

# PARISH OF THE HOLY TRINITY



## COMMUNITY BULLETIN

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

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### Upcoming Week

- ❖ Please pray for the newly departed *Peter, Alexei, Yannis, Alan and Nikolai*, and the sick *Rachel, Peter and Monica*.
  - ❖ Saints' days in [Greek](#) and [English](#)
  - ❖ Bilingual texts and music for [all services by date](#)
  - ❖ Archdiocesan Sunday [Bulletin](#) and [Services](#) (Holy Wisdom Cathedral, London)
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### Events & Announcements

**January Liturgies** — there are [Eventbrite places](#) still available. Check the [calendar](#) on our website for up-to-date service information.

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

Fr Ian delivered Metropolitan Kallistos' community Christmas card on the Feast, and he read everything carefully — there were messages from far and wide, including one from a schoolchild who sent him a picture and a brief letter in Latin!

We're continuing now in the After-Feast of Theophany until the Leave-Taking on **Friday 14 January** (oil & wine added).

**Sunday 30 January** there will be an extraordinary general meeting (EGM) at 4pm to update our Constitution. [Members of the Parish](#) will be invited to participate.

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### **Kontakion, The Baptism of Christ (Theophany)**

You appeared to the world today,  
and Your light, O Lord, has left its mark upon us.  
With fuller understanding we sing to You —  
'You came, You were made manifest, the unapproachable light.'

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## The Light-Filled Month of January



*St Makarius of Egypt, published courtesy of the Michigan-Princeton-Alexandria expeditions to the Monastery of St Catherine on Mount Sinai*

[January](#) is one of the busiest liturgical months, full of important feasts and saints' days. We have already passed the Feast of the Circumcision and St Basil's Day (1 Jan), the Synaxis of the 70 Holy Apostles (4 Jan), then Theophany (6 Jan) paired with the feast of St John the Baptist (7 Jan). We are anticipating major holy days throughout the rest of the month in part because our calendar reflects that — from about the late fourth century — this period of the church year was set aside to honour theologians and teachers of the church. So we will celebrate also St Maximos the Confessor (21 Jan), St Gregory the Theologian (25 Jan), and St Ephraim the Syrian (28 Jan), and of course the month culminates in the Synaxis of the Three Holy Hierarchs (30 Jan): St Basil the Great, St Gregory the Theologian and St John Chrysostom.

January also marks a time of year when desert saints were inspired by or linked with the 40 days Christ spent in the desert immediately following His baptism. This month we celebrate examples such as St Syncletike (5 Jan), St Gregory of Nyssa (10 Jan), St Paul of Thebes (15 Jan), St Anthony the Great (17 Jan), St Makarius of Egypt (19 Jan), as well as St Euthymios the Great (20 Jan) who this month would retreat alone to the desert in explicit imitation of Christ.



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in your prayers...**

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