

# PARISH OF THE HOLY TRINITY



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

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### Upcoming Week

- ❖ Please pray for the newly departed priest Andreas, Dionysis, Alan and Nikolai, and the sick Rachel, Peter and Monica.
  - ❖ 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

**Sunday 5 December** there will be an *artoklasia* served for both St Andrew and St Nicholas, with a bring-and-share afterwards honouring volunteers (details below).

**Monday 6 December**, a liturgy will be celebrated at 18.00 in honour of St Nicholas.

***Please remember to dress warmly for services this winter!***

Many of you will have noticed that Metropolitan Kallistos' is not able to attend as many services now that his health has worsened. To make sure everyone has a chance to wish him well, we are assembling a **Community Christmas card** for him this year. It will be available to sign in church during December up until Christmas Day, and we will also print and include any additional messages sent to the editor [via email](#). We would especially like to encourage children in the community to bring drawings, coloured-in pictures and letters!

Please include needed [items](#) on your shopping list for the [Asylum Welcome](#) food box in the church narthex, e.g. oil, rice, tinned tomatoes, UHT milk, & tinned fish.

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## A WARM WELCOME TO FR ISIDOROS!



Fr Isidoros Katsos is an Archimandrite of the Church of Greece, Archdiocese of Athens. In October he joined both the Theology Faculty at the University of Oxford (British Academy Postdoctoral Fellow), and Campion Hall (JRF), and will be working on a three-year project entitled 'Christian Human Rights: Ancient and Postmodern.' During his time in Oxford Fr Isidoros will explore the historical and conceptual roots of the idea of human rights in Greek patristic writings, with a focus on the Origenian and Cappadocian traditions. Far from merely antiquarian research, the aim of the project is to scrutinise current debates on 'Christian human rights' in East and West from the viewpoint of the common anthropological tradition of the church, retrieving early Christian reflections on the human condition in order to inform contemporary debates on human dignity, individuality and freedom.

Before coming to Oxford, Fr Isidoros was a Postdoctoral Fellow at the Center for the Study of Christianity, Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Fr Isidoros has studied law in Athens, Paris and Berlin, holding a PhD in Human Rights Law and Sustainable Development from the Freie Universität Berlin; and philosophy and theology in Athens and Cambridge, with a PhD (Cantab.) on the early Christian natural theology of light under the supervision of Rowan Williams. His most recent publications include the augmented version of his doctoral thesis (forthcoming OUP) titled *The Metaphysics of Light in the Hexaemeral Literature: From Philo of Alexandria to Gregory of Nyssa*; a chapter on early Christian theories of analogy and metaphor in the *The T&T Clark Companion to the Early Church* (Bloomsbury, forthcoming); and a chapter on the Nicene language of light, to appear with OUP.

Fr Isidoros grew up in the parish of the Transfiguration of Christ, in Plaka, one of the oldest churches in Athens, built some time in the 11<sup>th</sup> century. He was baptised there, served as altar boy, then Reader, Deacon, and Priest, always in the same parish. Yet, he has been a persistent pilgrim in Christ: he learned the basics of Byzantine chanting during his stay in Berlin; served as Deacon at the parish of St Athanasios during his stay in Cambridge; and served as Priest at the Patriarchate of Jerusalem and, literally, at the Holy Sepulchre during his stay at the Holy Land. He has been touched by the personal stories, struggles and joys of brothers and sisters he encountered so far, and he looks very forward to harnessing new wisdom in Christ while attached to the Orthodox community at Canterbury Road.

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## Celebrating Volunteers at One Canterbury

In honour of St Andrew — the patron saint of the parish Auxiliary Association — there will be a bring-and-share event celebrating all our volunteers on **Sunday 5 December** after liturgy. Please take the chance to encourage and appreciate your fellow parishioners who donate their time and good will, working in various ways within the community! While there is always more to do, we plan to make this an annual event when we pause to recognise and express gratitude for all the work people feel called to do to uplift the community: cleaning and maintaining the church, singing, sourcing supplies, organising events, helping our priests in the altar, overseeing the candle desk, beautifying the church, sitting on parish-related committees, baking bread for services, providing hospitality, and helping parishioners who are ill or isolated.

If you are able to bring something for the feast, please choose finger food that can be easily shared after liturgy. One of our volunteers, a skilled baker, will also be baking *melomakarona* to sell as a fundraiser for the parish. These are honey-soaked fasting cookies that keep very well and can be enjoyed until Christmas!



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