



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

Sundays 02 – 9 June 2019

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

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Regular Services:

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

Orthodox Calendar:

27 May – John the Russian Confessor

29 May – Martyr Theodosia

30 May - Macrina grandmother of St. Basil the Great

31 May – Eusebios and Haralambos The Monk-martyrs

02 June – Sunday of the Blind Man

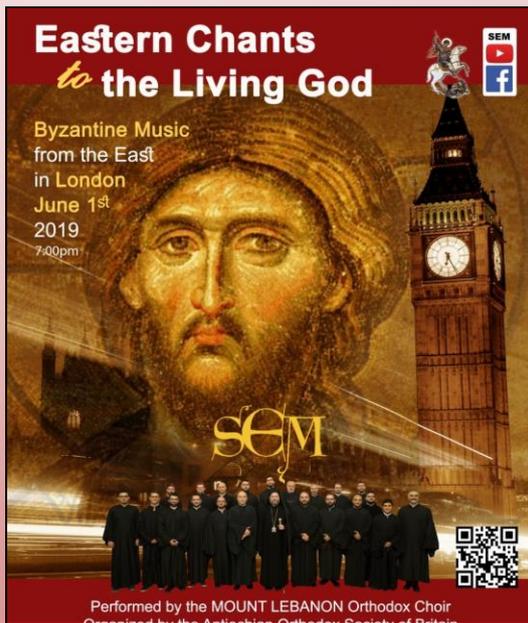
03 June – Athanasios the Wonderworker

04 June – Martha and Mary, Sisters of Lazarus

05 June – Apodosis of Pascha

06 June – Holy Ascension

09 June – Sunday of the Fathers of the 1st Council “



Concert of Byzantine music

The Antiochian Orthodox Society of Britain will hold a concert of Byzantine music and chanting by the famous Mount Lebanon Choir for Byzantine Music on Saturday 1st June 2019 at 7.00 pm in: St. Yeghiche Armenian Church, 13b Cranley Gardens, South Kensington, London SW7 4BB, 25 £ pp, all are welcome

Book your Ticket online

<https://tinyurl.com/SEM-AOS>



St George's Feast

Sunday 06 May, we celebrated St. George's Feast – our church's Patron Saint. May His blessing be upon all, especially who took St Georges as Patron, may life's passing seasons bring the best to them!



It was a busy morning, approximately 8:30 am, when an elderly gentleman, in his 80s arrived to have stitches removed from his thumb. He stated that he was in a hurry and that he had an appointment at 9:00 am.

I took his vital signs, and had him take a seat, knowing it would be over an hour before someone would be able to see him. I saw him looking at his watch and decided, since I was not busy with another patient, I would evaluate his wound. On exam it was well healed, so I talked to one of the doctors, got the needed supplies to remove his sutures and redressed his wound. While taking care of him, we began to engage in conversation. I asked him if he had a doctor's appointment this morning, as he was in such a hurry.

The gentleman told me no, that he needed to go to the nursing home to eat breakfast with his wife. I then inquired as to her health. He told me that she had been there for a while and was a victim of Alzheimer's Disease. As we talked and I finished dressing his wound, I asked if she would be worried if he was a bit late. He replied that she no longer knew who he was, and hadn't recognized him in five years. I was surprised, and asked him, "And you still go every morning, even though she doesn't know who you are?"

He smiled and patted my hand and said, "She doesn't know me, but I still know who she is."

The Ascension of Our Lord

The Ascension completes our faith in Him, Who was God as well as man.

The mystery of our salvation, dearly-beloved, which the Creator of the universe valued at the price of His blood, has now been carried out under conditions of humiliation from the day of His bodily birth to the end of His Passion. And although even in "the form of a slave" many signs of Divinity have beamed out, yet the events of all that period served particularly to show the reality of His assumed Manhood. But after the Passion, when the chains of death were broken, which had exposed its own strength by attacking Him, Who was ignorant of sin, weakness was turned into power, mortality into eternity, contumely into glory, which the Lord Jesus Christ showed by many clear proofs in the sight of many, until He carried even into heaven the triumphant victory which He had won over the dead. As therefore at the Easter commemoration, the Lord's Resurrection was the cause of our rejoicing; so the subject of our present gladness is His Ascension, as we commemorate and duly venerate that day on which the Nature of our humility in Christ was raised above all the host of heaven, over all the ranks of angels, beyond the height of all powers, to sit with God the Father. On which Providential order of events we are founded and built up, that God's Grace might become more wondrous, when, notwithstanding the removal from men's sight of what was rightly felt to command their awe, faith did not fail, hope did not waver, love did not grow cold. For it is the strength of great minds and the light of firmly-faithful souls, unhesitatingly to believe what is not seen with the bodily sight, and there to fix one's affections whither you cannot direct your gaze. And whence should this Godliness spring up in our hearts, or how should a man be justified by faith, if our salvation rested on those things only which lie beneath our eyes? Hence our Lord said to him who seemed to doubt of Christ's Resurrection, until he had tested by sight and touch the traces of His Passion in His Very Flesh, "because thou hast seen Me, thou hast believed: blessed are, they who have not seen and yet have believed."

by St. Leo the Great

Fathers quotes:

“Today not only are we confirmed as possessors of paradise, but have also in Christ penetrated the heights of heaven, and have gained still greater things through Christ’s unspeakable grace than we had lost through the devil’s malice” **St Leo the Great**

“Through the Holy Spirit comes our restoration to paradise, our ascension into the kingdom of heaven, our return to the adoption of sons, our liberty to call God our Father, our being made partakers of the grace of Christ, our being called children of light, our sharing in eternal glory, and, in a word, our being brought into a state of all fullness of blessing...”

St Basil the Great

“As the Lord put on the body, leaving behind all principality and power, so Christians put on the Holy Spirit, and are at rest”

St Macarius the Great

Announcements:

A Holy liturgy will be served for **The Holy Ascension**, on Wednesday the 05th of June, 7:00pm.

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)

Romania pilgrimage: With the blessings of Metropolitan Silouan and request of some members of Hamelat el Teeb; we have organised a Pilgrimage trip to Romania from 21 to 27 June 2019, which co-insides with the celebrations of St John, there will be visits to several Monasteries, touristic places, museums and shopping in Bucharest. The Price is £ 575.00 includes 6 nights’ accommodations + transport +guide +half board (6 breakfast and 5 dinners). If you are interested, please contact Fr Michel Touma 07955716299 before the end of April.

