



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

Sundays 14 - 21 October 2018

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

**Newsletter Issue:
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Regular Services:

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

Orthodox Calendar:

09 October – James the Apostle
14 October – Sunday of the 7th Ecumenical Council
16 October – Longinos The Centurion

18 October – Luke the Evangelist
21 October – 6th Sunday of Luke



St Silouan Feast

On Sunday 23 September, we celebrated St Silouan feast at St Georges Cathedral.

Holy Father Silouan, pray to Christ God to save our souls.



Supporter Dinner

The Chairman Dr. Samir Hraiki together with the Board of Trustees of the Antiochian Orthodox Society held a dinner at Noura Restaurant on Wednesday 26th September 2018 in the honor of the Ambassador of Lebanon H.E.Rami and Mrs. Jamal MURTADA, and in the honor of His Eminence Metropolitan Silouan Oner of the Antiochian Orthodox Archdiocese of the British Isles and Ireland and His Eminence Archbishop Gregorios of Thyateira and Great Britain.

The atmosphere was very friendly, entertaining, joyful and enjoyed by the 64 guests and supporters who thanked the Chairman for the lovely evening which was a perfect combination of great conversation and good food.



Ordination of Father Michael 30/09/2018

Priest duty is to serve God, through people, through parish. For what purpose? So he may lead them to the Kingdom of Heaven and introduce them to God, to make them Saints. This is the duty of the Priest, to bless them not from the power of his own strength but with the strength of God the Almighty.

Priesthood not only involves encouraging people to attend the Holy Liturgy, not only to share with them words of wisdom, but it is something which he must act upon through the graces that are given from prayer, fasting, purification of his soul and his families, so that all the families and the people around him can in turn be blessed too.

A priest will struggle and the cross will be too heavy for him however he will never be alone. God will be by his side strengthening him and providing the grace for him to keep moving forward.

Metropolitan Silouan



Story and Lessons:

The battle of the beetles

On the slope of Long's Peak in Colorado lies the ruin of a gigantic tree. Naturalists tell us that it stood for some four hundred years. It was a seedling when Columbus landed at San Salvador, and half grown when the pilgrims settled at Plymouth.

During the course of its long life it was struck by lightning fourteen times and the innumerable avalanches and storms of four centuries thundered past it. It survived them all. In the end, however, an army of beetles attacked the tree and levelled it to the ground. The insects ate their way through the bark and gradually destroyed the inner strength of the tree by their tiny but incessant attacks. A forest giant which age had not withered, nor lightning blasted, nor storms subdued, fell at last before beetles so small that a man could crush them between his forefinger and his thumb.

There is a parallel in this story which should serve as a warning to us. Most of us can survive times of crisis. We summon the strength of faith or resolve for most any battle that we face head on. Whether it is in our professional or personal lives, we often overcome great obstacles. It is the small things like jealousy, anger, resentment, pettiness and negativity that eat us from the inside, which often bring about our downfall. Unlike a giant tree, we can identify and fight those moral or ethical "beetles." We must, however, be constantly on guard.

Fathers quotes:

“Listen to me, people of all nations, men, women, and children, all of you who bear the Christian name: if any one preach to you something contrary to what the holy catholic Church has received from the holy Apostles and fathers and councils, and has kept down to the present day, do not heed him. Do not receive the serpent’s counsel, as Eve did, to whom it was death, if an angel or an emperor teaches you anything contrary to what you have received, shut your ears”

St John Of Damascus

“All the teachers of the Church, all the Councils, and all the Divine Scriptures, exhort us to flee those who uphold other doctrines and to separate from communion with them”

St Mark the Ephesus

“Monophysites do not say that they did not understand the Holy Fathers but the Holy Fathers did not understand them. Namely, as if they are right and were misunderstood, So many Holy Fathers who had divine illumination and were their contemporaries, did not understand them but misunderstood them, and here we come so many centuries later to correct the Holy Fathers? Why don’t they even consider the miracle of Saint Euphemia? Is it possible that even she had misunderstood the book of the heretics?”

Elder Paisios

Announcements:

ببركة صاحب السيادة الميتروبوليت سلوان أونر ومجلس جمعية كنيسة القديس جارجيوس تم افتتاح مدرسة تعليم اللغة العربية لأولادنا الأبناء من عمر أربع سنوات حتى عمر اثنتي عشرة سنة "مع بعض الاستثناءات"، فعلى الراغبين تسجيل أسماء أولادهم بالاتصال بالسيدة ماغي مخول مديرة المدرسة (07949187944)، ليبنى على الشيء مقتضاه.

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

Dear brothers and sisters, **Dimitry and Ekaterina** Ismagilov invite you all to **the baptism of their baby** Ioann, which will take place at our Cathedral on Sunday, October 14 at 1:30 pm.

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

A Fair of handmade products is projected; who is interested to help, please get in touch with Deacon Michael Touma, the event will take place on Sunday 2nd of December after the Holy Liturgy.