

PARISH OF THE HOLY TRINITY



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*Weekly Worship, Events & Announcements —
Submissions Welcome!*

Upcoming Week

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

Andreas Koumi, a long time member of our community, whom many will remember as the co-owner and host of the New Excelsior café on the Cowley Road, fell asleep in the Lord on September 20th. His funeral will be held at the Church on **Thursday, October 7th at 11:30**. Please remember his wife Sophia, their children Evripedes and Kalypso and his sister Rita with all their families in your prayers. May his memory be eternal!

Wednesday 6 & Saturday 9 October we celebrate feasts for two of the Twelve Apostles, the blessed Thomas & James respectively. (The feast of St Thomas may be celebrated in part by adding wine and oil to the usual Wednesday fast.)

Sunday 17 October we will say a farewell to Theodore Bargiotas who has served as president of Holy Trinity parish for nine years and will now return to be with his family in Greece. We plan to have a gathering in the garden to say goodbye along with a heartfelt 'thank you'!

From the Treasurer of the Joint Parishes



My name is Joshua, and I've recently taken over as Joint Parish treasurer following many sterling years of service by Bede Gerrard. I started coming to the church in late 2019 when I moved to North Oxfordshire from London and joined formally just before lockdown last year. I was grateful throughout 2020 for the weekly Annunciation Zoom calls and it has been a very long time since I've felt such a warm welcome and so at home in a church community.

In my work life I advise churches on financial governance and giving and so in March this year I joined the Joint Parish Council (and Annunciation Council) and accepted the role of treasurer. One of my first tasks has been to assess the financial toll the pandemic has taken on our church. Unfortunately, as a mostly cash-based charity we have struggled more than many churches over the last year and are facing a significant deficit. The Council is considering a number of methods to try to get the church back on a stable footing and one of the things we have decided to do is increase the suggested donation for candles to £1 each. I hope you can understand why we need to make this change and of course this is a suggested donation — I would always encourage people to give what they can afford. We have also invested in a contactless donation device, which some of you will have seen on the way into church over the last couple of weeks. If you would like to try using this device I have written a short guide below but please do be reassured that we are always grateful for any donations whether cash or contactless. If anyone would like to talk to me about this change or has suggestions on increasing church income, do grab me after the end of a service.

Using the Contactless Donation Device. The device is in two parts: the screen and the card reader. The latter is a little white box which sits next to the screen. To donate:

1. On the screen press the button which shows the amount you would like to offer
2. Wait for the card reader to wake up. This can take up to 10 seconds and you will know it is awake when it lights up and displays the amount you have selected
3. Touch your contactless payment card on the reader until its four lights flash to confirm the donation

If you have any questions or are not sure what to do please speak to the marshal on the candle desk and they will be happy to help.



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