

IMPORTANT NOTE: St. Andrews Management require us to vacate the church by 3pm every Sunday. There is no negotiation on this.

**Fr. John**

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### Church Security

After all Services, and any meetings and refreshments have finished, the church is locked and so is the main gate - please be careful that you are not locked in! **In an emergency telephone 07733227767**

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Registered Charity Number: 1125574

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Our Parish is under the omophorion of His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew. The Church of St. George in the Phanar (Fener) is the fifth Patriarchal church in Constantinople (Istanbul) and home to the Ecumenical Patriarchate since the fifteenth century (website of the Ecumenical Patriarchate is at: [www.patriarchate.org](http://www.patriarchate.org)). We are within the Deanery of Great Britain and Ireland (website is at: [www.exarchate-uk.org](http://www.exarchate-uk.org)) and part of the Archdiocese of Orthodox Parishes of Russian Tradition in Western Europe under His Eminence Archbishop Gabriel of Comana, Exarch of Western Europe. The Archdiocesan Cathedral is the Alexander Nevsky Cathedral, rue Daru, Paris, France ( website of the Archdiocese is at: [www.exarchat.eu](http://www.exarchat.eu) ).

## The Dormition of the Mother of God (EP)



**Orthodox Parish Worshipping  
at St. Andrew Holborn**

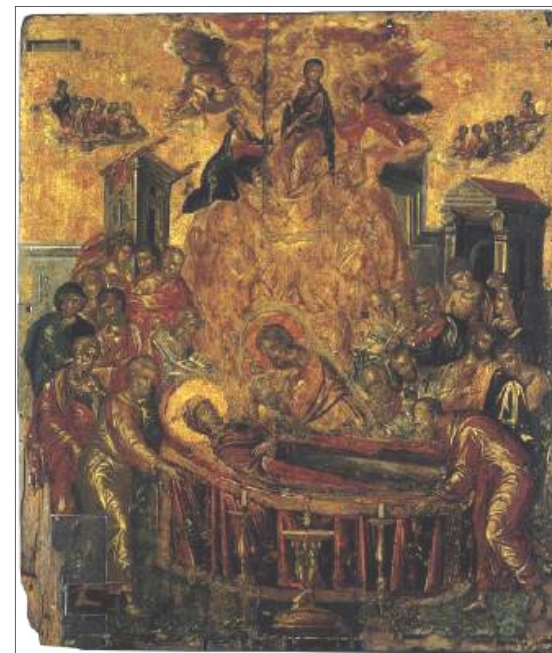
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**SERVICES THIS WEEK**

**Saturday: July 17th  
5:30pm: Vigil**

**Sunday: July 18th  
10:30am: The Holy Liturgy**

All services are celebrated in Church Slavonic and in English.

**SECOND ISSUE IN JULY**



**“In giving birth, O Mother of God, Thou hast kept Thy virginity, and in falling asleep Thou hast not forsaken the world. Thou, O Mother of life, hast passed over into life and by Thy prayers dost deliver our souls from death.”**

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

“Today’s gospel begins by telling us that Jesus encountered a large group of people waiting, hoping to see and hear Him. He had pity on them, healed their sick, and then remained late in the night talking and listening to them. It sounds as though there were any number of agendas—from politics to theology but always, as in every one of Christ’s meetings, there were the healings.

Now if you are generally a well person you acknowledge en passant that of course being healed must be wonderful but that you are more interested in other aspects of Christ’s life and works. There’s nothing wrong in that - we all have our areas of need - what is important is that we can find room in our hearts and prayers for the needs of others around us.

And the needs of the sick in my experience cover far more than just their healing. There are all sorts of questions, ranging from how long will this illness last to will there be anyone to look after me at the end? How is it affecting the people around me? How many of them am I letting down? For those not used to a sick body these questions may appear trivial but believe me, they are not! And indeed the questions become very much

The following is from the Deanery website:

**Report on the Deanery Clergy and Laity Assembly June 19 2010**

- The Assembly decided that a brief report of each meeting should be sent out to the parishes in order to keep people informed about events until the minutes of each meeting are approved, usually six months later.
- It also decided that agendas of meetings should no longer be regarded as confidential for the same reason. Any confidential matters should be declared as such either by the Chairman of the Assembly, or agreed as such at each meeting, or reserved for the Deanery Council.
- The legal proceedings were now over. All bills paid, though some internal loans were still outstanding. Archbishop Gabriel asked us now to keep our focus on the important matters of church life such as how we are living the Gospel and communicating it to others.
- Several important things needed to be done, such as correlating our statutes and those of the Archdiocese, and translating the regular communications of the Archdiocese into English. Volunteers are sought for this task. The Archbishop also promised that the papers delivered at Archdiocesan Assemblies will be translated into English beforehand.
- The Archbishop's call to keep our focus on our mission was echoed by the Dean in his report. He said some work had already been done on the statutes and that the group appointed to the task would now begin.
- Seraphim Alton Honeywell retires as Treasurer. He was thanked for all his hard work over the these last four years. The accounts were noted. A new treasurer will be appointed at the next meeting.
- Reports were heard from several parishes; also from Karen Greenhead on the recent Conference. The Messenger was paying its way and the new website will soon go public.
- The date of the next meeting will be 20 November and the next after that July 18 2010

**Parish of the Dormition of the Mother of God (EP)  
Order Form – Parish Christmas Cards 2010**

<i>Please print in block capitals.</i>	
Name:	
Address:	
Contact telephone number:	
Each pack contains 10 Christmas cards.	Number of packs:
Total Cost of cards: 1) for orders placed before 31-08-2010, £4.50 per pack  2) for orders placed after 31-08-10, £5.00 per pack	Total cost :
Mode of Delivery: 1) I shall collect my cards from Candle Desk at St Andrew Holborn. (Please delete as appropriate)  2) I should like to receive my cards by post. I have added the cost of postage & packing to my payment, as follows. £1.50 for the first pack, then £0.50 for further packs within the same order.	Yes/No     Total p&p (where applicable):
I enclose a cheque for the following amount.	Grand total of cards plus p&p:
Signed:	Date:
Please return the completed form to Nicolas Tuckett, Flat A, 20 Lady Margret Road, London NW5 2XS <i>Please be aware that a cheque, payable to the Parish of the Dormition of the Mother of God (EP), is required with each order.</i>	

part of one's personal prayer life! It is at God's bidding after all that the sands of our life run fast or slow!

The travels of Christ around the Lake of Gennesareth recall a number of memorable occasions - Peter being told to "*launch out into the deep*" for example. It also seemed to bring forth in Christ His own personal mission as He spoke of it often and His words *had power and authority*". The people were used to stiff and punctilious commentary, pages and pages of it - Christ's sermons were live and alight and about real life!

As always we see in the Gospels the whole spectrum of life - from birth to death and after - and all that goes on in between and we are connected to all of it.

Whether we need to be healed, or enlightened, or to be comforted or corrected our connection with Christ is the life-line and the power point and how we handle it should be one if not our top priority!

May the Holy Spirit grant us wisdom."  
Amen.

**Fr. John**

**We next meet here, at St. Andrew's, on Saturday, July 31st at 5:30 pm for the Vigil and Sunday, August 1st at 10:30am for the Liturgy**

**and then on:**

**Saturday, August 14th at 5:30pm for the Vigil**

**Sunday, August 15th at 10:30am for the Liturgy**

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**Dear Parish Members,**

**With the blessing of Archbishop Gabriel and the agreement of the Parish clergy, it is important that a parish meeting be held on Sunday 1st August 2010 to plan for our future and to prepare for the Parish Council Election in the Autumn.**

**The postponement has already been too long and I do not want any further delay.**

**Fr John Lee**

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N.B. Fr. John went into hospital on July 9th and returned home on July 15th.

The Parish Council is meeting to discuss Parish Council elections on Thursday July 29th.



Pictured above is the icon which will appear on our Parish Christmas cards.

On the following page you will find the order form.