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THE GREEK ORTHODOX COMMUNITY  
THE TWELVE APOSTLES  
HERTFORDSHIRE

Priest in Charge: Protopresbyter Joseph Paliouras



March 2011

Dear member,

I would like to remind members to renew their membership if they have not done so. I would also ask those who have standing orders to please send back the forms with the new bank account details. Once again, I would urge as many of you as possible to consider renewing with a standing order of £20 per month, or as much as you can afford. A regular income is the only way to provide stable progress and planning.

January and February have been very busy months at the church, with many baptisms, services and a few weddings. The wedding season begins about now, and the church diary is almost completely full. I would especially like to thank Father Joseph and Father Demetrianos, because their hard work and dedication has been the reason that once again we have more baptisms and weddings this year than any other Orthodox church in Britain.

Because of the increased pages and the increased postal charges, we will not be sending the church magazine to all members every month. Almost all members will be attending church at least once a month to collect the magazine. The magazine will also be easily downloaded from our web site or it can be emailed to those who provide email addresses. Of course those who, because of disability, cannot attend church will be sent the magazine as before. Regular newsletters informing you of events will still be sent.

### **Visit of Father Zacharias.**

We are very pleased that The Very Reverend Archimandrite Zacharias, will be with us for the First Salutations to the Virgin Mary on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2011 at 7pm.

### **Androula Agathoglous and Lydia Yiangou's Dinner**

Androulla and Lydia hosted a wonderful evening at the Highlands Restaurant. The food, music and dancing were enjoyed by all, and £5000 was raised. We thank Androulla and Lydia for all their hard work, as well as all those who helped. We must also thank Jack and his family from The Highlands restaurant for providing the venue and helping to make the evening such a great success.

### **Tavli competition**

Andy Michael, Ploutarchos Lazouras and Savvas Mastrides organised yet another successful tavli evening. As well as being great fun, the competition raised nearly £800. Ploutarchos won the first prize and Vassos Phillipou the second.

### **Ladies Lunch 26<sup>th</sup> March 2011**

The annual Ladies Lunch will be held again at Tilbury Hall, Darkes Lane, Potters Bar. Please support the ladies of the committee who work so hard to provide such wonderful food for this function. To book please ring Lydia (01992 441432) or Kyproulla (0208 441 6125).

### **Trip to Thyateira 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> June 2011**

His Eminence Archbishop Gregorios has requested our community to organise a trip to Thyateira in Turkey. The trip will include visiting the historic Greek cities of Thyateira, Smyrna, Ephesus, Laodicea, Pergamum, Philadelphia and Sardis. Please call Father Joseph for details and to make a reservation.

### **Sponsored slim**

Members of the community may have noticed a gradual increase in the waistline of our beloved Father Joseph. Much of this increase is due to the kind nature of members who continually bring irresistible food to the church office. However, as we are very soon to reach Father Joseph's 'big' birthday, his rapidly increasing weight must now be reduced. Members of the congregation can help by sponsoring each pound that Father Joseph loses. The sponsorship forms are next to the candles at the church, and you can sponsor as much as you like per pound. The official weigh-in will be after church on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2011.

### **Greek Evening 14<sup>th</sup> May 2011**

We will once again have our Greek Evening at Chancellors school, Brookmans Park. Please keep the date free.

### **AGM Monday 2nd May 2011 at 7.30pm**

The annual AGM for approving the church accounts will be held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2011 at the church. The meeting is on a Monday because the church is completely full for weddings and baptisms on Sundays. Nevertheless please come along and hear about the church finances.

### **Louis Loizou**