Christ is our prophetic answer to all that. In Him is order, creation, and life which is not just for those who come to him but through us to the rest of Creation.

So, when you hear of all those things that afflict the world keep in mind that Christ has already “overcome the world” and that we, acting in love, can begin to prevent further distress and we can begin to repair the damage caused through His resurrection and in His renewal of His Creation.

The world’s reaction to evil is to take revenge. That is not our way.





Metropolitan Paul was kidnapped 8 years ago this month.

Service Books: Thank you!

We are most grateful for the gift of The Lenten Triodion and a book of the Supplementary Texts. May the Lord bless you richly in return! These books have certainly blessed us!

Environment.

The pond has geese sitting on eggs, ducks thinking of doing the same and frogs, toads, newts spawning in it in abundance. Insects of many sorts flying over it and laying in it too.

The bluebells are well above the soil level now and will soon be in flower (the whole place suddenly turns blue). The leaves are starting to unfurl in the woods, the wild birds are changing too. Gone are the winter migrants and here are those building nests. The farm is full of new life – calves and lambs fill the fields again.



Support:

Us supporting you:

Send us requests for prayer.

1. We are happy to remember people in our prayers, in the proskimide, artoklasias (lytias) and so on.
2. Come and stay to join us in prayer and our life for a few days.

You supporting us:

There are several ways to support the Monastery:

1. Please pray for us.
2. Through giving us good ideas!
3. Through direct giving. See below. You can find details on the website but also by making donations to our charity: THE STIPERSTONES TRUST Registered charity number: 1077603.

Making donations:

If you'd like to support what we are doing financially that would be lovely – but please do not feel that you “must”. We DO need money and we are already finding that we need to expand the monastery as more people are asking to stay and space is very limited.

We also need lots of things (we have far too much of some things already) but we need new paths, concrete, cement, wood, more cells, a larger church (the current one gets very cramped), and a good plumber, the boiler maintained, new water heaters (some of them here don't work and it is cold) We also need to eat, and we need to feed our guests!

The best way you can help us with these things is by setting up a small monthly Standing Order. This is very easy. If you have Internet Banking it is five minutes work. Otherwise you could complete the attached form and send it to your Bank Manager. We will spend your money VERY carefully and be delighted to show you what we are doing in person.

You may also consider completing a Gift Aid form too. This increases your gift by 25% (so £1 becomes £1.25)

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Standing Order Form.

To the Manager

Bank Address:

I/we hereby authorise and request you to debit my/our

Account Name*	
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Account Details

Sort Code	Account Number	Amount	Frequency
			Monthly

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And credit

The Stiperstones Trust, Lloyds Bank, Pride Hill, Shrewsbury. SY1 1DG

Sort Code: 30-97-62	Account: 02291524
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* Please ensure that the actual name on/of the account is included in this box so that we can accurately match your payment to our records.

Please print this page off and send it to your Bank Manager.

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1. Title: _____

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2. If you are a UK taxpayer, please tick the box below to join the Gift Aid scheme. Doing so will mean that we can claim up to 25p extra for every £1 you give, at no additional cost to you!

Yes, I am a UK taxpayer. Please treat all donations I make to The Stiperstones Trust as Gift Aid donations until further notice. I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations to charities and Community amateur sports clubs (CASCs) in that tax year, it is my responsibility to pay any difference. The Stiperstones Trust will claim 25p on every £1 donated. Please let us know if you want to cancel the declaration, change your name and/ or address or no longer pay enough tax on your income and/or capital gains.

Signed:

Date:

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Gift Aid Information When the Stiperstones Trust receives a donation from a UK taxpayer, we are entitled to claim an amount of tax (calculated at the basic rate of income tax in that year) paid on that donation. Once you have given your permission for us to do this on your behalf (by filling in this Gift Aid form), there is no need for you to do anything else. All that is required is that you must be a taxpayer and that you would have paid or will pay enough Income and/or Capital Gains Tax to cover all the Gift Aid claimed on all your donations to all charities and Community amateur sports clubs in that tax year. Please note that it is your responsibility to pay any difference. The amount of tax we claim will be 25% of the total value of your donations in that tax year. Furthermore, if you are a higher taxpayer, you are also entitled to claim the difference between the basic rate which we will claim and the amount of tax you have actually paid. For further details on how you can do this, please contact your tax office. If your tax situation changes and your gifts will no longer be eligible for the Gift Aid scheme, please contact us and we will amend your record accordingly.

Visiting the Monastery:

It has been wonderful to begin to welcome guests back to the monastery. We look forward to seeing more of you this coming few months. We now have somewhere where you can park, and we can meet you to bring you the last few muddy metres to the monastery. This makes life much easier for us all. The car park is by the farm and next to our post box so if you are coming, please ask for directions!

If you are coming then please make sure that you have booked yourself in well ahead and give us time to find, read and answer your email. We don't sit on our email accounts so you should allow several days for this.

- a)** Please make sure we know you are coming!
- b)** Book well ahead.
- c)** Tell us if there is anything you cannot eat or if you have any allergies.
- d)** You need to wear clothes that can get wet and muddy. Waterproof shoes / boots are necessary too. Please don't bring mud into any of the buildings.
- e)** Be prepared to make and strip your bed.
- f)** COVID rules apply. Don't come if you have ANY illness. We don't want your colds, flu, chicken pox or green monkey disease. We are very remote, and illness is a big problem for us.
- g)** Be prepared to work.
- h)** Contact the guest master (Br. Paul +44 7938 878977 send a text to introduce yourself before phoning and keep in mind that we are often unreachable).
- i)** If we must close the monastery because of COVID we shall.
- j)** In the winter it is quite possible to be snowed in for three weeks. No: we don't have a snow plough!
- k)** We will enjoy meeting you!

Shop:

If you want candles for Pascha please order them straight away.

Altar Candles Box of 10: £30
9" Candles, 100: £12, 500: £58, 1000: £100
12" Candles, 100: £14, 500: £68, 1000: £135

Your prayers! May God bless you!

Fr. Philip.

*Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down
death by death and to those in the tombs
bestowing life! Christ is risen!*

Working in the Monastery:



Scenes in the Monastery:





The Greenhouse prepared for planting.



The fruit plot.



The vegetable plot and an ancient hornbeam.

