

# Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of the British Isles and Ireland

The Orthodox Christian Parish of  
All Saints of Lincolnshire  
With St. Aethelheard, Louth and St.s Marina and Kenelm, Grimsby.  
meeting at  
St Matthias Church Centre  
Burton Road, Lincoln, LN1 3TX  
Archbishop: Metropolitan SILOUAN.

## Come and See!

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February 2018

From Fr. Philip:

Deir (Monastery) el Natour (the salt flats) at Anfeh in Lebanon.



### The Icon of the Theotokos and St. Elizabeth.

Several people have asked me to show them the icon which I mentioned in a sermon at Theophany. It shows the Forerunner bowing before the Saviour and receiving a blessing whilst they were both still in the womb (Luke 1: 41). The actual icon I mentioned is a fresco in the church of

The icon can be used in a multitude of teaching ways to show the value of human life, the status of women, the importance of the Theotokos, the foreknowledge of God, service to those in need and so on.

### Thanksgiving Sunday: 18<sup>th</sup> March 2018

This annual event is coming closer. This is so important in terms of us making proper plans for our parish expenditure on the Temple and for mission and evangelism.

So pray and think hard about how you can support God's work here in Lincolnshire.

Also I really encourage you to make your giving using the Government's Gift Aid Scheme (Either by direct Debit or by the Envelope Scheme). This means that every £1 you give becomes £1.25!

There is a Question and Answer section below.

## FairTrade:



Fairtrade is exactly what it sounds: a way of trading things in a fair way that allows the producers of those things to make a reasonable living. You may be shocked to know that certain products are made or grown in such a way that the workers are actually enslaved or live lives that are slave like.

If you are buying things for the Church (like tea, coffee, sugar, chocolate or other goods please look to see if there is a Fairtrade alternative and buy that. All gifts will be gratefully received as before.

You may like to notice Fairtrade items for your own shopping list too. From footballs to olive oil, cosmetics even gold can be bought with Fairtrade certification.

To know more you can visit this site:  
<http://www.fairtrade.org.uk/>

## Electoral Roll

Do you want a say in the way the parish develops? Then get your name

on the Roll. We will keep adding names from now on.

Belonging to a parish and taking responsibility for the mission is an important part of your Christian journey.

Look on the back page to find the form and please fill it in straight away.

## Followers!



**Every Sunday**, after the Post Communion Prayers, those who are 4 – 9 years old meet in the Library for having fun and to learn about Christianity.

There will be explanations, songs, activities, talking and observing.

This will last about 15 to 20 minutes: plenty of time to allow the parents to have a nice cup of coffee, a chat and a snack before heading for home!

## Calendar for February 2018.

1<sup>st</sup>: Thursday. 2pm-3pm: Choir practice in the Hall.

1<sup>st</sup>: Thursday. 6pm Divine Liturgy. The Feast of the Meeting of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ in the Temple.

3<sup>rd</sup>: Saturday. Great Vespers 4pm. (Confessions).

**4<sup>th</sup>: SUNDAY 9.15am Matins. 10am Divine Liturgy. *Sunday of the Prodigal Son. Tone 2. Followed by Matrona and Paisios' wedding.***

7<sup>th</sup>: Wednesday. Church open 10am until 4pm for private prayer, confessions and services.

7<sup>th</sup>: Wednesday. Clergy Meeting. 6pm.

8<sup>th</sup>: Thursday 2pm-3pm: Choir practice in the Hall.

10<sup>th</sup>: Saturday. Great Vespers 4pm. (Confessions).

**11<sup>th</sup>: SUNDAY 9.15am Matins. 10am Divine Liturgy. *Meatfare Sunday. Sunday of the Last Judgement. Tone 3. (Meat fast from today)***

14<sup>th</sup>: Wednesday. Church open 10am until 4pm for private prayer, confessions and services.

14<sup>th</sup>: Wednesday. Parish Council 6pm.

15<sup>th</sup>: Thursday 2pm-3pm: Choir practice in the Hall.

17<sup>th</sup>: Saturday. Great Vespers 4pm. (Confessions).

**18<sup>th</sup>: SUNDAY 9.15am Matins. 10am Divine Liturgy. *Cheesefare Sunday. Forgiveness Sunday. Tone 4. The Fast Begins. Pancake (Blini) party after the Liturgy.***

18<sup>th</sup>: Sunday 4pm: Forgiveness Vespers. After Vespers Great Lent begins.

19<sup>th</sup>: 6pm – Monday Great Canon of St. Andrew.

20<sup>th</sup>: 6pm – Tuesday Great Canon of St. Andrew.

21<sup>st</sup>: 6pm – Wednesday Great Canon of St. Andrew.

22<sup>nd</sup>: 6pm – Thursday Great Canon of St. Andrew.

23<sup>rd</sup>: 6pm – Friday Akathist to the Theotokos.

24<sup>th</sup>: Saturday. Great Vespers 4pm. (Confessions).

**25<sup>th</sup>: SUNDAY 9.15am Matins. 10am Divine Liturgy. *First Sunday of Great Lent. Sunday of Orthodoxy. Tone 5.***

28<sup>th</sup>: Wednesday. Church open 10am until 4pm for private prayer, confessions and services.

29<sup>th</sup>: Thursday 2pm-3pm: Choir practice in the Hall.

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

All at 10.30am

11<sup>th</sup>: Louth: Archimandrite Philip.

18<sup>th</sup>: Louth: Fr. Æthelwine.

24<sup>th</sup>: Grimsby: Fr. Paulinus.

25<sup>th</sup>: Louth: Fr. Paulinus.

25<sup>th</sup>: Worcester: Archimandrite Philip.

### Great Week and Pascha

1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, April 6pm Bridegroom Service.

4<sup>th</sup>: 10am Presanctified Divine Liturgy.  
6pm: Unction (Oils) Service.

5<sup>th</sup>: 6pm The 12 Gospels.

6<sup>th</sup>: 9am: Royal Hours  
3pm Vespers of the deposition from the Cross.

6pm Epitaphion Service

7<sup>th</sup> April: Saturday: 10am: Earthquake Service (Divine Liturgy).

7<sup>th</sup>: Saturday: 11.30pm PASCHA:

Rush Service, Christos Anesti,  
Paschal Matins, Divine Liturgy.

8<sup>th</sup> April: Sunday: 11am: Paschal  
Divine Liturgy (for those unable to  
come during the night)

8<sup>th</sup>: Sunday: 12.30pm Paschal Feast  
Lunch in the Hall. Bring and share –  
all welcome.

**For your Diary:**

18<sup>th</sup> March 2018: Thanksgiving  
Sunday.

15<sup>th</sup> July 2018: AGM



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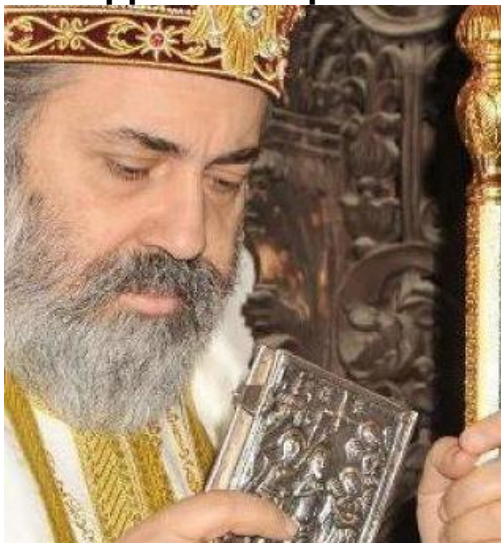
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**Safeguarding Officers for all three Communities:**

Emma Bonner and Svetlana Simpson (Assistant)

**Kidnapped Bishops:**



**Pray, love, forgive!**

Metropolitan JOHN and Metropolitan  
PAUL are still missing.

**It is now 4 years and 9 months**  
since Metropolitan JOHN and  
Metropolitan PAUL were kidnapped.

There is still no news of either of  
them.

The people of Syria still suffer.

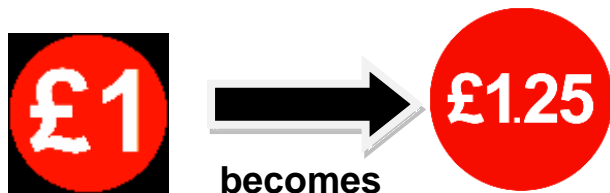
**Pray and act for peace.**

**If you are able to receive this Newsletter by email then please let us know as it will save us a lot of money over the year.**

Please email:

[Fr.Philip@gmx.com](mailto:Fr.Philip@gmx.com)

So that he can add you to the Newsletter emailing list. Your email will not be seen by anyone else on the mailing list.



#### **Gift Aid:**

Some of you may have questions and hopefully this short guide answers them, but if you still have any question please contact Katherine on [krastall@dialstart.net](mailto: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](mailto:krastall@dialstart.net) Once she holds the pledge sheet, Katherine will issue you with some envelopes to make your gift in. After this NO ONE not even the clergy know 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](mailto:krastall@dialstart.net) or in church.

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](mailto: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.

Q: Can I use the Envelopes even if I don't pay tax?

A: Yes!

If you have any questions or queries please feel free to speak to Katherine at Church or email her on [krastall@dialstart.net](mailto:krastall@dialstart.net)

## Children's Space:

### Troparion — Tone 1

We venerate Your most pure image, O Good One, and ask forgiveness of our transgressions, O Christ God.

Of Your own will You were pleased to ascend the Cross in the flesh to deliver Your creatures from bondage to the enemy.

Therefore with thanksgiving we cry aloud to You: You have filled all with joy, O our Saviour, by coming to save the world.

### Kontakion — Tone 8

No one could describe the Word of the Father; but when He took flesh from you, O Theotokos, He accepted to be described, and restored the fallen image to its former beauty.

We confess and proclaim our salvation in word and images.

### Icon Colouring for February:



**Read:** John 1:43-51

### WHAT DO YOU THINK?

1. What does Jesus say to Philip when He finds him? He says the same to us!
2. What does Philip tell Nathanael about Jesus?
3. How does Philip answer when Nathanael isn't so sure that Someone so good could come from Nazareth?

4. What happens that makes Nathanael say that Jesus is the Son of God and the King of Israel?

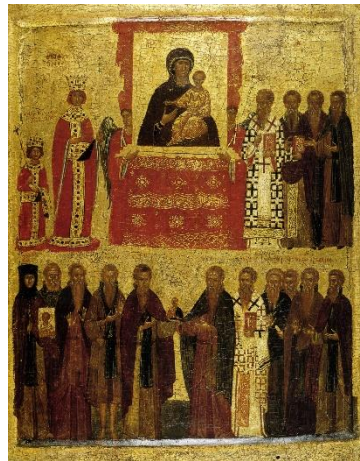
5. What glorious promise does Jesus make to Nathanael?

6. What about you? Do you tell your friends about Jesus? Like Philip, do you invite them to "come and see"?

### Sunday of Orthodoxy

#### 25 February

TRIUMPH OF ORTHODOXY, the final defeat of ICONOCLASM (a movement that banned icons).



On 11<sup>th</sup> March 843 (1175 years ago) Empress Theodora, Theoktistos, a royal official, and Methodios, the Patriarch, made a

symbolic triumphal procession from the Church of the Theotokos in Blachernae to Hagia Sophia, about three miles through the heart of Constantinople, and there they celebrated a liturgy. The emperor joined the assembly and a banquet was given, either by the patriarch, or the emperor. This annual feast was established by the end of the 9<sup>th</sup> century.

## February's Activity



Then bring your icon necklace to Church on February 25<sup>th</sup> to join the procession.

**Sunday of Orthodoxy:** Don't forget to bring your own icons for the procession round the Church. The icons are brought to remind us of the importance of the reality of the Incarnation. As the service states:

As the prophets have seen, as the apostles have taught, as the Church

has received, as the teachers have set forth in dogmas, as the whole world has understood, as Grace has shone forth, as the truth was demonstrated, as falsehood was banished, as wisdom was emboldened, as Christ has awarded; thus do we believe, thus we speak, thus we preach Christ our true God

and His saints, honouring them in words, in writings, in thoughts, in sacrifices, in temples, and in icons, worshipping and respecting the One as God and Master, and honouring the others, and apportioning relative honour to them, because of our

common Master for they are His genuine servants. This is the Faith of the apostles, this is the Faith of the fathers, this is the Faith of the Orthodox, this Faith hath established the whole world.

### **The Orthodox Christian Community of All Saints of Lincolnshire Application for membership of the Electoral Roll of this Parish**

In accordance with the Regulations concerning Parish Councils promulgated by the Holy Synod of Antioch on 28 January 1993, you are invited to request that your name be entered on the Electoral Roll and Registry of this Parish.

If you wish to be registered as an official member of the parish fill in the form below and return it by post, by hand, or email. You must be over the age of 18, Orthodox, and not a formal member of any other parish. The Annual General Meeting of the Community will be held this year on Sunday 15 July immediately after Divine Liturgy.

✂ -----  
I ask that I be recorded as a member of the Orthodox Christian Community of All Saints of Lincolnshire in the Patriarchate of Antioch and that my name be recorded on the Electoral Roll of the Parish.

Christian name: \_\_\_\_\_

Family name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Post code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

I am happy to have my details used by the clergy and parish officers. YES/NO

Please return the completed form by email to [krastall@dialstart.net](mailto:krastall@dialstart.net) OR by post to The Parish Administrator, St Matthias Church Centre, The Roundabout, Burton Road, Lincoln LN1 3TX or by hand to Katherine Hall.

Please note that the Parish Priest has the right to refuse to accept an application.