

PARISH OF THE HOLY TRINITY



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Monthly News & Announcements

Prayers & Services

- ❖ Please pray for the newly departed *Richard, Monica & Tatiana*, and the sick *Michelle, Georgios, Archim. Kyril, Maria, Gloria, John, Katherine, Maria, Andrew & family, Konstantina, Anastasia, Eireni, Anna, John, Margarita, Ioannis, Monica, Mihaela, Elizabeth & Valentina*.
- ❖ Saints' days in [Greek](#) and [English](#)
- ❖ Bilingual texts and music for [all services by date](#)
- ❖ Archdiocesan Sunday [Bulletins](#) and [Services](#) from Holy Wisdom Cathedral

Events & Announcements

(Please see our parish [website](#) for a full community calendar)

On a beautiful Bright Saturday spring evening in May, Marios Papadopoulos & friends presented an outstanding concert benefitting Holy Trinity and our Greek School. Despina N organised the event and has now provided a [link to the performance](#) for those who were not able to attend — enjoy!

Our community Bible studies with Fr Ian continue on the first and third weeks of each month after 5.30pm Vespers, at the House of Ss Gregory & Macrina.

Our community e-bulletin began rather suddenly as a weekly source of support during the Covid crisis and continues now as a monthly email. 109 issues later we need a new editor — speak with Ann L if this is a volunteer role that interests you!

Fr Ian's Pilgrimage to Greece

From 22–29 May I was privileged to make a pilgrimage to Thessaloniki, accompanied and guided by Archimandrite Gregory Wellington, who had studied Greek and Theology there in the early years of this century. The city is now the second city of Greece, but its history goes back to the pre-Christian period, and Alexander the Great is commemorated by a statue on the promenade. For Christians it is a very significant city — an icon in the cathedral is captioned 'St Paul, Founder of the Church of Thessaloniki' and one of the earliest books of the New Testament to be written is addressed to the Christians (*continued below*)

of the church there. It is also famous as the place of martyrdom of the St Demetrios, whose relics are enshrined in the church dedicated to him, and later as the place where St Gregory Palamas served as bishop, St David the Dendrite (tree-dweller) also lived there, and the modern saint Paisios of Mount Athos is buried about half an hour's drive from the city. I was able to visit the resting places of these saints, and to ask for their prayers for our community.

Fr Gregory introduced me to the Monastery of Vlatadon, where our pilgrimage was based, and to its abbot, Bishop Nikiphoros of Amorion. I concelebrated the Sunday Liturgy with His Grace, five other priests and three deacons. I shall never consider our altar at Canterbury Road to be a small space again! I was also privileged to meet and talk with Fr Spyridon Kalaitzoglou, priest at the Church of the Acheiropoietos, a fifth century basilica which has been a church, a mosque, a refuge for those afflicted by the great fire of 1917, and then for the victims of the "exchange of populations" in 1922 (one of whom was Fr Spyridon's grandfather), before returning to service as a church once more.



St Demetrios



St Gregory Palamas' Relics



Vlatadon Monastery/Vespers



Grave of St Paisios

I was surprised and delighted to have several chance meetings with former members of our community in Oxford as well as more organised meetings with Professor Theodoros Yiangou and his wife Fani (who were here over 35 years ago) and with Theodoros Bargiotas (our former parish president, who asked after the community and sent his greetings to everyone). While in Thessaloniki I was also taken to the ecclesiastical tailors to be measured for a set of vestments and some cassocks, which were part of our community's gift to me on the occasion of the 40th anniversary of my ordination to the priesthood. I am very grateful to all who contributed to this and to all who facilitated my pilgrimage, both here and in Greece. May God, at the prayers of the Thessalonian saints, bless us all.

Upcoming 2026 Events

- ❖ **Parish BBQ**, Sunday 26 July after Liturgy
- ❖ **Annual Food Fair**, Saturday 10 October



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