



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

**Sundays 04 - 11 August 2019**

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

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**Regular Services:**

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

**Orthodox Calendar:**

29 July – Martyr Theodota and her Children  
01 August – The Holy Seven Macabee Children  
04 August – 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Matthew  
05 August – Martyr Eusignius of Antioch

06 August- Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus Christ  
08 August – Gregory of Sinai  
09 August – Hieromartyr Euthymios  
11 August – 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Matthew



**Rev. Father David Funeral**

Christ is risen, The Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of the British Isles and Ireland, missed Fr David, the priest of Doncaster Parish.

The funeral took place in St. Columba and St. Kentigerns Church on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July, followed by his burial at Rosehill Cemetery Doncaster. May his memory be eternal.

Indeed, He is risen.



**Announcements:**

A Holy liturgy will be served for **The Transfiguration of our Lord Jesus Christ**, on Monday the 05<sup>th</sup> of August, 7:00pm.

A Holy liturgy will be served for **The Dormition of the Theotokos**, on Wednesday the 14<sup>th</sup> of August, 7:00pm.

**مدرسة تعليم اللغة العربية: على الراغبين تسجيل أسماء أولادهم من عمر أربع سنوات حتى عمر اثنتي عشرة سنة  
"مع بعض الاستثناءات" للفصول المقبلة، الاتصال بالسيدة ماغي مخول مديرة المدرسة (07949187944)**

### Story and Lessons:

### Real giving

I was walking around in a Big Bazar store shopping, when I saw a Cashier talking to a boy couldn't have been more than 5 or 6 years old. The Cashier said, 'I'm sorry, but you don't have enough money to buy this doll. Then the little boy turned to the cashier and asked: are you sure I don't have enough money?'

The cashier counted his cash once again and replied: "You know that you don't have enough money to buy the doll, my dear." The little boy was still holding the doll in his hand.

Finally, I walked toward him and I asked him who he wished to give this doll to. 'It's the doll that my sister loved most and wanted so much. I wanted to Gift her for her BIRTHDAY.

I have to give the doll to my mommy so that she can give it to my sister when she goes there.' His eyes were so sad while saying this. 'My Sister has gone to be with God. Daddy says that Mommy is going to see God very soon too, so I thought that she could take the doll with her to give it to my sister...'

My heart nearly stopped. The little boy looked up at me and said: 'I told daddy to tell mommy not to go yet. I need her to wait until I come back from the mall.' Then he showed me a very nice photo of him where he was laughing. He then told me 'I want mommy to take my picture with her so my sister won't forget me.' 'I love my mommy and I wish she doesn't have to leave me, but daddy says that she has to go to be with my little sister.' Then he looked again at the doll with sad eyes, very quietly.

I quickly reached for my wallet and said to the boy. 'Suppose we check again, just in case you do have enough money for the doll?' 'OK' he said, 'I hope I do have enough.' I added some of my money to his without him seeing and we started to count it. There was enough for the doll and even some spare money.

Then he looked at me and added, 'I asked last night before I went to sleep for God to make sure I had enough money to buy this doll, so that mommy could give it to my sister. He heard me!' 'I also wanted to have enough money to buy a white rose for my mommy, but I didn't dare to ask God for too much. But He gave me enough to buy the doll and a white rose. 'Thank you God for giving me enough money!'

### **The Transfiguration of Our Lord**

The purpose of the transfiguration of Christ into at least a part of His heavenly glory was so that the “inner circle” of His disciples could gain a greater understanding of who Jesus was. Christ underwent a dramatic change in appearance in order that the disciples could behold Him in His glory. The disciples, who had only known Him in His human body, now had a greater realization of the deity of Christ, though they could not fully comprehend it. That gave them the reassurance they needed after hearing the shocking news of His coming death.

Symbolically, the appearance of Moses and Elijah represented the Law and the Prophets. But God’s voice from heaven – “Listen to Him!” - clearly showed that the Law and the Prophets must give way to Jesus. The One who is the new and living way is replacing the old – He is the fulfilment of the Law and the countless prophecies in the Old Testament. Also, in His glorified form they saw a preview of His coming glorification and enthronement as King of kings and Lord of lords.

The disciples never forgot what happened that day on the mountain and no doubt this was intended. John wrote in his gospel, “We have seen His glory, the glory of the one and only” ([John 1:14](#)). Peter also wrote of it, “We did not follow cleverly invented stories when we told you about the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of His majesty. For He received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to Him from the Majestic Glory, saying, ‘This is my Son, whom I love; with Him I am well pleased.’ We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with Him on the sacred mountain” ([2 Peter 1:16-18](#)). Those who witnessed the transfiguration bore witness to it to the other disciples and to countless millions down through the centuries.

### **Fathers quotes:**

“Christ did not, like Moses, become resplendent from without, but as God he blazed with glory. For Moses was anointed with splendour by the appearance of his face, while Jesus in his whole body blazed, like the sun with its rays, with the glory of his divinity”.

**St Ephraim the Syrian**

“If one is satisfied with what is external, he remains outside, because away from the light of Christ, there is only darkness”, and he adds “in as much as one dives into the light of God, impediments recede and even disappear, only because of the light of Christ, for the light of Christ is too bright, and nothing can obstruct it, curb it or hide it”

**St Nicolas Kabasilas**

“Moses first met with God in the light, and the outcome was the unconsumable bush (Exodus 3). Then he had other meetings with God, and spoke with him in the cloud, yet he realised clearly that God cannot be seen (Exodus 33:20)

**St Gregory of Nyssa**