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BOOK LAUNCH

Tuesday 27th March 5.00-7.30pm You are all invited to the book launch of Sacred North walking in the footsteps of Christian missionaries. This will take place at the Orthodox Chapel, Braithwaite, CA12 5TW - opposite Coledale Inn. You will have the opportunity to purchase a hardback copy of the book for just £20.

RSVP 07752 100086/01768 771230

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Koulla on the christening of her grandson Emilio on the 25th February! It was lovely to have all her family from London, Cyprus and England at our church.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School will take place on the 11th March and the 25th March.

BOOKSTALL

Booklets on Holy Week, a liturgical explanation and daily and special occasion prayers are on sale for £3 on the bookstall.

FOOD BANK

There is a collection box for the foodbank in the narthex as well as the church hall. Please add extra items that you may not have thought about donating. Boxes of carton milk, tinned meat, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes etc.

ROOF FUND APPEAL

We need to raise about £4000 for repairs and re-roofing to the flat roofs around the church hall and other general repairs to the outside walls as a matter of urgency. Please give to this appeal if you are able, letting Gregory know it is for that purpose. Cheques should be made out to "Holy Apostles Orthodox Trust" and sent to 58 Kingswood Rd, Leyland, PR25 2UN. You may donate via Bacs: Lloyds TSB Sort Code: 30-96-85, Account 03316001, Ref: Your Surname, Roof fund. If you are a UK tax payer, please maximise your giving by completing the Gift Aid declaration. Thank you. Fr. Dionysios

XPOVIA POLLA AND HAPPY NAME DAY TO THOSE CELEBRATING THEIR SAINT'S DAY IN MARCH.

Anyone who has not given Pres Rebecca their name day details please do so.

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| 1 March | St David | David Walker |
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| 1 March | St Eythoxia | Evyv Boutshink |
| 16 March | St Christodoulos | Fr. Christodoulos |
| 25 March | St Mary | Pres. Mary |

NEW DETAILS?

Please let me know if you have moved to a new house, have a new telephone number or changed email address. Many thanks. rlhiggs@hotmail.co.uk 07890 208539

MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY WHO ARE UNWELL

If you or anyone you know from church is unwell, please do let me know so that we can help in whatever way we can. Thank you.

CHURCH HALL

We are happy to let you know that our church hall is being utilised on a regular basis, but if you know of anyone who is looking for hall space then please speak to a member of the committee. It has also been decided to make the hall available for children's birthday parties, so please spread the word! There will be a leaflet printed shortly which may be used to advertise the hall for the parties. If you would like some then please speak to a member of the committee.

NEWSLETTER INCLUSIONS

The deadline for any announcements, news, Christian book reviews or articles is the 26th of each month for inclusion in the following month's newsletter. If you wish for it to be included for more than one month, then please specify the length of time. All items may be emailed to Nicky at ntpratsas@yahoo.com.

Services and Events for February 2018

| Date | Time | Service/Event |
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| 4 March | 10:30am | Holy Liturgy Second Sunday of Great Lent |
| 7 March | 7:00pm | Akathist to the Mother of God |
| 11 March | 10:30am | Holy Liturgy Third Sunday of Great Lent Veneration of the Cross Sunday school |
| 14 March | 7:00pm | Presanctified Gifts |
| 18 March | 10:30am | Holy Liturgy Fourth Sunday of Great Lent |
| 21 March | 7:00pm | Akathist to the Mother of God |
| 25 March | 10:30am | Holy Liturgy Fifth Sunday of Great Lent Sunday school |
| 28 March | 7:00pm | Pre-Sanctified gifts |

SUNDAYS OF GREAT LENT

Great Lent ends on Palm Sunday, the Entrance of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ into Jerusalem. Following Palm Sunday, Holy Week begins. It is a week of strict fasting and deep thinking about the events that precede Pascha, the Resurrection of our Lord.

First Sunday

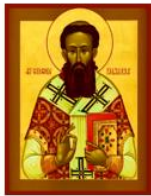
Triumph of Orthodoxy



On this Sunday in 842, the heresy of iconoclasm that contradicted the Orthodox Faith was defeated.

Second Sunday

Saint Gregory Palamas



Through his writings, this Saint gives every Christian the opportunity to be enlightened with the light of Mount Tabor.

Third Sunday

Adoration of the Cross



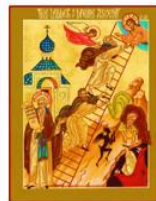
On this Sunday, the Cross is carried out of the Sanctuary as a reminder to us of Christ's suffering at the Cross and of our call to be brave in the trials of our lives.

Fourth Sunday

Venerable John the Ladder



This Sunday honors the 7th century saint, the author of The Ladder, where he describes the levels of spirituality.



Fifth Sunday

Venerable Mary of Egypt



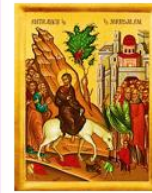
The life of St. Mary of Egypt is an example to us of God's mercy to sinners, seen through her sins and conversion.

On the preceding Wednesday, the Canon of St. Andrew of Crete is served during Vespers.



Sixth Sunday

The Entry of the Lord into Jerusalem - Palm Sunday



The day before this feast is called Lazarus Saturday, in honor of the time Christ rose Lazarus from the dead after Lazarus was in his tomb for three days. This event reminds Christians about our inevitable resurrection from the dead by Christ.

On this Sunday, Christ's glorious Entrance into Jerusalem is remembered. The citizens of Jerusalem came to meet Him and welcomed Him with palm branches saying, "Hosanna, blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!"

After this Sunday, Holy Week begins, and after Holy Week is Pascha, the Resurrection of Christ.