



BASILDON ORTHODOX COMMUNITY BULLETIN

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ALL SAINTS ORTHODOX CHURCH

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DEAR FRIENDS IN the Lord,

These past few months have been most eventful. We have, with God's help and blessing, achieved a great deal – we have secured a new and permanent home for the

Orthodox faithful in

southern Essex, we have celebrated the first Pascha in our new home, and we currently have two priests able to serve the Divine Liturgy for our community. However, there is still much to do and we must be ever-vigilant against complacency and the wiles of the evil-one. We especially need help with cleaning and maintaining the Temple

building and its grounds. We need financial assistance and we need greater support with services- regular attendance, help with serving, singing, etc., are all essential if our community is to survive, let alone expand and flourish. The Church as a whole has always understood the importance of the parish, the local Church. It is essential that the Orthodox faithful gather together in their locality to pray and to celebrate the Holy Mysteries.

The creation of a new Diocese (see below) leads to many new and wonderful opportunities for Orthodox witness in this land and in this part of Essex. Please do give whatever you are able, of your time or God-given talents, so that All Saints may radiate as a beacon of God's Grace.

With love in Christ,

Reader Paul

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FROM DEANERY TO ARCHDIOCESE

DESPITE THE CONTINUING war in Syria, the Holy Synod of Antioch held its second session from 15th to 17th October 2013. His Beatitude Patriarch JOHN X presided over the meeting. At the Synod, the Fathers discussed the state of the Archdiocese of Europe which became vacant with the election of His Beatitude to the See of Antioch. The Fathers have decided to establish the Antiochian Orthodox Archdiocese of the British Isles and Ireland. They also delegated the Patriarch to appoint a Patriarchal Vicar over the new Archdiocese until a Metropolitan is elected. This is wonderful news for the Orthodox in these islands and for Christian witness in general. It means that, in time, Antioch will have a Metropolitan who is resident in the UK.

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OUR THIRD ANNIVERSARY

23rd October 2013 (Feast of the Holy Apostle James, the Brother of the Lord) marks the **THIRD ANNIVERSARY** of the foundation of the Mission. **Glory to God !**

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All Saints, North Benfleet, is part of the Antiochian Archdiocese of the British Isles and Ireland. It is not a “British Church” for “British people”, nor is it an enclave of ethnicity: All Saints is a Church for all peoples. Here, *“there is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.”* (Galatians 3:28)

WEDDING:

Theodora Ford and George Harrison. On Saturday, 23rd November, at 2:00pm at All Saints. This is the first marriage service to be performed in the new Temple. Fr. Alexander Haig will preside. All are welcome to attend the service.

Our prayers and love go with Thea & George on their journey into Holy Matrimony: Many years !

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SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 2013:

FRIDAY 1st November ~ VESPERS ~ 4:45pm (Fr. Alexander Tefft)

SATURDAY 2nd November ~ DIVINE LITURGY ~10:30am (Fr. Alexander Tefft)

SUNDAY 17th November ~ DIVINE LITURGY ~ 10:30am (Fr. Patrick)

SAT. 23rd Nov. ~ HOLY MATRIMONY (Theodora & George) ~ 2:00pm (Fr. A Haig)

FRIDAY 6th December ~ VESPERS ~ 4:45pm (Fr. Alexander Tefft)

SATURDAY 7th December ~ DIVINE LITURGY ~ 10:30pm (Fr. Alexander Tefft)

SUNDAY 15th December ~ DIVINE LITURGY ~ 10:30am (Fr. Patrick)

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TROPARION FOR ALL SAINTS:

Apostles, Martyrs, and Prophets, holy Hierarchs, Saints and Righteous, having fought the good fight and kept the faith you have boldness towards the Saviour. Intercede for us with Him, for He is good, we pray, that He may save our souls.

OUR ESPECIAL THANKS TO...

- ~ His Eminence Bishop Paul of Tracheia for an ikon from Gregoriou Monastery on the Holy Mountain
- ~ Fr. Patrick for the new antimension
- ~ the community of Saint Andrew the Apostle, Egham, for ikons, coverings and exapteryga
- ~ Vladut for the erection and installation of our iconostasis
- ~ Stefanos and Andreas for building the Epitafios
- ~ Theodora for the covering for the Holy Table
- ~ Daniel for the website
- ~ Anna for flowers
- ~ Marianna & Christos for ikons

Thanks, too, to everyone who has worked so hard these past few months to prepare and maintain the new Temple, who serve, who sing, who provide food for the faithful, and hospitality for Fr. Alexander Tefft.

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PRAYER IN TIME OF NEED:

Almighty God, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, come to my help and deliver me from this difficulty that besets me. I believe Lord, that all trials of life are under Your care and that all things work for the good of those who love You. Take away from me fear, anxiety and distress. Help me to face and endure my difficulty with faith, courage and wisdom. Grant that this trial may bring me closer to You for You are my rock and refuge, my comfort and hope, my delight and joy. I trust in Your love and compassion. Blessed is Your name, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

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**8th NOVEMBER ~ Synaxis of
the Archangel Michael and
the Other Bodiless Powers:
Archangels Gabriel, Raphael,
Uriel, Salathiel, Jegudiel,
Barachiel and Jeremiel.**



*Heavenly Commanders,
Who watch over us with great
care,
Cover us with your wings,
And shield us with your power.
Armed with the power of God,
Crowned by His glory,
You wield flaming swords,
To cut the demons down.
Swift, swift as rays of light
You soar on the clouds—
The clouds of the air—
Where you do battle for God.
Without fatigue and without
sleep
You hover ceaselessly*

*Over men and created things,
And over countless worlds.
Behold, yours are mighty armies,
Legions virtuous,
And gentle battalions of angels:
And, according to the Creator,
our brothers.
Commanders of the might of
heaven,
Lead us where we need to go—
To the throne of the Most High
Who created us from nothing.*

*~ Nikolai Velimirovich, from
The Prologue from Ohrid, 8th
November.*

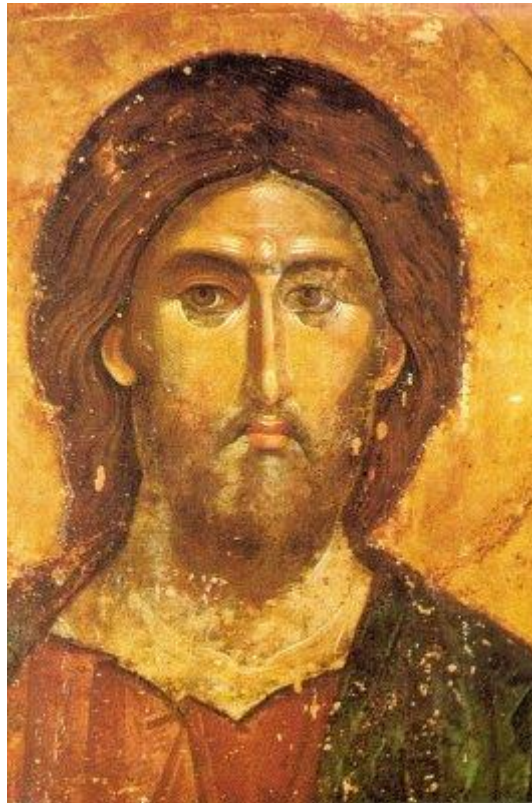
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The Basildon Orthodox Community is a Mission under the supervision of the Archdiocese of the British Isles & Ireland of the Greek Orthodox Patriarchate of Antioch and All the East. The Patriarchate is the successor to the community founded in Antioch by St Peter the Apostle. Two of the Antiochian daughter churches include the Church of Cyprus (granted autocephaly by the Church of Antioch in 431 AD), and the Church of Georgia (granted autocephaly by the Church of Antioch circa 474 AD).



GLORY TO GOD FOR ALL THINGS

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