Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of the British Isles and Ireland

St George's Antiochian Orthodox Society

Sundays 03 &10 November 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:

28 October– Patriarchs Arsenios and Athanasios
30 October – Martyrs Zenobius & Zenobia
01 November – Cosmas and Damian and Theodora
03 November – 5th Sunday of Luke, St Georges
05 November – Holy Apostles Hermes & Companions
06 November – Paul the Confessor Patriarch of Constantinople
08 November – Archangel Michael & Gabriel
10 November – 8th Sunday of Luke

THE ANNUAL GALA DINNER

The Annual Gala Dinner will take place on Saturday the 16th of November 2019, Please contact the Board-members and the priests for Tickets.

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. Unfortunately, our expenses, which have increased tremendously after we became an Archdiocese, much exceed our regular income. Accordingly, our accounts will be in deficit if we exclude the income generated from the Annual Dinner. We need very much to increase our regular income by increasing mainly the society membership which constitutes the only steady income. 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 afford. Higher donations are always welcomed.

Safeguarding

All organisations working with or alongside children or vulnerable adults must have a Safeguarding Policy and procedures in place. Safeguarding means protecting the health, well-being and human rights of children and vulnerable adults. It includes enabling them to live free from harm, abuse and neglect regardless of their age, disability, race, or background

Safeguarding is **everyone's** responsibility to make sure that all children who attend your events and activities are kept safe, minimise risk and comply with legislation and national guidance.

Safeguarding means:

- ensuring children grow up with the provision of safe and effective care
- taking action to enable all children and young people to have the best outcomes.

Ceramic painting day

We spent a lovely Art day with some of our youth, in Art 4 Fun shop.

I want to take the opportunity to thank all the leader of the groups for the help and the cooperation, may God bless each one of you.

Story and Lessons:

TO CHANGE THE WORLD

When I was a young man, I wanted to change the world. I found it was difficult to change the world, so I tried to change my nation.

When I found I couldn't change the nation, I began to focus on my town. I couldn't change the town and as an older man, I tried to change my family.

Now, as an old man, I realize the only thing I can change is myself, and suddenly I realize that if long ago I had changed myself, I could have made an impact on my family. My family and I could have made an impact on our town. Their impact could have changed the nation and I could indeed have changed the world.

Fathers quotes:

"And now, O Master, let Thy hand shelter me, and let Thy mercy come upon me; for my soul is troubled and in distress at its departure from my wretched and defiled body. May the evil counsel of the adversary never overtake it and bind it in darkness through the sins which I have committed in this life, whether in knowledge or in ignorance. Be merciful unto me, O Master, and let not my soul see the dark forms of the evil demons, but may Thy bright and shining Angels receive it. Give Glory to Thy holy name, and by Thy might lead me unto Thy divine judgment seat. When I am being judged, may the hand of the prince of this world not seize me and snatch me, a sinner, into the dephths of hades; but do Thou stand by me, and be unto me a Saviour and Helper, for these present bodily torments are a joy to Thy servants"

Prayer of St Eustratius

"Do not be surprised that you fall every day; do not give up, but stand your ground courageously. And assuredly the angel who guards you will honour your patience. While a wound is still fresh and warm it is easy to heal, but old, neglected and festering ones are hard to cure, and require for their care much treatment, cutting, plastering and cauterization. Many from long neglect became incurable. But with God all things are possible (Matthew 19:26)"

St John Climacus

Announcements:

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

رسالة سيادة الميتروبوليت سلوان أونر الى رعية القديس جاورجيوس لندن

الله معكم

أتمنى أن تكونوا بخير وبصحة جيدة والرب يسوع المسيح يحفظكم دائماً.

يمُر الإنسان والكنيسة بصعوبات كثيرة في هذه الحياة منها المادية والاجتماعية وأخرى متنوعة. تكاتُف الإخوة هو الحل الوحيد في مواجهة الصعوبات.

يتحمل الدكتور سمير حريكي وبعض الإخوة عاتق مسؤولية الحفل السنوي ومصاريف الكنيسة وأشعر بأن البعض يتعامل مع الأمر وكأنه لايعنيه، وهذا الأمر غير مقبول!!

الكنيسة أي (بيت الله) هي بيتنا و مسؤليتنا جميعاً. فلذلك أطلب منكم ان تَعملوا وتُشجعوا بعضكم البعض على الاشتراك في هذا الحفل أو حتى على التبرع لهُ. لأن ذلك مهم لاستمرار عمل الكنيسة ولإحساسنا بأننا عائلة واحدة.

العائلة الكنسية تُصبح واحدة بالمحبة والمساهمة في النشاطات و الصلاة كل واحد منّا من أجل الأخر.

أرجو من الجميع العمل على دعم نشاطات الكنيسة بالاشتراك فيها او التبرع لها وخاصة الحفل السنوي، لأنكم تعلمون بأن استمرار عمل الكنيسة قائم على مدخول هذا الحفل.

أرجو صلواتكم لرئيس الجمعية الدكتور سمير حريكي ومن معه وأن تتعاونوا معهم.

الرب معكم دوماً

+ Silouan, Metropolitan of the British Isles and Ireland