

The Orthodox Christian Parish of

All Saints of Lincolnshire

meeting at

St Matthias Church Centre
Burton Road, Lincoln, LN1 3TX
Archbishop: Metropolitan SILOUAN.

Come and See!

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April 2017

From Fr Philip:



Thanksgiving Sunday: Change of Date.

(This is because of the Bicycle Race and the March Newsletter only being sent out in the last week of March.)

9th April 2017

The Thanksgiving Sunday is really important in the life of our Parish and I very much hope that you will be praying about how you wish to return your thanks to God for all that He has done for us.



You can think of Thanksgiving in a variety of ways:

- **Praying** for the Mission of the Church and all the many things we have to do to spread the Gospel in this area and in the Archdiocese generally. Praying for Metropolitan SILOUAN, his priests and deacons and other clergy and all who advise and help him. Praying for the parish clergy and officers here in Lincoln. Asking God what He wants YOU to do.
- The **time** you can give to God in working for the Church, charities and similar organisations (Brownies Scouts etc.)
- The **skills and abilities** you can offer (What are you good at? Iconography, planning, organisation, dealing with numbers and welcoming people into the church etc.)
- And, of course, putting your **money** to good use. (For the Church, for charities etc.)



Katherine Hall has written the following to help you to see the benefits of the Gift Aid Scheme:

We encourage you to make your giving using the Government's Gift Aid scheme. **This means that, if you are a taxpayer, for every pound you give us, we can claim another 25p from the Taxman.** Some of you may have questions - hopefully this short guide will answer them. If you still have any question please contact Katherine on krastall@dialstart.net or ask her at Church.

Q What is gift aid?

A If you are a tax payer, every time you make a donation through a registered scheme, the taxman tops it up by another 25%. So for every pound you give, we receive £1.25

Q How do I gift aid?

A Every year you need to make a declaration that you are a taxpayer and wish to participate. You can do this by filling in a pledge sheet available from the Clergy or by email from Katherine at krastall@dialstart.net

Once she holds the pledge sheet, Katherine will issue you with some envelopes in which to put your gift. After this NO ONE, not even the clergy, knows what you give, only Katherine.

Q I am not a taxpayer, what do I do?

A You can simply give your donation on the offering plate, or you can set up a standing order.

Q I am a visitor and would like to donate. What do I do?

A If you are not a taxpayer you can just put your donation onto the offering plate. If you are a taxpayer and would like to gift aid your donation, there are special white envelopes immediately in front of the Temple doors. Please fill the envelope in (as if it is incomplete, we will not be able to claim the gift aid).

Q I think I give via Gift aid but I am not sure. How do I check?

A Ask Katherine at krastall@dialstart.net

Q My accountant has asked for confirmation of how much I gave last year. How do I find out?

A Ask Katherine on krastall@dialstart.net





Q Why would I set up a standing order?

A Whether you give by gift aid or not, we would still encourage you to consider setting up a standing order. This means that each week or month, you choose, your bank sends us the donation that you have decided you could give regularly. It has the advantage that you don't have to look for money before you come to Church and we can budget how much we are likely to receive.

If you have any questions or queries please feel free to speak to Katherine at Church or email her on krastall@dialstart.net

The Thanksgiving part of the Service will be on Palm Sunday immediately after the procession.
In terms of money gifts we are NOT telling you how much to give or even what proportion of your income to give (5%, 10%, 20% etc.) but we are asking you to think about thinking of a proportion of your income – in this way a wealthy person would be giving more than someone on a more limited income.

Q Why do we ask you to make a Pledge (Promise)?

A This helps the Parish Council to budget for the coming year.

Q What does the money get spent on?

A If you look at the accounts (later in this Newsletter) you'll see the range of things your money is spent on.

Q You look to have plenty in the Bank!

A Yes, we have an excellent Treasurer who has looked after our income and expenditure BUT We don't pay or house either of our priests who are either retired or have a very demanding job. Neither do we pay full expenses for what they do. Their successors (who knows when that will be?) will need to be paid and accommodated.

We are hoping that later this year we will take over the ownership of the building: have you looked at the roof? Yes – it needs replacing! Have you noticed how erratic the heating is? Yes – it needs replacing! Have you noticed some of the odd wiring? Yes – it needs replacing! Have you noticed the big puddle where the water sink was in the car park? Yes – it needs replacing! There are big bills ahead.

We are really only ticking along in this community. We do hardly any evangelism, social work, teaching, community engagement etc. All this takes money. Also apart from sending money to provide for our Metropolitan we give NOTHING away!

Q When can I fill in a pledge form?

A Anytime but especially on 9th April. Pick one up in Church.

"Of the hope and resurrection of the dead I am called in question" (Acts 23:6)

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Metropolitan Paul of Aleppo



Archbishop Youhanna of Aleppo

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Kidnapped Bishops: Pray, love, forgive!

Metropolitan JOHN and Metropolitan PAUL

It is now 4 years since Metropolitan JOHN and Metropolitan PAUL were kidnapped. There is still no news of either of them.

Please keep these Bishops and all the suffering people of our Patriarchate in your prayers. Please pray for the Christian leaders and the faithful of our Patriarchate, for their courage and wisdom to continue. Pray also for the Greek people who continue to suffer and in their suffering continue to support those who make it to their shores.

Calendar for April.

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.



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. Thanksgiving Sunday.*

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.

19th: Wednesday. Church Closed

20th: Thursday 2pm-3pm: Choir practice in the Hall.

22nd: Bright Saturday 6pm: *Great Vespers.* (Confessions).

23rd: SUNDAY 9.15am Matins. 10am *Divine Liturgy. Second Sunday of Pascha. St. George. Thomas Sunday. Tone 1.*

26th: Wednesday. Church closed.

27th: Thursday 2pm-3pm: Choir practice in the Hall.

29th: Saturday. *Great Vespers* 6pm. (Confessions).

30th: SUNDAY 9.15am Matins. 10am *Divine Liturgy. Third Sunday Pascha. Holy Myrrbearing Women, Righteous Nicodemos and Joseph who buried the Lord, Holy Apostle James. Tone 2.*

3rd: Wednesday. Church open 10am until 4pm for private prayer, confessions and services.



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The Orthodox Community of All Saints of Lincolnshire			
Management account for the period			
1 February 2017 to 1 March 2017			
Income		Expenses	
Collections-	190,87	Hall- Electricity	115,00
Weekly Offering -	511,00	Electricity	70,58
Standing order-	541,00	Oil	267,00
Donation General	170,00	Water rates	23,00
Donation for Memorial (Panichida)	60,00		
Donation for Baptism	50,80	Priest	370,00
		Priest assistant	370,00
Candles	181,94	Caretaking exp.	90,00
Hall rents	678,00	Bishop Fund	510,00
Hall rents (Bank)	60,00		
		Candles	86,70
Kiosk sale	1,00	Post/Stat	49,03
		Transfer for Business Account	-25000,00
		Business Account	25000,00
Sub-total	2444,61	Sub-total	1951,31
Bank Balance B/F 1 February 2016	47691,45	Bank balance C/F 1 March 2016	48184,75
Current account	44336,99	Current account	19830,29
Busines account	3354,46	Business account	28354,46
Total	50136,06	Total	50136,06

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.

I am delighted and grateful, that Karen Hall has agreed to be the Parish Administrator – the following tasks, as in the job description, should be referred to her in future:

VOLUNTEER PARISH ADMINSTRATOR FOR ALL SAINTS OF LINCOLNSHIRE PARISH

- The parish administrator supports the ministry of the Parish Priest and reports to him in respect of all matters concerning work of the administrator.
- Organise the existing parish office to be an efficient working environment for the task of parish administrator.
- Deal with all parish correspondence including post, telephone and e-mail.
- Organise distribution of the parish newsletter and keep the subscribers list up to date.
- File all Church Council documents and maintain a parish archive from which documents can efficiently and quickly be retrieved.
- Produce a monthly Service sheet for external and internal notice boards.
- Make and keep up to date a data base of the church electoral roll and of wider church membership
- Organise the accurate production of Orders of Service, as needed, e.g. People's Vespers books, People's Liturgy books.

- Make and keep the annual Church Diary, including calendar of parish events.
- Ensure that all church records are kept up to date and accessible.
- Order supplies of items needed for the ministry of the church, including regular supplies of charcoal, incense, candles, toilet paper, cleaning materials, stationery, coffee, tea, sugar, etc.
- 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.
- Recruit, encourage and manage volunteers to assist with the work of the parish administrator and keep close supervision to ensure that delegated tasks are efficiently completed on time.
- Report to the Church Council regularly about the state of the building and repairs needed.
- Make and maintain up to date a Log of all fabric faults and failures and all repairs, great or small actually carried out on the premises.
- Deal with all communication with contractors and tradesmen who carry out or are asked to carry out work on the building, including ensuring that they are paid.
- Oversee insurance arrangements of all the kinds needed and act as main point of contact with the insurers.
- Purchase sufficient materials and equipment for cleaning.
- Ensure compliance with health and safety regulations.

These tasks still need a volunteer please:

- **Manage and maintain all keys and keep up to date register of all key holders.**
- **Manage the Church Hall booking system, including collecting rents and giving regular feedback.**

The Back Page.



Христос възкръсна от мъртвите,
като със смърт смъртта потъпка
и на тия, които са в гробовете,
дарува живот.

Hristos a înviat din morți,
Cu moartea pre moarte călcând,
Și celor din morminte,
Viață dăruindu-le!

Le Christ est ressuscité des morts;
par la mort, il a vaincu la mort;
à ceux qui sont dans les tombeaux
il a donné la vie!

Christus resurrexit a mortuis,
Morte mortem calcavit,
Et entibus in sepulchris
Vitam donavit.

Christ is risen from the dead,
trampling down death by death and
upon those in the tombs bestowing
life!

المسيح قام من بين
الأموات
ووطئ الموت بالموت
ووهب الحياة للذين في
القبور

Χριστὸς ἀνέστη ἐκ νεκρῶν,
θανάτῳ θάνατον πατήσας,
καὶ τοῖς ἐν τοῖς μνήμασι,
ζωὴν χαρισάμενος!

Христóсь воскресе 'из' мёртвыхъ,
смёртїю смёрть попрáвъ,
'и сýщимъ во гробѣхъ живóтъ
даровáвъ.

Kristus no miroņiem augšāmcēlies,
Nāvi ar nāvi iznīcinājis
Un tiem, kas kapos,
Dzīvību dāvinājis!

Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed!

المسيح قام! حقا قاما!

Χριστὸς ἀνέστη! Ἀληθῶς ἀνέστη!

Христось воскресе! Воистину
воскресе!

Hristos a înviat! Adevărat a înviat!

Kristus (ir) augšāmcēlies! Patiesi
viņš ir augšāmcēlies!

Kristus prisikėlė! Tikrai prisikėlė

Le Christ est ressuscité! En verité il
est ressuscité!

Christus resurrexit! Resurrexit vere!