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The Orthodox Christian Parish of

All Saints of Lincolnshire

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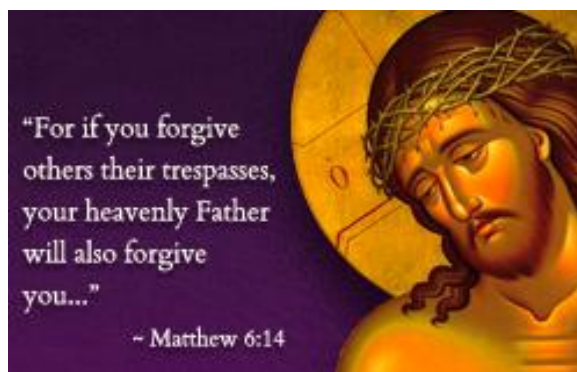
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Come and See!

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From Fr Philip:



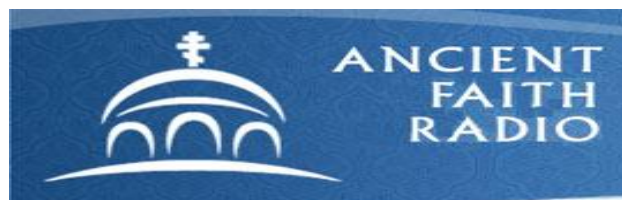
So Great Lent has arrived! As I wrote last month I really encourage you to make the most of all the opportunities that this holy season offers to you. You will see later in this newsletter that there are plenty of services in which you can take part. This is particularly true in the first and last week of the fast.

We have deliberately limited the number of services so that there are not so many that people will feel overwhelmed by them. On the other hand there are not so few that you'll forget the special prayerful nature of this time of the year.



The range of services is also important. If you can only come to some of them then try to choose carefully. Go to a range of services. If you are unable to do something regularly then concentrate on the first and last weeks of the fast. Work at them: concentrate hard on fulfilling the week.

If you really are unable to come to any of the services then you can catch certain services either on YouTube in a variety of languages or on satellite TV, and on-line TV (e.g.: <http://www.tv4e.gr>). If you type "Great Lent" into YouTube you'll find a wealth of interesting videos.



If you have internet access you will also find lots to listen to on Ancient Faith Radio (<http://www.ancientfaith.com/>). Ancient Faith Radio also has lots of other interesting articles, podcasts, specials, videos as well as live streaming music and live streaming sermons, lectures and talks.

Best of all, though, is to turn up in the temple and spend time in the presence with other travellers through Lent following our Lord on the way to His Cross and from there to His and to our resurrection.

Have a good time! Be good!



**Kidnapped Bishops:
Pray, love, forgive!**

Metropolitan JOHN and Metropolitan PAUL

It is shocking to report that it is now 3 years and 11 months since Metropolitan JOHN and Metropolitan PAUL were kidnapped. There is still no news of either of them.

If this was an isolated atrocity it would be shocking. Horrifyingly what they have suffered is not so uncommon. Kidnap, torture, displacement, imprisonment, "disappearance" are features of this war. Please keep the Bishops and all the suffering people of our Patriarchate in your prayers.

From Patriarch John X:

The Great Lent

" The Church of Christ is alien to parties, divisions or disputes; it only acknowledges the zeal for God, a zeal that enflames our hearts. The Church of Christ do not fill the social networking sites and the Media with a barrage of threats, defamation nor disdain."

Calendar for March.

- 1st March:** 10am – Wednesday Presanctified Divine Liturgy. Church open until 4pm.
- 1st: 6pm – Wednesday Great Canon of St. Andrew.
- 2nd: 6pm – Thursday Great Canon of St. Andrew.
- 3rd: 6pm – Friday Akathist to the Theotokos.
- 4th: 6pm Saturday. Great Vespers for the Sunday of Orthodoxy in Louth Orthodox Church



- 5th: SUNDAY 9.15am Matins. 10am Divine Liturgy of St. Basil. First Sunday of Great Lent. Sunday of Orthodoxy. Tone 4.**
- 8th: Wednesday. 10am Presanctified Divine Liturgy. Church then open until 4pm for private prayer, confessions and services.
- 8th: Wednesday 6pm: Parish Council.
- 9th: Thursday 2pm-3pm: Choir practice in the Hall.
- 10th: Friday 6pm Akathist.
- 11th: Saturday of Souls 4pm: Great Vespers. (Confessions).



12th: SUNDAY 9.15am Matins. 10am Divine Liturgy. *Second Sunday of Great Lent. St. Gregory Palamas. Tone 5.*

15th: Wednesday. 10am Presanctified Divine Liturgy. Church then open until 4pm for private prayer, confessions and services.

16th: Thursday 2pm-3pm: Choir practice in the Hall.

17th: Friday 6pm Akathist.

18th: Saturday. Great Vespers 4pm. (Confessions).



19th: SUNDAY 9.15am Matins. 10am Divine Liturgy. *Third Sunday of Great Lent. Veneration of the Holy Cross. Tone 6.*

22nd: Wednesday. 10am Presanctified Divine Liturgy. Church then open until 4pm for private prayer, confessions and services.

23rd: Thursday 2pm-3pm: Choir practice in the Hall.

24th: Friday 6pm Akathist.

25th: Saturday 9am: Divine Liturgy for the Annunciation to our Most Holy Lady.

25th: Saturday 4pm: Great Vespers. Clocks change tonight!

26th: SUNDAY 9.15am Matins. 10am Divine Liturgy. *Fourth Sunday of Great Lent. St John Climacus. Tone 7.*

29th: Wednesday. 10am Presanctified Divine Liturgy. Church then open until 4pm for private prayer, confessions and services.

29th: Wednesday 6pm: Great Canon of St. Andrew.

31st: Friday 6pm: Akathist.

1st April: Saturday 6pm: Great Vespers.



2nd: SUNDAY 9.15am Matins. 10am Divine Liturgy. *Fifth Sunday of Great Lent. St. Mary of Egypt. Thanksgiving Sunday. Tone 8.*

5th: Wednesday 10am: Presanctified Divine Liturgy. Church then open until 4pm for private prayer, confessions and services.

8th: Saturday 9am: Divine Liturgy Lazarus Saturday

8th: Saturday 6pm: Great Vespers.

For your diary:

Great Week and Pascha:

9th: SUNDAY 9.15am Matins. 10am Divine Liturgy and Procession of Palms. *The Entry into Jerusalem, Palm Sunday, St. Theodore of Crowland.*

9th: Sunday 6pm: Bridegroom Service.

10th: Great and Holy Monday 6pm: Bridegroom Service.

11th: Great and Holy Tuesday 6pm: Bridegroom Service.

12th: Great and Holy Wednesday 10am: Presanctified Divine Liturgy. Church then open until 4pm for private prayer, confessions and services.

12th: Great and Holy Wednesday 6pm: Holy Unction Service (remember to bring small containers for the oil).

13th: Great and Holy Thursday 9am: Vesperal Divine Liturgy for the Mystical Supper.

13th: Great and Holy Thursday 6pm: The Service of the 12 Gospels.

14th: Great and Holy Friday 9am: The Royal Hours.

14th: Great and Holy Friday 3pm: Vespers of the Deposition of Our Lord from the Cross.

14th: Great and Holy Friday 6pm: The Epitaphion Service

15th: Great and Holy Saturday 10am Divine Liturgy – the Earthquake Service. This is followed by preparing the Temple for Pascha.

15th: Great and Holy Saturday 11pm: Rush Service. This is followed by the main services of Pascha:

Paschal Procession

Paschal Proclamation

Paschal Matins

Paschal Divine Liturgy

16th: Paschal Sunday: 11am Divine Liturgy for those unable to be present during the night.

16th: Paschal Feast in the Hall: 12.30pm – bring and share lunch.

16th: Paschal Vespers of Love: 3pm.



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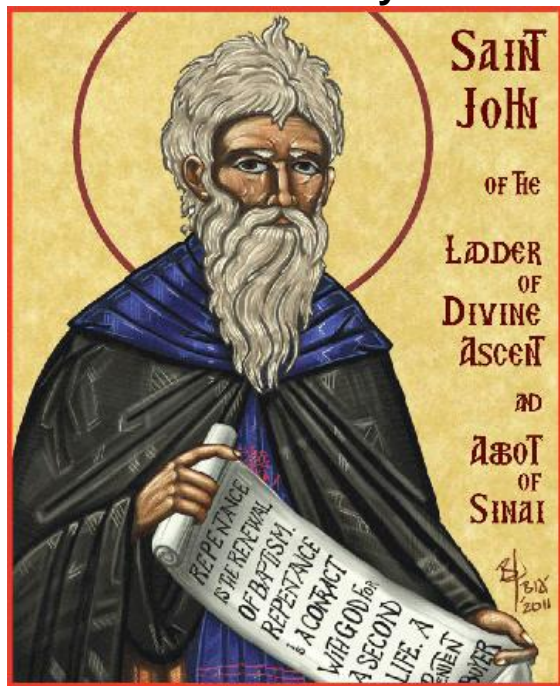
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Huzzah! Great Lent is here and Pascha is on its Way!



Thanksgiving Sunday! 2nd April 2017



It is nearly time for our annual Thanksgiving Sunday.

On 2nd April we will spend some minutes in quiet prayer together at the end of the Liturgy whilst we make a commitment to God to return to Him some of the things He has given to us. Particularly we will each offer to God a proportion of our income.

What proportion you offer back to God is a secret between Him and you. Will you offer 1% of your income, 5%, 10% or more? That is your business.

When you have decided (and you have some weeks now to think and pray about

this and decide) you will take a Pledge Card and write down how much this will be each week or month.

If you also fill in a Standing Order Form then this amount will automatically come to the parish without you having to remember. You can also complete a Gift Aid Form: this will give the parish an extra 25% at no cost to you! (So £1 becomes £1.25!) If you want you can ask for the weekly envelopes to put money into and put these in the collection bowl.

The really important thing to do is to pray. Ask our Lord Jesus to guide you to make a suitable offering which will honour Him and help this parish to buy the temple, pay for the work of the Gospel and do all the good works that He wishes us to do here in Lincoln.

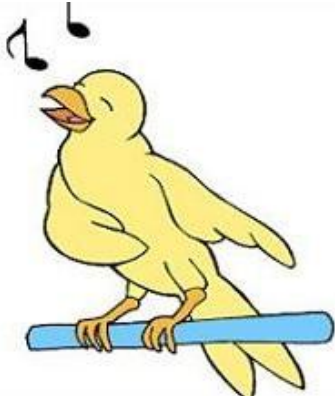
Remember we receive absolutely no money from any government (except the gift aid) or from the Archdiocese or from the Patriarchate. The priests receive expenses but support themselves by being retired or by working full time. The temple building will need a lot of expensive work on almost every part of it over the next few years. We have saved some money but most of this will be used making the roof secure.

Cleaning the Temple:



Volunteers are needed! You don't need to give up a huge amount of time but every minute will be gratefully received!

Choir:



The Choir meets every Thursday from 2pm – 3pm to practice the music for the coming weeks. If you are able to come then and you can sing then you are very welcome.

Garden:



As the Garden begins to wake up for Spring you may like to help keep it in order and looking beautiful!

Parish Administrators and Workers.



There is a lot of work to be done in the parish! A lot of it is being done by very few people – and some of it by the parish priest who is not very good at this work for which he has neither the training nor the ability!

Over the next few months we will advertise various tasks that need to be taken on – none of which will be too difficult especially if a team works on each one.

The first is:

Parish Administrator(s):

Could you do all or some of this:

- Ensure compliance with health and safety regulations
- Oversee insurance arrangements of all the kinds needed and act as main point of contact with the insurers.
- Ensure that all church records are kept up to date and accessible.
- Make and keep up to date a data base of the church electoral roll and of wider church membership
- File all Church Council documents and maintain a parish archive from which documents can efficiently and quickly be retrieved.
- Organise and deal with all service contracts held by the parish and keep records of these, e.g. Chubb fire inspections, Oil Boiler servicing, Supply of Heating Oil, Meter readings, gas, electricity, water, PAT tests, Legionella etc.
- Organise the existing parish office to be an efficient working environment for the task of parish administrator.
- Be an ex-officio member of the Church Council?

The Clocks Change on 25th/26th March 2017!



The Orthodox Community of All Saints of Lincolnshire
Management account for the period
1 January 2017 to 1 February
2017

Income		Expenses	
Collections-	312,27	Hall- Electricity	115,00
Weekly Offering -	713,48	Oil	267,00
Standing order-	551,00	Water rates	23,00
Donation General	15,00		
		Priest	370,00
		Priest assistant	370,00
		Caretaking exp.	112,50
Candles	176,95		
Hall rents	570,00	Candles	86,70
Hall rents (Bank)	316,00	Sills & Betteridge Solicitors	510,00
Kiosk sale	5,00		
Sub-total	2659,70	Sub-total	1854,20
Bank Balance B/F 1 January 2017	46885,95	Bank balance C/F 1 Feb.2017	47691,45
Current account	43531,49	Current account	44336,99
Business account	3354,46	Business account	3354,46
Community account	5000,00	Community account	5000,00
Total	49545,65	Total	49545,65

The Sunday of Orthodoxy:



On 4th March at 6pm we are all invited to go to Louth Orthodox Church for Great

Vespers. I hope that many of us will make that journey. I am sure that there will be spaces in cars for people who want to come. This is an important gathering for several reasons:

1. The Sunday of Orthodoxy is the first Sunday of Great Lent. This is a great way of showing that we are serving Lent together.
2. The theme of this Sunday (since 843) is the "victory of the icons". We celebrate the end of the iconoclastic controversy and the restoration of the veneration of icons.
3. This Sunday is also called the "Triumph of Orthodoxy" because in venerating icons we also proclaim the incarnation of Christ.
4. Finally this is Fr. Michael and Khr. Judy Harry's last Sunday of Orthodoxy before they retire and move to the Scottish Islands in the summer: it is an opportunity to pray with them before they go.

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The Presanctified Divine Liturgy.

Great Lent is a tough time of fasting, praying and almsgiving. It is a time when we need more than the usual amount of help from God to carry us through the week. For this reason extra opportunities to receive Holy Communion are set before the faithful.

The trouble is that the Divine Liturgy is meant to be a festival but Great Lent is not. To get round this the Church has produced a service that allows for Holy Communion without serving the Liturgy.

On the Sunday before the Presanctified Liturgy the priest consecrates an extra "Lamb" (the centre part of a prosphora) and pours into it some of the blessed Blood of Christ. This is then stored in a special box (Artophorion) until the time of the Liturgy.



The liturgy is basically Daily Vespers with readings and a few added extras – for example the sacrament needs to be moved from where it is kept to the Holy Table. As this happens the people bow low or prostrate. With prayers and chants the faithful are prepared for Communion. The lamb is placed in a chalice with wine and hot water and the people receive Him.

There are two unique elements: After the first reading from Genesis the priest holding a candle and incense intones "The Light of

Christ enlightens all!" during which everyone prostrates. A second reading follows from Proverbs or Job.



The other obvious thing is that there is no Anaphora (the sacrament is Presanctified). There is also a change in the way the priest breaks the "bread": it takes place under the aer (the cloth that covers the chalice and discos). You'll also notice that the priest veils his head with the aer in the entrance (rather than wearing in on his shoulders). All this emphasises that the bread is already the Body of Christ and must therefore be treated with absolute reverence. You'll often note how slowly everything happens – no hurry but plenty of concentration.

"The Lamb."

Below: An Artophorion.

