



**Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese
of the British Isles and Ireland
St George's Antiochian Orthodox Society**

Sundays 12- 19 May 2019

**Archbishop: Metropolitan Silouan Oner
Archpriest Samir Gholam
Priest Michael Touma**

**Newsletter Issue:
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Regular Services:

Saturdays: Vespers 16:30
Sundays: Matins 10:00
Liturgy 11:00

Orthodox Calendar:

07 May– Commemoration of the Cross that appeared in Jerusalem sky	16 May – Theodore the Sanctified
08 May – Synaxis of the Holy Manna which emitted from St John the Theologian	
10 May – Simon the Zealot & Apostle	
12 May – Sunday of the Myrrh- Bearing Women	17 May – the Holy Apostles Andronicus and Junia
15 May – Pachomios the Great	19 May – Sunday of the Paralytic



Concert of Byzantine music

The Antiochian Orthodox Society of Britain will hold a concert of Byzantine music and chanting by the famous Mount Lebanon Choir for Byzantine Music on Saturday 1st June 2019 at 7.00 pm in: St. Yeghiche Armenian Church, 13b Cranley Gardens, South Kensington, London SW7 4BB, 25 £ pp, all are welcome

Book your Ticket online

<https://tinyurl.com/SEM-AOS>

Palm Sunday 21/04/2019

We commemorate Christ triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Because of the resurrection of Lazarus from the dead, Christ was hailed as the long-awaited Messiah.





Holy Week Services



Holy Body Funeral Service

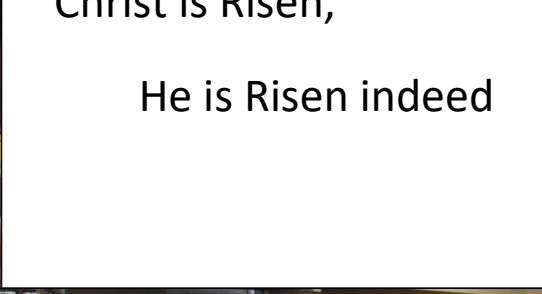
The Good and Holy Friday afternoon, is a very memorable day, our parish gathered all the day in the Church to pray and to decorate the casket, and of course to commemorate Our Lord Jesus Burial. God bless them all.



Easter Youth Activity

Our youth gathered together with Dima and a group of the mothers to make eggs baskets and to decorate eggs, thank you all it was unforgettable joyful day.





Pasha Sunday 2019

Christ is Risen,
He is Risen indeed

Story and Lessons:

WE ARE NEVER ALONE

Do you know the legend of the Cherokee Indian youth's rite of passage?

His father takes him into the forest...blindfolded...and leaves him alone. He is required to sit on a stump the whole night...and not take off the blindfold until the ray of sun shines through it. He is all by himself. He cannot cry out for help to anyone. Once he survives the night...he is a MAN.

He cannot tell the other boys of this experience. Each boy must come into his own manhood.

The boy was terrified...could hear all kinds of noise...Beasts were all around him. Maybe even some human would hurt him. The wind blew the grass and earth... and it shook his stump. But he sat stoically...never removing the blindfold. It would be the only way he could be a man.

Finally, after a horrific night...the sun appeared and he removed his blindfold. It was then that he saw his father...sitting on the stump next to him...at watch...the entire night.

We are never truly alone. Even when we do not know it, our Father is watching out for us...**My father has been working until now, and I have been working** (John 5:17).

Announcements:

Romania pilgrimage: With the blessings of Metropolitan Silouan and request of some members of Hamelat el Teeb; we have organised a Pilgrimage trip to Romania from 21 to 27 June 2019, which co-insides with the celebrations of St John, there will be visits to several Monasteries, touristic places, museums and shopping in Bucharest. The Price is £ 575.00 includes 6 nights' accommodations + transport +guide +half board (6 breakfast and 5 dinners). If you are interested, please contact Fr Michel Touma 07955716299 as soon as possible.



Fathers quotes:

“You have heard, dearly beloved, that holy women who had followed the Lord came to the sepulchre with spices. They had loved Him when He was alive, and they showed Him their eager tenderheartedness even when He was dead. Their deed points to something that must be done in our holy Church. Thus as we hear of what they did, we must also think of our responsibility to imitate them. We too, who believe in Him Who died, approach His sepulchre with spices if we are strengthened with the sweet smell of the virtues, and if we seek the Lord with a reputation for good works. And the women who came with spices saw angels, since those who advance toward God through their holy desires, accompanied by the sweet smell of the virtues, behold the citizens from on high”

St Gregory the Great