



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

Sundays 23 - 30 June 2019

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

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Regular Services:

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

Orthodox Calendar:

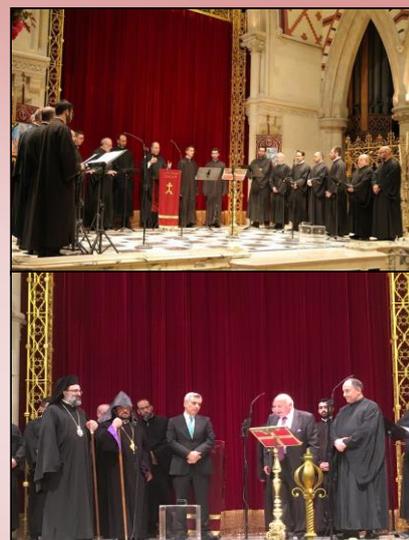
- 17 June – Monday of the Holy Spirit
- 19 June – Thaddeus the Apostle & Brother of Our Lord
- 22 June – the Apodosis of Holy Pentecost
- 23 June – Sunday of all Saints
- 24 June – Nativity of John the Baptist
- 25 June – Prokopios the New Martyr
- 29 June – Peter and Paul the Holy Apostles
- 30 June – Synaxis of the Twelve Holy Apostles



Concert of Byzantine music

The concert was held on Saturday 1st June 2019 at 7.00 pm in: St. Yeghiche Armenian Church, South Kensington, London SW7 4BB.

An excellent and successful concert, all the voices were in harmony, many described like voices from heaven.



Sunday Liturgy

We celebrated the Holy Liturgy with the famous Mount Lebanon Choir, and father Michel Saba.

After the liturgy, our ladies welcomed them with a home made lunch.

The atmosphere was familiar and joyful, because some members of the choir chanted traditional Arabic songs.



Visits

Our Metropolitan Silouan, and our Chairman Dr Samir visited Archbishop of Thyateira and Great Britain Archbishop Gregorios.

Also, Dr Samir and his wife visited his Beatitude Patriarch John of Antioch, during his visit to Lebanon.



Archdiocesan Conference

Our Annual Archdiocesan Conference took place at Yarnfield Conference Centre this year in Staffordshire with His Eminence Metropolitan Silouan. The theme was "Nurturing Children and Adults in the Faith."



Sunday of all Saints

Today we are keeping the Day of All Saints, of all those who have heard Christ speak, whose hearts and minds have been set afire, and went out into the world to bring to the whole world the good news: the news that God has so loved the world, that He has entered into it never to leave it, and that in His Resurrection He has taken all that is the world – in His Flesh the whole visible world, in His soul all the human world – and has established it on the right hand of the Father.

This is not only the glory of the Church, it is a call addressed to each of us. To-day we are called by the Gospel, we are encouraged by the Epistle, so to love God as to become truly His disciples, and that means that our faith in Him must be and become, day after day, more truly faithful, so that seeing us, seeing how we live, seeing who we are, people could believe that Christ has come to save the world, and is worth following as a Master and as a Friend.

On the Sunday of all Saints (commemorated on 5 and 6 June), we remember those that have gone before us, who have fulfilled God's plan for humanity here on earth, who took up that call from God to join Him, and the many who suffered greatly and died for their faith. It is on these days that we not only commemorate those saints who are well known to us, but we also commemorate those whose names we don't know. As is known, every single day of the year with exception to the major feast days of Christ and the Theotokos, is celebrated with the memory of a myriad of saints, with the calculation of the day being the day on which they passed over into eternal life. However, it should also be remembered that each and every person, who attains the Kingdom of Heaven, through the grace of God, is essentially a saint! Even departed loved ones have the possibility of attaining sainthood. While we don't specifically assign the term of 'saint' to them, we still pray and hope that one day them, and those of us alive on this earth, will be together. For, those whom we do honour as official Saints, have been recognized at this level because we are certain that because what they had done on earth and their Christian behaviour has verified their entry into the heavenly kingdom (by the grace of God).

Story and Lessons:

Misjudgement

A poor man went to the office to find a job to feed his hungry family, the lady told him that they can't accept him because of the new immigration law, then he met a man while walking and asked him for help, the man told him to go and find a work than to ask for money without knowing his situation. After that the young man met a lady who was bringing food for the poor man and try to find him to help, then the young man understands that nobody gave work to the poor man, and regretted why he said that to him.

It is not easy for a person to ask for help, it can even be more difficult on the person asking than on the person giving. Asking for help can feel humiliating and damaging to one's self esteem, so we should ask ourselves what if this person is asking because they're just trying to stay afloat or keep a roof over their head or just to feed their family.

We all face difficult times in our life, so we shouldn't be so quick to judge especially when we don't even know their circumstances because one day we might find ourselves needing the help of others, so we should always be the person that we wish we had if we were going through a tough time.

Fathers quotes:

"He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; said Jesus Christ (John 14:12). And in truth, the deeds of an Elias, a Moses, the works of a Peter, a Paul, and the wonders of a Panteleimon, a Nicholas, are not a strange thing in the Holy Orthodox Church. The like is repeated again and again in the Church, whether you see it or not"

St Sebastian Dabovich

"It is a fact, brothers and sisters, that the path of the Saints in this life is one full of troubles. They either endure the pain of longing for that which is to come, like the one who said "Woe is me that I have such a long pilgrimage" or they are distressed by their longing for the salvation of others, as Paul wrote to the Corinthians "I am afraid that why I come to you, God may humble me and cause me to weep and mourn over many who have sinned and not repented of impurity, fornication and licentiousness which they have practised"

St Athanasius

Announcements:

A Holy liturgy will be served for St Peter and Paul the Holy Apostles, on Saturday the 29th of June, 10:00am.

مدرسة تعليم اللغة العربية: على الراغبين تسجيل أسماء أولادهم من عمر أربع سنوات حتى عمر اثنتي عشرة سنة "مع بعض الاستثناءات" للفصول المقبلة، الاتصال بالسيدة ماغي مخول مديرة المدرسة (07949187944)

A group for activities was projected in the Cathedral, of different ages, please get in touch with Fr Michel 07955716299, thank you.