



**Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese
of the British Isles and Ireland
St George's Antiochian Orthodox Cathedral**

Sundays 19 - 26 August 2018

**Archbishop: Metropolitan Silouan Oner
Parish Priest: Archpriest Samir Gholam
Parish Deacon: Deacon Michael Touma**

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Regular Services:
Saturdays: Vespers 16:30
Sundays: Matins 10:00
Liturgy 11:00

Orthodox Calendar:

15 August – The Dormition of our Most Holy Virgin Mary
16 August – Translation of the image of our Lord Jesus Christ
19 August – 12th Sunday of Matthew
21 August – The Holy Apostle Thaddaeus

23 August – Apodosis of the Dormition of Our Virgin Mary
25 August – Return of the Body of the Apostle Bartholomew
26 August – 13th Sunday of Matthew

Subscription to the Antiochian Orthodox Society of Britain

The Antiochian Orthodox Society of Britain is the backbone of the parish of St. George's Cathedral. It is responsible for all its finance, maintenance and administration plus assisting the clergy with all their needs. It is also responsible for the maintenance and refurbishment of the church building which is a Grade 2 listed building and requires continuous attention and large amounts of expenditure.

The society regular income is generated mainly from the membership, the church collection and donations made in the candle box. We strongly urge everyone to join the society by completing the form which can be downloaded using the following link:

<http://www.stgeorgeantioch.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/Application-Form.pdf>

The standard annual subscription is £180, paid by monthly £15 standing order. Those with limited income can pay as little as they can



Paracletice Prayers

Since the 1st of August we are serving The Paracletice of the Mother of God, at 7:00 PM, until August 14, The Holy Mothers of God Adormition Feast, at 7:00 PM.

We hope you all join us



**Ordination of
Deacon Filip to the Priesthood**

On Sunday 29th July at the Church of St Dunstan Poole, Sayedna Silouan ordained Deacon Filip Lommaert to the Priesthood. We wish him a beautiful ministry where ever he serves.

Axios, Axios, Axios





The Dormition of the Theotokos:

The feast of the Dormition of Our Most Holy Theotokos and Ever Virgin Mary is celebrated on August 15, it commemorates the repose (dormition) or "Falling-asleep" of the Mother of Jesus Christ, and also commemorates the assumption into heaven of the body of the Theotokos, it proclaims that Mary has been "assumed" by God into the heavenly kingdom of Christ in the fullness of her spiritual and bodily existence.

The Tradition of the Church is that Mary died as all people die, not "voluntarily" as her Son, but by the necessity of her mortal human nature which is indivisibly bound up with the corruption of this world.

In the Gospel of the feast, however, in the liturgical services and in the Dormition Icon, the Church proclaims that Mary truly needed to be saved by Christ as all human persons are saved from the trials, sufferings and death of this world; and that having truly died, she was raised up by her Son as the Mother of Life and participates already in the eternal life of paradise which is prepared and promised to all who "hear the Word of God and keep it" (LuKe 11:27-28)

The great Feast of the Church and the icon celebrates a fundamental teaching of our faith- the Resurrection of the body. In the case of the Theotokos, this has been accomplished by the divine will of God. Thus, this Feast is a feast of Hope, hope in Resurrection and life eternal. Like those who gathered around the body of the Virgin Mary, we gather around our departed loved ones and commend their souls into the hands of Christ. As we remember those who have reposed in the faith before us and have passed on into the communion of the Saints.

The feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos is the celebration of the fact that all men are "highly exalted" in the blessedness of the victorious Christ, and that this high exaltation has already been accomplished in Mary the Theotokos. The feast of the Dormition is the sign, the guarantee and the celebration that Mary's fate is, the destiny of all those of "low estate" whose souls magnify the Lord, whose spirits rejoice in God the Saviour, whose lives are totally dedicated to bearing and keeping the Word of God which is given to men in Mary's child, the Saviour and Redeemer of the world.

التدبير الإلهي

تعطلت إحدى السفن التجارية وهي في البحر من كثرة الحمل الذي فيها فأصبحت مهددة بالغرق ، فإقترح ربانها أن يتم رمي بعض المتاع و البضاعة في البحر ليخفف الحمل على السفينة و تنجو.. فأجمعوا أن يتم رمي كامل بضاعة أحد التجار لأنها كثيرة ، فإعترض التاجر على ان ترمى بضاعته هو لوحده، و اقترح أن يرمى قسم من بضاعة كل تاجر بالتساوي حتى تتوزع الخسارة على الكل ولا تصيب شخص واحد فقط، فثار عليه باقي التجار ولأنه كان تاجر جديد ومستضعف تأمروا عليه و رموه في البحر هو وبضاعته و أكملوا طريق سفرهم.. أخذت الأمواج تتلاعب بالتاجر وهو موقن بالغرق وخائف حتى أغمي عليه، وعندما أفاق وجد أن الأمواج ألقته به على شاطئ جزيرة مجهولة ومهجورة.. ما كاد التاجر يفيق من إغمائه و يلتقط أنفاسه حتى سقط على ركبتيه وطلب من الله المعونة والمساعدة، وسأله أن ينقذه من هذا الوضع الأليم.. مرت عدة أيام كان التاجر يقتات خلالها من ثمار الشجر و ما يصطاده من أرانب ويشرب من جدول مياه قريب، وينام في كوخ صغير بناه من أعواد الشجر ليحتمي فيه من برد الليل وحر النهار.. ذات يوم وبينما كان التاجر يطهو طعامه هبت ريح قوية وحملت معها بعض أعواد الخشب المشتعلة، وفي غفلة منه اشتعل كوخه فحاول إطفاء النار ولكن لم يستطع فقد إلتهمت النار الكوخ كله بما فيه. هنا أخذ التاجر يصرخ لماذا يارب .. ؟ لقد رُميت في البحر ظلماً وخسرت بضاعتي.. والآن حتى هذا الكوخ الذي يؤويني احترق و لم يتبقى لي شيء في هذه الدنيا وأنا غريب في هذا المكان.. لماذا يارب كل هذه المصائب تأتي عليّ. و نام التاجر ليلته وهو جائع من شدة الحزن، لكن في الصباح كانت هناك مفاجأة بانتظاره، إذ وجد سفينة تقترب من الجزيرة وتُنزل منها قارباً صغيراً لإنقاذه.. وعندما صعد التاجر على سطح السفينة لم يصدق عقله من شدة الفرح، و سألهم كيف وجدوه وكيف عرفوا مكانه فأجابوه: لقد رأينا دخاناً فعرفنا أن شخصاً ما يطلب النجدة لإنقاذه، فجننا لنرى. وعندما أخبرهم بقصته وكيف أنه رُمي من سفينة التجار ظلماً، أخبروه بأن سفينة التجار لم تصل وغرقت في البحر! فقد اغار عليها القراصنة و قتلوا وسلبوا كل من فيها، فسجد التاجر يبكي ويقول اشكرك يارب أمرك كله خير، قدوس هو الله الحكيم الذي نجاه من القتل و اختار له الخير.. قدوس هو الله مدير الأمور كلها من حيث لا ندري ومن حيث لا نعلم ... "لست تعلم انت الآن ما انا أصنع و لكنك ستفهم فيما بعد" إذا ساءت ظروفك فلا تحف . و ثق أن " كل الأشياء تعمل معا للخير للذين يحبون الله"

Story and Lessons:

If you can dream it, you can do it

His family was so poor, he had to deliver 1300 newspapers a day. Then his father would take away all the money. His brothers ran away because they were fed up... with the hardships at home. All the adversity I've had in my life, all my troubles and obstacles, have strengthened me. At the age of 19, he started an animation company... his lifelong dream. He failed to sell a single cartoon. His company went bankrupt. Everyone falls down. "Getting back up is how you learn how to walk". He started an animation studio in an old garage. He spent the next 5 years working with no income. In 1928, he finally found success with a short film, but lost the copyright to his own characters. He was crushed. He had nowhere to live and little money for food. "When you believe in a thing, believe in it all the way – implicitly and unquestionably". He tried again with a new character, but the audience was not impressed with his film. Still, he made a second film but he couldn't find a distributor. Finally, he found success on his third attempt. His character Mickey Mouse became a hit. "If you can dream it, you can do it". He then wanted to make a feature-length animated film but everybody said it was a bad idea. The movie took three years to make and cost the equivalent of \$25 million today. Disney ran out of money and had to mortgage his house. "The difference between winning and losing is most often not quitting". Once released, "Snow White and the Seven Dwarves" was hailed as a masterpiece. It made the most money of any movie that year, the equivalent of \$134 million today. In his life, Walt Disney won 22 Academy Awards and was nominated 59 times. Both marks stand as records to this day. "All your dreams can come true if you have the courage to pursue them".

Fathers quotes:

"Thus though art also the fountain of true light, the inexhaustible treasury of life itself, the most fruitful source of blessing, who has won for us and bought us all good things – though for a while thou wast covered corporeally with death; nonetheless, thou dost pour out pure and inexhaustible streams of immense light, immortal life and true happiness, rivers of grace, fountains of healing and everlasting blessing"

St John of Damascus

"Finally when blessed Mary having completed the course of this life, and was to be called from the world, all the Apostles gathered to her house from their different regions. And when they had heard that she was to be taken from the world, together they kept watch with her; a lo, the Lord Jesus came with his angels. Taking her soul, He gave it the Archangel Michael and withdrew. At dawn the Apostles raised her body with a pallet and they placed it in a vault and they guarded it awaiting the coming of the Lord. And lo, a second time the Lord stood by them and he ordered the holy body to be taken and borne to Paradise, there having rejoined the soul exultant with His elect, it enjoys the good things of eternity which shall know no end"

St Gregory of Tours

Announcements:

✠ جانب الأهالي الكرام:

نحيطكم علماً أنه ببركة صاحب السيادة الميتروبوليت سلوان أونر ومجلس رعية كنيسة القديس جارجيوس سيتم افتتاح مدرسة لتعليم اللغة العربية لأولادنا الأحياء من عمر أربع سنوات حتى عمر اثنتي عشرة سنة "مع بعض الاستثناءات" وذلك في أيلول القادم إن شاء الله، فعلى الراغبين تسجيل أسماء أولادهم لدى السيدة ماغي مخول مديرة المدرسة (07949187944)، لئيني على الشيء مقتضاه.

A Holy liturgy, will be celebrated for the occasion of the **Holy Virgin Mary Adormition feast**, on Tuesday 14 August, 7:00 pm.

Sunday 7th October 2018, the Antiochian Orthodox Society will hold its Annual General Meeting at 1.30pm in St. George's Cathedral. All welcome

Saturday 17th November, the Antiochian Orthodox Society will hold its Annual Charity Dinner at 7.30pm in the Royal Garden Hotel. Tickets will be available in October.