PARISH OF THE HOLY TRINITY



COMMUNITY BULLETIN

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Weekly Worship, Events & Announcements — Submissions Welcome!

Upcoming Week

- Please pray for the newly departed Dylan, Demetra and Patrick, and the sick Peter, Philip, Monica and the priest Andreas.
- Sunday service at home: <u>Typika Service</u> (click top left triple-bar menu, choose 'Sacraments & Services,' then 'Liturgy'), used with <u>Liturgy Variable Parts</u>
- Archdiocesan <u>Sunday Bulletin</u>
- Saints' days in <u>Greek</u> and <u>English</u>
- ❖ Online 9.30 Sunday Matins & Liturgy at Holy Wisdom Cathedral, London
- Online 10.30 Sunday Liturgy at St Nicholas Parish, Oxford

Events & Announcements

Sunday 20 June is <u>Pentecost</u> and of course the feastday of our parish! Please remember to pray for the community and consider calling someone you miss seeing to wish them a happy feast. (The coming week is non-fasting in celebration.)

If you would like to send a card or letter to Metropolitan Kallistos, either leave it in the narthex or email us for the address.

Restrictions on the number of people allowed into Church will still apply. Please use this new sign-up link for July services.

Kontakion for the Sunday of Pentecost

When the Most High God came down and confused the tongues, He divided the nations.

When He distributed the tongues of fire, He called all to unity.

And with one voice we glorify the all-holy Spirit.

From Fr Ian

Dear Friends,

This weekend we celebrate Pentecost, the climax of the fifty-day celebration which follows Easter, and also the patronal feast of our Community. We remember the descent of the Holy Spirit on the apostles gathered together in the Upper Room in Jerusalem, and how this event sent them out to proclaim the Christian message to the whole world. As a sign that this message was for everyone God's grace broke down the linguistic barriers that separate us and, as the Kontakion of the day tells us, used the division of the fiery tongues to bring all into unity.

As we have seen in our daily readings from the Acts of the Apostles it took time for the early Church to realise that God did not play favourites, and that the Good News of his salvation was to go to all people, but we can all be grateful that they reached this understanding. Our Community has its origins in the desire of those who went before us that Orthodox faith and worship should be able to be seen and be understood by everyone, and we do our best to continue this mission. May the grace of the Spirit enable each one of us to help to realise this aim.

As you will know, the anticipated easing of lockdown restrictions has had to be postponed, and this means that at present we are still working under the same constraints. Sunday Liturgies are scheduled for July, and booking will be in the usual manner. I want to thank everyone for their cooperation and understanding, and I especially want to thank our marshals for the time they give freely to enable us to remain an open and celebrating community.

With my love to you all, and prayers for a blessed feast,

Fr Ian



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Please remember Holy Trinity Parish in your prayers!

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