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Newsletter October 2018

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday school will now take place on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of every month. Sunday school is on the 7th and 21st October.

VESPERS

We have a new time for Vespers on a Wednesday evening at 7:30pm. Please join us!

CANDLES IN CHURCH

We have been using a lot of candles in church and the price for them was too low. Also, some candles particularly at Mnemosina (prayers for the dead) were being given out for free.

Therefore, the price of candles has gone up to £1 each for the larger thicker candles and 50p for thinner candles for Mnemosina. (These are the same prices you would find in most Orthodox churches in Europe.)

At Mnemosina, it would be usual for the family of the departed person to give out candles to their family.

However, if you are at a Mnemosina and you are not part of the family, but you wish to show your support, or remember other people that you know have died, then please buy your own candle. (The family concerned should not have to buy candles for everyone.)

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 have made a good start to our fundraising with some donations directly to the church. Our current total is £2500. 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

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

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| 2 October | St Cyprian | Ciprian Habel |
| 3 October | St Dionysios | Fr Dionysios Higgs |
| 18 October | St Luke | Loukas Beckett |

OCTOBER 21ST, 2018 LUKE 8: 26-39

Legion represents an interesting story telling device used by the early church to help us to better contemplate the work of God. In Matthews Gospel there are two demoniacs healed by Christ and the demons sent into a herd of Swine, whereas in Mark and Luke's Gospels the demoniacs are combined into a single figure called Legion. This indicates that the story had undergone some changes in order for us to better understand and contemplate them.

As individuals it is easier for us to identify with one person than with two people. Fr Aimilianos of Simonopetra in his book "the way of the Spirit," suggests the idea that some of the stories in the New Testament such as the prodigal son, were told in such a way as to promote the contemplation of the "soul in exile."¹ We can better put our feet in the shoes of Legion and empathise with him, and his circumstances, by thinking of him as a single character.

Our hope and trust in the work of God becomes more developed thereby, in considering that in isolation and despair God can still find us and restore us to a right mind. That he can sit with us and talk with us. No matter the evil within us, or perpetrated by us, God is at hand to help.

The soul in exile though is a stern reminder though that our transformation is a life-long process (indeed it will continue in the afterlife) rather than the stuff of easy televised miracles of deliverance. Our understanding that we are the much-loved children of God requiring restoration to sonship, is the beginning not the end of such process. The long journey home is one of patient endurance, and persistence. Persistence in prayer, persistence in trust. Persistence often through continued quiet despair. A continual refinding of God and of ourselves.

Archimandrite Aimilianos The Way of the Spirit p.2-3

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 October 2018

| Date | Time | Service/Event |
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| 3 October | 7:30pm | Vespers |
| 7 October | 10:30am | Holy Liturgy 19th Sunday after Pentecost Sunday school |
| 10 October | 7:30pm | Vespers |
| 14 October | 10:30am | Holy Liturgy 20 th Sunday after Pentecost |
| 17 October | 7:30pm | Vespers |
| 20 October | 10:30am | Holy Liturgy Dalton-in-Furness |
| 21 October | 10:30am | Holy Liturgy 21 st Sunday after Pentecost Sunday school |
| 24 October | 7:30pm | Vespers |
| 28 October | 10:30am | Holy Liturgy 22 nd Sunday after Pentecost |
| 31 October | 7:30pm | Vespers |