

Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of the British Isles and Ireland

**The Orthodox Christian Parishes of:
All Saints of Lincolnshire, Lincoln,
St. Anne and All Saints of Worcestershire, Worcester.**

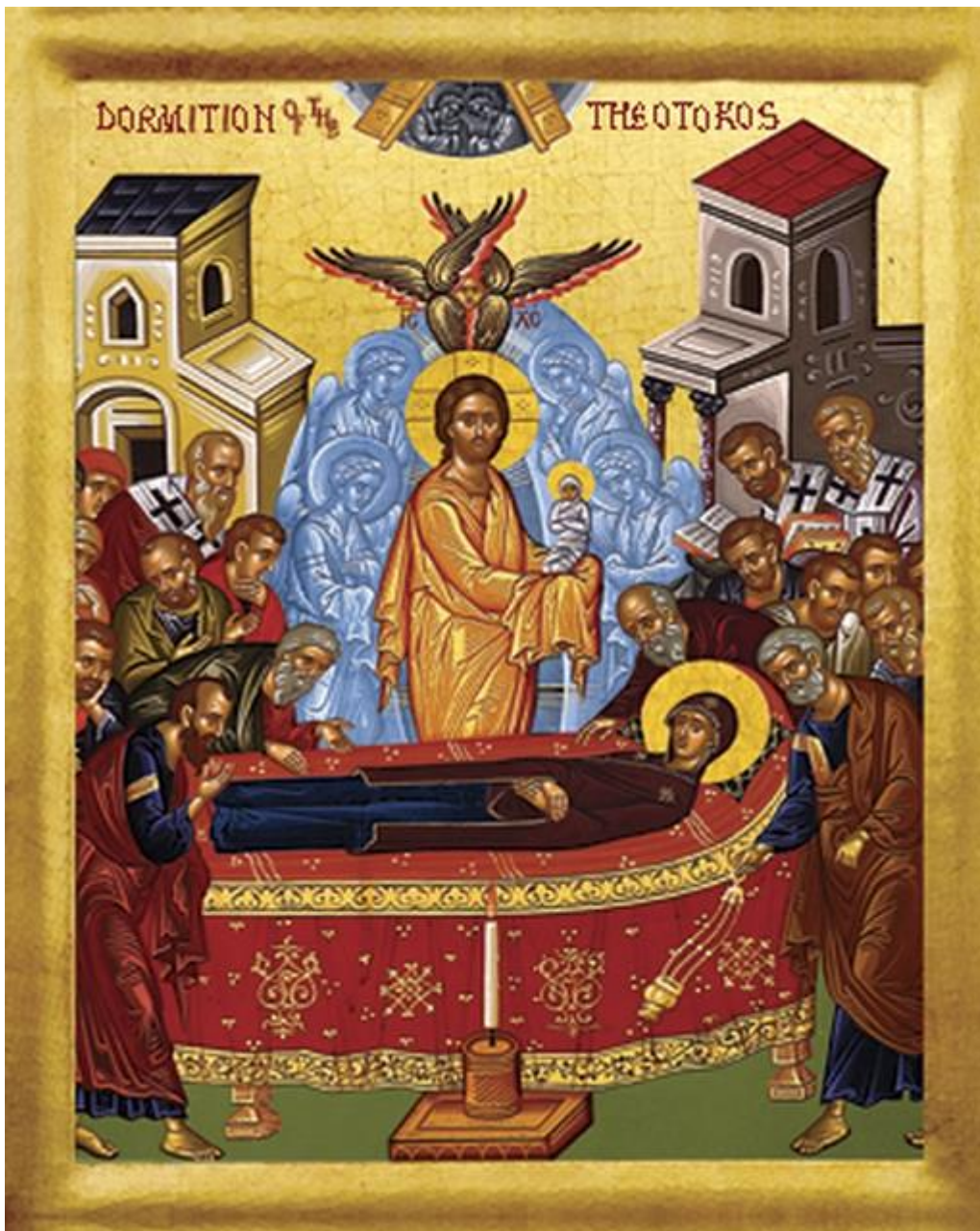
Archbishop: Metropolitan SILOUAN.
Lincoln: St Matthias Church Centre
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Parish Priest: Archimandrite Philip.

Come and See!

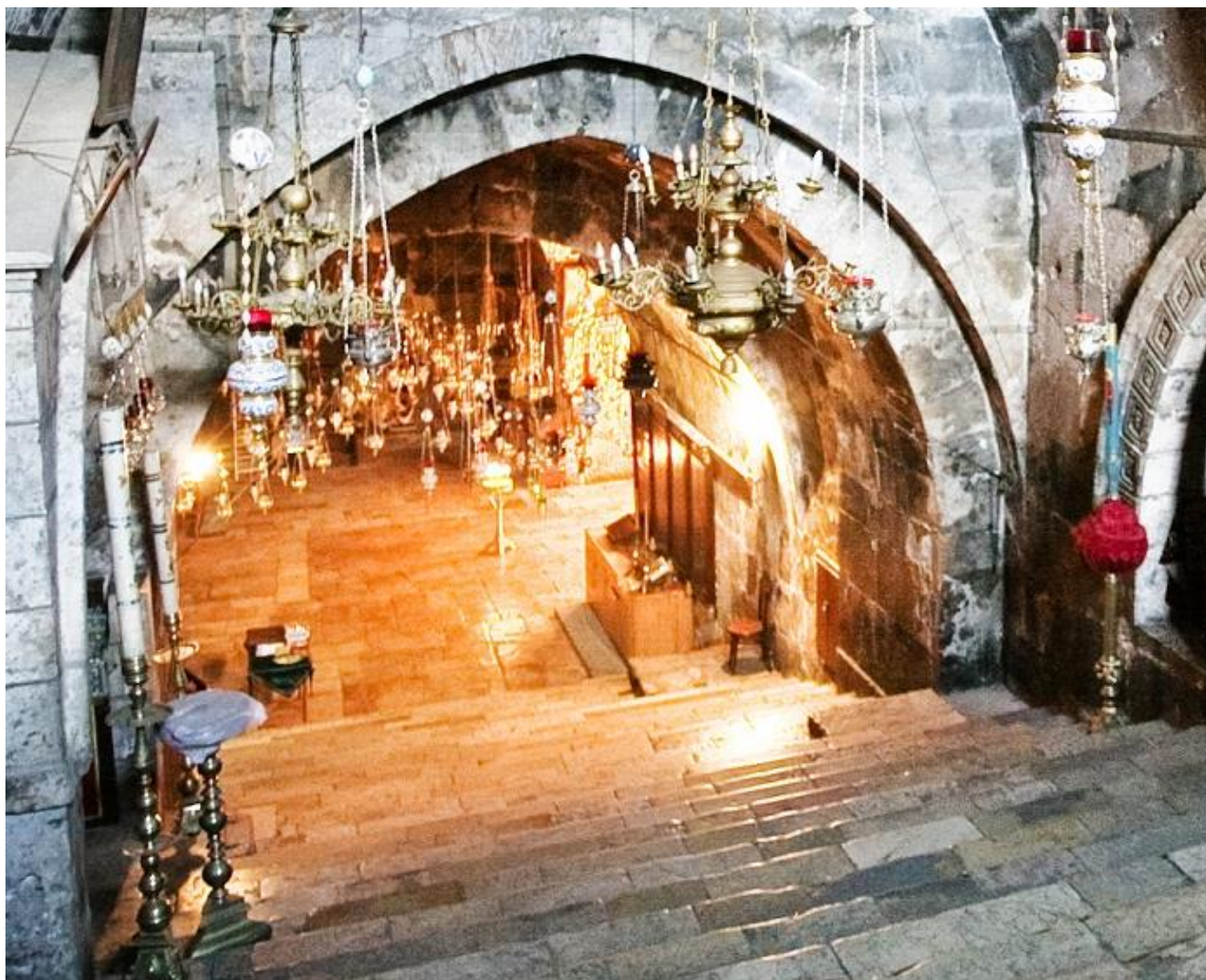
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August 2021

From Fr. Philip:



This month sees the great feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos with its accompanying fast. During the fast we would normally have either the greater or lesser paraclesis in Church but in COVID times we are doing these privately this year. The Dormition feast records for us the death of the Mother of God – she really dies and then something essentially mysterious happened: she disappeared.



We know where her tomb is, and it is possible to visit that place even now BUT there is no corpse there and neither was it there when the Apostle Thomas wished to look one last time on the face of the mother of his Saviour. She was gone.



Many Dormition icons have at the very top a semicircle with open doors in it with the whole company of Heaven awaiting her arrival, the Lord is already

receiving her soul (in the icons He cannot be seen by the attendant Apostles who concentrate on the newly dead Theotokos) but he looks towards you.



Why then does the Lord look at you? You will recall that in the Gospel for the Dormition the Lord proclaims that eternal life, paradise, is prepared for and promised to all who “hear the word of God and keep it” (Luke 11.27–28). That is what the Lord offers to you as he looks out of the icon into your eyes.

The Theotokos receives this promise and if you hear (let it sink into you being) and keep (obey) the word of God (Jesus Christ) you also will join her.

Truly the Dormition is an August Pascha! (Sorry for the pun!)

Food Bank:

A reminder about bringing in food for the food bank please! We can make use of everything that you can spare. Perhaps you can buy one extra tin or packet each week and donate to the food bank. Things you can give are varied but try to make sure that they are not instantly perishable (like fruit, eggs) but UHT milk, UHT juice, squash, tins, packets, tinned meats and so on are great. The odd treat too: chocolates, sweets, flour, sugar, coffee, tea *etc.* are all welcome.

Fr. Philip keeps some things in the office to give to homeless men and women who pass by or who camp in our doorways. Cereals and cereal bars are really welcome for this.

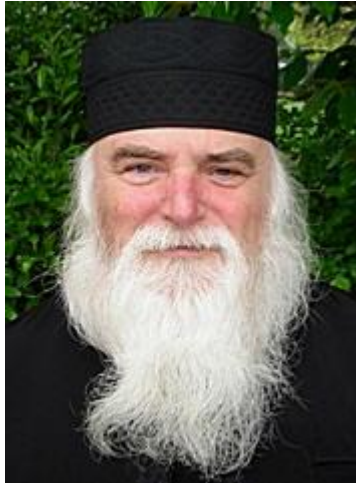
Free Icons and booklets:

ICONS: You will see that there is a unit filled with icons in the narthex. These have been mounted by Valentina and are free to take away (you may, of course, leave a donation if you wish!) at a rate of one each (or one per household). The intention is to make sure everyone has icons. If you have old

calendars of saints, feasts, the Saviour, the Theotokos, or prints of saints then please donate them to the church for this purpose. Similarly, if you have wood (Ply or MDF) for this that would be wonderful.

BOOKLETS: Booklets are also in the church. These are either booklets that are no longer needed or which are better used at home and are on the “Free” table. Again, one copy per household of each booklet. There are other publications which are for sale that are to support our church, the church in Scunthorpe or the Monastery but these are clearly marked.

Volunteering: Cleaning, painting, iconographing, singing, praying, making intercession, serving, tailoring, sewing, washing, witing, gardening, visiting, catechising, learning, reading, chanting, leading services, organising, administration, washing up, parish council, baking prosthora, hospitality, chaplaincy, are all jobs that are needing to be done or are being done. **WHAT CAN YOU DO?** See Fr. Philip.



Prayers: Please pray for Fr. Samuel (CARTER) who had a horrible accident in church and broke his hip. He is well on the way to recovery but is still not fully functioning. This is why Fr. Philip and Fr. Alban have been away for several Saturdays and Sundays to serve the Liturgy in the Church in Dresden, Stoke on Trent. Fr. Samuel is hoping to be fully recovered by the end of this month. We hope that he is indeed fully well and out of pain. Pray too for his parish.

Services in August:

Wednesdays: 6.15pm at the upstairs rooms above the Bridge Church, Newark Road, LN5 8NQ.

Saturdays: 5pm Great Vespers, preceded by Confessions (make an appointment).

Sundays: 10am Divine Liturgy.

31st: Saturday: Great Vespers.

August 1st: Sunday of the Procession of the Life-Giving Cross. The dormition fast begins today.

7th: Great Vespers.

8th: Afterfeast of the Transfiguration.

14th Saturday: Great Vespers for the Dormition

15th Sunday: The Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos.

21st: Saturday: NO VESPERS

22nd: Sunday: Afterfeast of the Dormition.

28th: Saturday: NO VESPERS.

29th: Sunday: Beheading of John the Baptist.

September 4th: Great Vespers.

September 5th: Sunday: Prophet Zechariah and Righteous Elizabeth.

Metropolitan SILOUAN

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Safeguarding Officers for Lincoln: Emma Bonner.

Safeguarding Officers for Worcester: Melangell Roe Smith.

Ten at Ten: Every weekday 10:00 am. Bible Study: on YouTube.
Fr. Philip leads a Bible Study on YouTube. It is specially for members of our parishes,
but it is watched by people all over the world. You, too, can join in. There is also a
weekly sermon.

Metropolitan PAUL and Archbishop JOHN



His Eminence Metropolitan Paul of Aleppo, and Archbishop John kidnapped and still missing in Syria. It is now **eight years and 4 months** since Metropolitan PAUL and Archbishop JOHN were kidnapped.

PRAY LOVE FORGIVE

Icon of the Last Supper: This is coming on well you are welcome to go and view it BUT take GREAT care when going through the door as the icon is ledged up against that wall.

After the Liturgy: We are still not having food and drinks after the Liturgy BUT this is being monitored by our Bishop. Hopefully it will not be long before we can begin to see each other after the services.

E-Quip (Online Theological Teaching): From September we will have a regular meeting of all those who are doing E-Quip for mutual support.

If you are interested in Theological Education, you may also find the following interesting:

Thyatira Midland Ecclesiastical Seminary

2021/22 CERTIFICATE COURSE

in Orthodox Studies



A one-year introductory course covering:

- Church history
- Worship
- Doctrine and practice of the Church
- Introduction to Holy Scripture.

10 Sessions:

Beginning 9th October 2021, continuing on the second Saturday each month to 9th July 2022.

Venue:

The Estia

Magnet Centre, Park Approach,
Birmingham, B23 7SJ, UK.

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