

PARISH OF THE HOLY TRINITY



COMMUNITY BULLETIN

26 DECEMBER 2020

No. 8

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

Upcoming Week

- ❖ Sunday 10.30 Liturgy ([sign-up](#) presently required, **DRESS WARMLY**)
 - ❖ Sunday [Reader's Service](#) for home use
 - ❖ 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
 - ❖ Online [Tour](#), 28 December — The Mother of God & Walsingham, UK
-

Events & Announcements

Metropolitan Kallistos underwent a successful procedure to implant a heart pacemaker and is already showing signs of greater vitality and better colour. We hope his health will continue to improve. He continues to rest and recuperate, and wants to express his thanks for the prayers of all and to give his blessing.

2 January, Metropolitan Kallistos will join the online Community Vasilopita Party at 11.30am! Details are below — please sign up by emailing the [Auxiliary Association](#).

There is a box in the narthex where you can leave items for the [Gatehouse](#), an organisation that cares for homeless people in the Oxford community. They request NEW socks, underwear, gloves and hats, as well as good quality sleeping bags. Chocolate bars and [donations](#) of any size are also welcome.

Vasilopita Zoom Party with Metropolitan Kallistos



This year we will all miss gathering in the House after liturgy to share many beautiful [vasilopitas](#) — rich breads or cakes made in honour of St Basil, and the centrepiece for many ‘new year’ gatherings and celebrations among Orthodox groups and families.

However, we are very blessed that **Metropolitan Kallistos will be joining us via Zoom to cut the community vasilopita on Saturday 2 January at 11.30am.** (Please RSVP events1@holytrinityoxford.org.uk if you haven’t already and we’ll send a link as the date approaches.) To make it more of a group event please feel free to bake a vasilopita or festive bread, or buy something similar like a panettone, or really anything that feels festive to you, and join us on the day. There is a simple [recipe here](#) if you need one, and we welcome [emails](#) with recipes or stories from different traditions for posting.

For Children in the Community

It has been particularly difficult to include young people during the pandemic when we are not able to meet and care for one another safely in person, so we especially hope that this event will add to their festivities, and allow them to see their friends from the One Canterbury Community at the Zoom party. **We therefore invite children in particular to participate in this tradition — helping with the baking, perhaps photographing their family’s vasilopita, or contributing other arts & crafts projects** around the various feasts at this time of year. Any photos will be added to a shared folder if you email them to community@holytrinityoxford.org.uk.



Holy Trinity Parish Council

We'll continue presenting current members in the next few bulletins so everyone has a chance to see who is on the Council and to learn a bit about them:



I have been a parish member since 1996 and currently serve as vice-chair of the Council which I joined in 2017. I'm also on the Greek School board, help support our community volunteers, and pull together the weekly parish bulletin. We're a family of musicians — I trained as a violinist, my husband Alexander is a church musician and academic, and daughters Margaret & Ourania are both keen sopranos! —**Ann Lingas**

We are grateful to all the parishioners who recently have brought their membership up-to-date and established standing orders. The pandemic has of course had a large impact on in-person donations and caused our usual fundraising events to be cancelled, so if you are in a position to support the parish financially [donations via PayPal](#) or a standing order would be timely ([email for details](#))! Please also consider [gift aid](#) which allows our community to claim additional funds on your donation.

In keeping with remembering the vulnerable during Advent, Fr Ian recently received a letter sent to all the North Oxford and Wolvercote churches by NOAAH (North Oxford Action Against Homelessness). He asks parishioners to consider sending them a [charitable donation](#) as part of our Advent preparations. Homelessness and aid dependency are likely to rise after the pandemic, so they are anticipating a greater demand on funds in the coming year, and are appealing to local churches for additional support. NOAAH has helped rough sleepers into accommodation and it has also assisted those who are struggling to remain in housing in a number of different ways — by making grants to help with unpaid bills, by supplying essential household items for people recently housed, and by paying for vans to move household goods. This organisation has no staff and no costs which means all the money raised goes directly to people in need.



Registered Charity no. 1011772

Please remember Holy Trinity Parish in your prayers!

Greek Orthodox Parish of the Holy Trinity,
1 Canterbury Road, OXFORD, OX2 6LU
Website: www.holytrinityoxford.org.uk
Fr Ian: frian@holytrinityoxford.org.uk

Subscribe: maillist1@holytrinityoxford.org.uk
Editor: community@holytrinityoxford.org.uk
Council: president1@holytrinityoxford.org.uk
Donation: treasurer1@holytrinityoxford.org.uk