

PARISH OF THE HOLY TRINITY



COMMUNITY BULLETIN

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Christ is Risen!

Upcoming Week

- ❖ Please pray for the newly departed *Styliani, Dimitris, Emmanuel and Panayiota*, and the sick *Richard, Monica and Peter*.
 - ❖ 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

Please see the parish [website](#) for upcoming services

Tuesday 10 May, the Greek Parish Council will meet in the House at 18.45.

Sunday 15 May, Fr Isidoros will lead an informal discussion during the coffee hour, beginning with the Church's theme for this Sunday, the story of the Paralyse Man. Father will then welcome any questions about light, ethics and human rights in the Church fathers (his current fields of research and teaching), or perhaps his time in Jerusalem if that is of interest to parishioners. Please come and enjoy the gathering, or introduce yourself if you have not yet had a chance!

Saturday 21 May, we will welcome visitors to our community, brought by the Friends of Mount Athos. Monks from the Axion Estin cell along with other pilgrims from Greece and Cyprus are coming, and they would like to meet as many parishioners as possible at coffee hour after the 9am Liturgy scheduled that day.

Saturday 28 May, our parish musicians will once again donate precious practise and rehearsal time in order to give a benefit concert, followed by refreshments. The concert will [raise money for Mind](#), a charity close to the heart of the chief organiser who is also offering **a matching donation to the Holy Trinity Community, up to £1000**. Please see the poster below for full details, and even if you are not able to [buy tickets and attend](#) — please give generously!

Memory Eternal † Stella Papamichael

Many of you will have heard about Stella's death on Holy Friday, 22 April — we will miss this long-standing and beloved member of Holy Trinity. Her funeral is being held on Tuesday 31 May at 11.30am. It will be followed by a reception in the House of Ss Gregory & Macrina, arranged by her daughter Magdalen Papamichael.

Notification of the Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The [Parish AGM](#) will take place after Liturgy on **Sunday 29 May** (about 12.45). This is also an election year for the 12-member Council, so please make a point of attending and supporting the work of the community. Follow the link above for further information on membership and nominations, as well as access to the meeting agenda.

Holy Week & Pascha Volunteers — Thank You!

A great many people in the community volunteered to help and made this busy period run smoothly. Thank you to Alexander L, Anca P, Androula C, Andrew & Anna G-T & Family, Bede G, Celeste L, Chara T, Christina B, Debbie C, Elsa G, George K, Gillian E, Grigori B, Ioanna C, Ion B, Isam A-J, Jacqueline R & Family, John C, Joshua C, Joshua T, Jovan R, Katya V & Family, Kiki M & son Alexandros, Kosta B, Liana J, Lizzy F, Lioudmila B, Mae G, Magda M, Margaret L, Martha K, Mary C, Melinda B, Michael D, Pavlina G, Peter P, Philip A, Rebecca W, Roula T, Skev A, Tuija V-N, and to the five young people who helped begin the overnight Gospel readings on Holy Friday evening.



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music and mind

a charity concert of works by Grieg, Poulenc, Delibes,
Rachmaninov, Rossini, and Constantinides

featuring parish musicians

Despina & Costas Nikolakis (piano)

Anna Elefteriadou (piano)

Margaret & Celeste Lingas (voice)

Georges Nikolaïdes (flute)

Ensemble Stranick (voice-guitar)



**The organizer will also donate matching funds up
to £1000 to Holy Trinity Greek Community**

Saturday May 28th, 2022

7:30 pm, St Nicholas'

Church

Abingdon OX14 3JD

Tickets on [Eventbrite](#)

Donate through [JustGiving](#)

Extracts from the Paschal Message of the Ecumenical Patriarch, 2022

"We have come through the ascetic contests of Holy Great Lent, and experienced in devotion the revered Passions of our Lord; now, bathed in the everlasting light of His radiant Resurrection, we hymn and glorify His celestial name, crying out the world-rejoicing tidings 'Christ is Risen!'"

"Resurrection is the central core of the faith, culture and hope of the Orthodox... Celebrating Pascha is not for the Orthodox a temporary reaction against the realities and contradictions of this world, but a manifestation of the unshakeable belief that He who trod down Death by Death, the Redeemer of the race of Adam, is (...) the God of Love, forever 'with us' and 'for us'. Pascha is the certainty of experience that Christ is the Truth who sets us free, the foundation-stone, the existential axis and horizon of our lives. 'Apart from me you can do nothing' (John 15: 5). 'No circumstance, or tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or pestilence, or nakedness, or peril, or sword' (Romans 8: 35) can separate the faithful from the love of Christ. This unshakeable conviction inspires and strengthens our creativity and our willingness to act in the world as 'fellow workers of God' (1 Cor. 3: 9). He guarantees that in the face of insuperable obstacles and stalemates, whereby Man's judgement no solution is attainable, there still exists hope and prospects. 'I can do all things in Christ who strengthens me' (Philippians 4: 13). Through the risen Christ, we know that evil, in any of its forms, does not have the last word in the progress of humanity.

"While filled with gratitude to the Lord of Glory for setting Man in a position of honour and supreme worth, we are grieved by the spectacle in our times of many forms of violence, social injustice and the trampling of human rights. Today our joyful proclamations of the Resurrection and our shouts of 'Christ is Risen!' resonate simultaneously with the clash of arms, the agonized cries of the innocent victims of warlike violence, and the cries of refugees, among whom we find numerous innocent children. We saw the problems with our own eyes on our recent visit to Poland, where the principal mass of refugees from Ukraine has found shelter. We sympathize and suffer together with the devout and courageous Ukrainian people, who have a heavy cross to bear. We pray and strive for peace and justice for all who are being deprived of those rights. It is inconceivable for us as Christians to remain silent before the debasing of human dignity.

"The chief defeated party in all wars is the human race itself, which throughout its long history has never succeeded in abolishing war. War not only fails to solve problems; it creates new and more complicated ones. It breeds discord and hatred, and widens the gulf between peoples. We firmly believe that the human race is capable of living without warfare and without violence.

"The Church of Christ, by its very nature, serves as a vector of peace. Not only does it pray for the 'peace from above' and 'the peace of the whole world', but it stresses the importance of human effort for its consolidation. The principal

characteristic of a Christian is making peace. Christ blesses the peacemakers, who strive to bring into the world the palpable presence of God by depicting the peace which 'passes all understanding' (Philippians 4: 7) in the New Creation, the blessed Kingdom of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

"Pascha is a celebration of freedom, joy and peace. Raising our voices to hymn the Resurrection of Christ...we address to you all, honoured brothers and sisters and dearly loved children, a heartfelt Paschal greeting, invoking upon you the grace and mercy of Christ, the God of All Things, who by putting Death to death, bestowed on us eternal Life."

*From the Phanarion, Holy Pascha 2022.
Bartholomew, Patriarch of Constantinople,
Ardent intercessor for all of you with the Risen Christ*

Transl. Rosemary B-M
