

# 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 *Reader James*, 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

**Wednesday 2 February** there will be a Liturgy for the Presentation, with Matins at 8am & Liturgy at 9am. Remember that services can be found on our [website](#).

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

The Advent collection for [SOS Children's Villages UK](#) raised £275.63 which has now been forwarded to further the important work of this organisation in making sure no child grows up alone.

**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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### Apolytikion, Three Hierarchs

Those three magnificent luminaries of the tri-solar Godhead, who lit up the whole world with rays of divine doctrines; those mellifluent rivers of wisdom, who irrigated all creation with the waters of the knowledge of God; Basil the Great, and Gregory the Theologian, and the illustrious John, whose tongue produced golden words! Let all of us who are enamoured of their words come together and sing hymns to honour them. For they are ever interceding with the Trinity on our behalf.

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## Synaxis of the Three Hierarchs



This common [feast of three teachers](#) was instituted a little before the year 1100, during the reign of the Emperor Alexis I Comnenus, because of a dispute and strife that arose among the notable and virtuous men of that time. Some of them preferred Basil, while others preferred Gregory, and yet others preferred John Chrysostom, quarrelling among themselves over which of the three was the greatest. Furthermore, each party, in order to distinguish itself from the others, assumed the name of its preferred Saint; hence, they called themselves Basilians, Gregorians, or Johannites. Desiring to bring an end to the contention, the three Saints appeared together to the saintly John Mavropous, a monk who had been ordained Bishop of Euchaita, and revealed to him that the glory they have at the throne of God is equal, and told him to compose a common service for the three of them, which he did with great skill and beauty.

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One way to honour the [Three Hierarchs](#) and the other teachers and theologians whose feastdays are clustered in January might be to remember that we are 'rational sheep' and benefit from inspired writings and teachings whatever our current level of spiritual understanding. If you can find a little time — during exercise or a commute, or while cooking dinner — try listening to these programmes or podcasts:

- For younger people, [Be the Bee](#) is a long-running weekly video podcast which focuses on how God infuses all of creation with goodness and beauty.
- [Luminous — Conversations on Sacred Arts](#), Orthodox scholar Peter Bouteneff leads in-depth, excellent interviews with artists and thinkers on topics as varied as photography, music, sculpture, and fragrance.
- [Ancient Faith Ministries](#), based in the US, offers streaming radio and hundreds of podcasts and specials which can be easily searched and accessed.



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