



# Orthodox Christian Church of the Holy Apostles

Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Thyateira and Great Britain

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## *Holy Apostles Orthodox Trust*

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## **Newsletter December 2019**



### **NATIVITY COLLECTION**

This year our nativity collection will be for the following two charities: L'Arche Community Preston specially to fund gates for the garden and the Greek Orthodox of Great Britain Youth summer camp to upgrade the camp site. There is a collection basket in the church for your generous giving.

At L'Arche we celebrate people with learning disabilities and build circles of support around them. We go beyond supporting people's basic needs to attend to their emotional and spiritual lives, too. It is this focus on building relationships and cultivating a sense of belonging that makes us different from other service providers. L'Arche Preston was founded in 1998 and since then we have grown our Community to welcome more people, with and without learning disabilities, to share life together. L'Arche Preston is a Community in which all its members are given the opportunity to grow, nurture meaningful relationships, and be recognised and treated as valued members of society. L'Arche Preston has two community houses in which people with and without learning disabilities live together. In addition, we have lots of friends who are closely involved with the community in many different ways and who join us in sharing and celebrating life together.

The GOYGB (Greek Orthodox Youth of Great Britain) Summer Camp has been running since 1992, with the blessing of His Eminence Archbishop Nikitas of Thyateira.

The camp is based in the beautiful countryside of Shropshire on our own field, bought by the Archdiocese in 2007. For one week, we live as a community (without electricity on campsite!), benefiting from plenty of fresh air, communal meals, prayer, lessons, activities, exercise, games, discussions, campfires, singing, and fellowship amongst the participants. Camp participants spend the duration of the camp in tents, in groups of no more than 6 people. Participants are grouped according to age and gender (Juniors are aged 9-11, Intermediates are aged 12-14 and Seniors are aged 15-17). One of the best aspects of the camp experience is learning to adjust to group living, making new friends, and getting along as part of a team.

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

There will be a Sunday School Christmas party on the 1<sup>st</sup> December. We look forward to seeing all the children there.

### **THANK YOU**

Food for fellowship: Maria Dunkow and Sophie George.

Church flowers: Rebecca Higgs

# *Schedule of Funeral Services for the late Archbishop Gregorios*

As the community and faithful of the Archdiocese of Thyateira and Great Britain and the greater community at large pray for the repose of the soul of the servant of God, Gregorios, Hierarch and Celebrant of the Sacred Mysteries of the Church, we wish to inform the people of God that services have been scheduled.

## **Tuesday, 3rd December 2019**

- 2:00 pm – 9:00 pm: The body of His Eminence will lie in state at the Cathedral of the Divine Wisdom (Aghia Sophia), Bayswater.
- At 6:30 pm, the Trisagion Service will be chanted at the Cathedral of the Divine Wisdom

## **Wednesday, 4th December 2019**

- 2:00 pm: The body of His Eminence will lie in state at the Cathedral of the Dormition of the Mother of God, Wood Green until Thursday 5th December 8.00 am.
- At 6:30 pm, the Trisagion Service will be chanted at the Cathedral of the Dormition of the Mother of God, Wood Green.

## **Thursday, 5th December 2019**

- 8.00 am – 10.00 am: Orthros and Hierarchical Divine Liturgy, at the Cathedral of the Dormition of the Mother of God, Wood Green.
- At 10:30 am – The Funeral Service, followed by interment at Hendon Cemetery.

Any and all donations and contributions in memory of the late Archbishop Gregorios should be sent to the Archdiocese of Thyateira and Great Britain, 5 Craven Hill, London W2 3EN.

London, 21 November 2019

From the Offices of the Archdiocese of Thyateira and Great Britain

## **FOOD BANK**

Thank you for continuing to support your Local Food Bank. During **October** your donations helped us to support an average of **71** households every week by giving out **103** food parcels. We still have ample supplies of baked beans and soup. So, the following would be helpful:

- Rice
- Curry and Oriental sauces
- Tinned fruit & puddings
- Cereals & Milk
- Tea

If you can help it will be greatly appreciated.

## **ROOF FUND APPEAL**

We have made a good start to our fundraising with some donations directly to the church. Our current total is **£4150**. Please continue to share our appeal to anyone you feel will support us.

We would love it if you took a moment to check out our GoFundMe campaign:

[https://www.gofundme.com/roof-fund-appeal&rcid=r01-153270114942-8a1d9c932b7f4da4&pc=em\\_co\\_campmgmt\\_w](https://www.gofundme.com/roof-fund-appeal&rcid=r01-153270114942-8a1d9c932b7f4da4&pc=em_co_campmgmt_w)

There is also a basket for donations in the church, remember to gift aid and make your donation go further. Your support would mean a lot. Thank you so much!

***XPOVIA POLLA AND HAPPY NAME DAY TO THOSE CELEBRATING THEIR SAINT'S DAY IN DECEMBER.*** Anyone who has not given Pres Rebecca their name day details please do so.

4 December	St Barbara	Barbara Kellsal
6 December	St Nicholas	Nicoleta Habel Nicolette Pratsas Nicky Vasiliou
9 December	St Anna	Anna Dunkow
12 December	St Spyridon	Spyridon Tsoutsoumpis
18 December	St Nicholas	Nicholas Galegashuili
22 December	St Anastasia	Anastasia Lionaki
22 December	St Matthew	Nathan Mathew
22 December	Sunday before Nativity	Adam Dewhurst Sarah Botros
25 December	Emmanuel	Manos Terzakis Christos Gaitatzis Chris Beckett

## ***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 26<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:ntpratsas@yahoo.com).

<b>Services and Events for December 2019</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Service/Event</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> December	10:30am	Holy Liturgy 24th Sunday After Pentecost <a href="#">Sunday School Party</a>
8 <sup>th</sup> December	10:30am	Holy Liturgy 25th Sunday After Pentecost
15 <sup>th</sup> December	10:30am	Holy Liturgy 26th Sunday After Pentecost
21 <sup>st</sup> December	10:30am	<a href="#">Holy Liturgy Dalton-in-Furness</a>
22 <sup>nd</sup> December	10:30am	Sunday before Nativity
24 December	07:00pm	Vesperal Liturgy
25 <sup>th</sup> December	10:00am	Holy Liturgy of St John Chrysostom
29 <sup>th</sup> December	10:30am	Holy Liturgy 28th Sunday After Pentecost