

Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of the British Isles and Ireland

The Orthodox Christian Parish of

All Saints of Lincolnshire

meeting at

St Matthias Church Centre

Burton Road, Lincoln, LN1 3TX

With the Sister Parishes of Louth, Grimsby and Worcester.

Archbishop: Metropolitan SILOUAN.

Come and See!

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December 2017

From Fr. Philip:



The icon of “The Sign”

The worldly are making themselves busy in the shops and on the internet buying all sorts of rubbish and rich foods that will be left to one side once the Feast comes! The shops have been filled with Christmas Party food for weeks already and carols have been played on the radio since the middle of November!

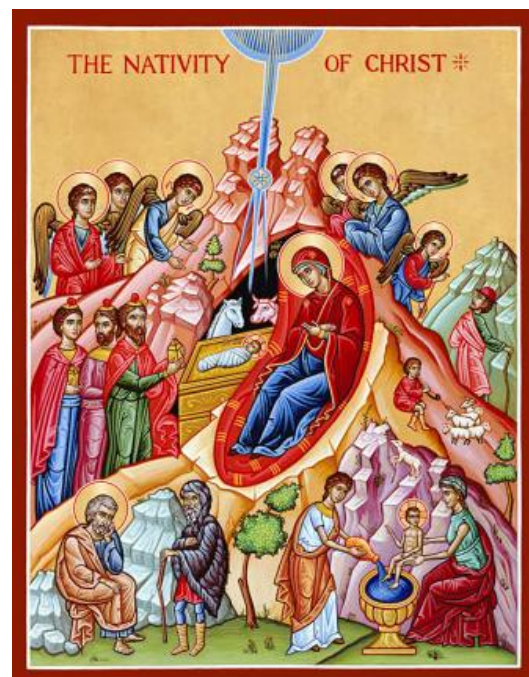
Meanwhile the Orthodox go quiet.

Isaiah 7:14

Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall

conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.

With this in mind we have begun the Nativity Fast. The fast builds up slowly towards the Feast itself. The First few Sundays take as their themes the futility of human wealth and power, the inability of the seeing to see, the lack of skill from the doctors and the feeble excuses people make when they don't want to enter the Kingdom of God. It is a way of saying “are you really ready for Christmas?”





The calendar is full of Old Testament Prophets: “Are you listening to them?” the Church asks. The things begin to get into a new gear: two Sundays before the Feast the Holy Forefathers of Christ are commemorated and the following week the Righteous from Adam to Joseph are remembered. All these people pushed out their fingers to point towards the feast that we are about to celebrate!



This whole fast is there to concentrate our minds and bodies on the Incarnation in the flesh of our Lord and God and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Followers!

Every Sunday!



This is for 4 – 9 year olds.
 It will take 15 – 20 minutes every Sunday.
 After the Post Communion Prayers
 In the Library.
 Talking
 Activities
 Songs
 Observations
 Explanations



From Metropolitan Silouan:



Dear Fathers Philip, George and Alban,

God bless you

**Re: All Saints of
Lincolnshire, Lincoln,**

St. Aethelheard, Louth

and

**St. Marina and St. Kenelm
Grimsby.**

With immediate effect I am temporarily putting these three congregations together as one parish and appointing Fr. Philip as the Parish Priest with Fr.

George and Fr. Alban as Assistant Priests in the whole parish with three congregations – hopefully more in the future. Also I hope that soon they may each become independent parishes again with their own priest.

I understand that there is one Parish Council, one group of Trustees and a Board. It will take time to see what the best way is to organise these congregations with the people involved. Each congregation has its own methods.

Fr. Philip may ask other Antiochian priests to help to ensure that each church has as many Liturgies as possible each month. I understand that Fathers Æethelwine and Paulinus have been helping and that both are willing to continue to help.

Please inform each congregation of my decision. I will inform the rest of the Archdiocese.

With my prayers for the building of the Church in Lincolnshire,

M. Silouan.

**Metropolitan of the British
Isles and Ireland**

Dates for your diary:

garden time

2nd December: garden day.

We need to clear the garden for winter. Please come and help! 10:00 onwards, soup and bread lunch.



Christmas Weekend:

23rd: Saturday 4pm Great Vespers

24th: Sunday 9.15 Matins. 10am
Divine Liturgy

24th: Sunday 4pm Great Vespers, the
Readings for The Nativity and
Blessing of Gifts

**25th: Monday 10am Divine Liturgy
of the Nativity**

25th: Monday 12noon: Bring and share
feast in the Hall.

Happy New Year

New Year:

31st: Sunday 4pm Great Vespers,
veneration of the relic of St Basil,
Service for the start of the New Year
and Vasilopitta (Basil Cake) blessing.

Calendar for December:

2nd: Saturday. Garden day- start at
10am.

2nd: Saturday. Great Vespers 4pm.
(Confessions).

**3rd: SUNDAY 9.15am Matins. 10am
Divine Liturgy. 26th Sunday after
Pentecost. Tone 1 St Birinus of
Dorchester.**

6th: Wednesday. Closed.

7th: Thursday 2pm-3pm: Choir practice
in the Hall.

9th: Saturday. Great Vespers 4pm.
(Confessions).



**10th: SUNDAY 9.15am Matins. 10am
Divine Liturgy. 27th Sunday after
Pentecost. Tone 2.**

13th: Wednesday. Church open 10am
until 4pm for private prayer,
confessions and services.

13th: Wednesday. Parish Council
Meeting 6pm. Parish Office.

14th: Thursday 2pm-3pm: Choir practice in the Hall.

16th: Saturday. 10.30am Divine Liturgy in Grimsby.

16th: Saturday. Great Vespers 4pm. (Confessions).

17th: SUNDAY 9.15am Matins. 10am Divine Liturgy. Tone 3. Sunday of the Forefathers.

20th: Wednesday. Church open 10am until 4pm for private prayer, confessions and services.

21st: Thursday 2pm-3pm: Choir practice in the Hall.

23rd: Saturday. Great Vespers 4pm. (Confessions). Saturday Before the Nativity.



24th: SUNDAY 9.15am Matins. 10am Divine Liturgy. Tone 4. Eve of the Nativity of Christ.

24th: Sunday 4pm Great Vespers, the Readings for The Nativity and Blessing of Gifts

25th: Monday 10am Divine Liturgy of the Nativity of our Lord and God and Saviour Jesus Christ.

25th: Monday 12noon: Bring and share feast in the Hall.

27th: Wednesday. Church closed.

28th: Thursday. No Choir Practice.

30th: Saturday. Great Vespers 4pm. (Confessions).

31st: SUNDAY 9.15am Matins. 10am Divine Liturgy. 30th Sunday after Pentecost. Tone 5.

31st: Sunday 4pm. Great Vespers and Prayers for the Start of the new Civil year and Vasilopita.

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25th: Monday 10am Divine Liturgy of the Nativity

25th: Monday 12noon: Bring and share feast in the Hall.

As well as these services there are services in our sister parishes as follows:

All at 10.30am

3: Divine Liturgy Louth (Archimandrite Philip)

10: Divine Liturgy Worcester (Fr. Philip.)

16: Divine Liturgy in Grimsby (Fr. Paulinus)

17: Divine Liturgy Louth (Fr. Paulinus)

24: Divine Liturgy Louth (Fr. Æethelwine)

31 Typica Louth (Reader Magdy)





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Safeguarding Officers for all three Communities:

Emma Bonner and Svetlana Simpson (Assistant)

Accounts October 2017		Bank Current account:		Expenses for		Expenses for	
October	Total:			Hall:		Hall:	
Collection	636.35	Start balance:	20827.77	Lamp Glass	30.00	Oil	394.00
Weekly offering	292.00	Money in:				Oil	
Candles	178.52	Cash Deposit				Water	39.50
Donations:	0.00		64.66			Electricity	149.00
General (cheque)	0.00		316.68			Electricity	51.11
General (cash)	5.00		264.18	Post/Stat:		Post/Stat:	
Other Donations:	0.00		1253.82			Newsletters	198.63
Memorial	0.00		242.53	Candles:		Candles:	218.60
Baptism	60.00			Caretaking expense:	112.50	Priest	370.00
Altar	0.00	Total Cash deposit:	2141.87			Priest assistant	370.00
Roof	0.00	Total Standing order:	631.00			Bishop Fund	170.00
	0.00	Rent (Direct Credit)	100.00			Pnet internet	22.20
	0.00	Total Rent (Direct Credit):	100.00				
Rent (in cheque)	264.00						
Rent (in cash)	794.00						
Kiosk	17.50						
Harvest tickets	21.00						
Dance tickets	16.00						
Total cash collected:	2284.37	Total (money in):	2872.87	Total expenses in ca	142.50	Total (money out)	1983.04
BUSINESS ACCOUNT	Interest	balance carried		Total Cash	2141.87	End bank balance	21717.60
		28354.46					
Orthodox Christian Community		5000.00					

Kidnapped Bishops:



Pray, love, forgive!

Metropolitan JOHN and Metropolitan PAUL are still missing.

It is now 4 years and 8 months since Metropolitan JOHN and Metropolitan PAUL were kidnapped.

There is still no news of either of them.

The situation in Syria is still very serious. Winter is coming.

Pray and act for peace.

A Monthly Spiritual Rule:

Last month we considered having a weekly Spiritual Rule, and the month before that having a Daily Rule. What about a Monthly Rule?

This needs a Calendar of readings, saints' days, feasts and fasts. This is easily obtained from Fr. Philip, Fr. George or Fr. Alban or from: Simon Jennings 18 Warwick Street, Iffley Fields, Oxford OX4 1SX (£4).

Alternatively you can download the "Menalogion" from a site of the same name, or

<https://www.goarch.org/chapel/planner> which downloads nicely, or (daily) check in at our own Website.

<http://allsaintslincs.org.uk/>

So what will you do with this resource? You can begin to plan all your meals, days out, quiet days at home, when you'll be at church for festivals, when you might celebrate a festival with a family treat, or a family (or friends) activity. You'll be able to write in your diary when you intend to receive Holy Communion and link this with the festivals of the month and so on.

You may notice special saints' days that link in with other Orthodox Church congregations and perhaps go and join them that day.

Food Bank Advent Calendar:



What about making a special Advent calendar? Each day in Advent find something to give away: warming foods, cans and packets of food that will keep a hungry person fed? (Bully Beef, sausages in beans etc. tins of soup, long life milk are great. High calorie foods, (chocolate, biscuits) help to keep people warm.

Then bring the whole lot to Church and we will take it to the food bank.

Children's Space:

Troparion — Tone 4

Your Nativity, O Christ our God, Has shone to the world the Light of wisdom! For by it, those who worshipped the stars, Were taught by a Star to adore You, The Sun of Righteousness, And to know You, the Orient from on High. O Lord, glory to You!

Kontakion — Tone 3

Today the Virgin gives birth to the Transcendent One, And the earth offers a cave to the Unapproachable One! Angels with shepherds glorify Him! The wise men journey with a star! Since for our sake the Eternal God was born as a Little Child!

Icon Colouring for December:



Read: Luke 2:1-20 WHAT DO YOU THINK?

What are some events that happened in Bethlehem? (Genesis 35:19, Ruth 1-4:13, Ruth 4:16)

What promise did God make about Bethlehem? (Micah 5:2)

Why did Mary and Joseph have to travel there?

How did the shepherds learn that the Saviour was born?

Why was it important that Jesus should be born? (Read The Nicene Creed)



What we believe about Jesus...

We believe...

'in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the only-begotten, begotten of the Father before all ages. Light of light; true God of true God; begotten, not made; of one essence with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from Heaven, and was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became man.

And He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate, and suffered, and was buried. And the third day He arose again, according to the Scriptures, and ascended into Heaven, and sits at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again with glory to judge the living and the dead; Whose Kingdom shall have no end.'

AND SO THE YEAR ENDS!
LAUS DEO SEMPER ET UBIQUE.