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This is a magazine aimed at informing people of all orthodox backgrounds or at least those interested in finding out more about orthodox Christianity. At present there are various ethnic communities in the UK and this shows how diverse orthodoxy is. Unfortunately though, ideally we need to all be in more communication with each other so we understand that orthodoxy spans every nation in the world, from the Massai tribe in Africa, the Al- euts in Canada, the Russians and Arabs, Greeks, English to all the countries of Europe and every culture to name only a few. There are various organisations that run various events and places that have various talks and places for socialising with other people interested in orthodox Christian life.

Harry Georgiou: "Personally my experience in predominantly Greek speaking parishes in London is this, the priests are very often inundated with the needs of the parish and help from the committee is fundamentally helping to

run the church and organise church events, sadly there is a lack of people to help to put out the information relating to other events that people may be interested in relating to their faith and having this communicated in English. A whole generation has been unintentionally neglected as a result and if people are not involved to try and assist the priests in spreading this information to their parishes then the masses will not find out and possibly find inspiration and joy and connection with other orthodox people and more importantly with Christ our God".

One aspect that many people find discouraging is the lack of English used in services and various events, while this is changing, albeit very, slowly there are some positive things that are going on see below. To that end, please read the following information, as it is informative and gives a glimmer into the growing youth movements that are taking place as we speak.

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ORGANISATIONS FOUND ON FACEBOOK ALSO ARE:

GOYGB- Greek Orthodox Youth of Great Britain

This is a orthodox youth camp for young people of the age 9-17, leaders of all ages from 18+ are invited to help us to run this for the people. This helps to enrich people's lives and help us to love God and each other.

www.goygbcamp.org.uk

Orthodox Fellowship of Saint John the Baptist
www.ofsjb.org

They run / organise pilgrimages and events for people to learn and grow in faith. Recently the 3rd pilgrimage to Barking occurred on the 12th May.

University of Cambridge, Orthodox Christian Studies: weekend courses in learning about orthodoxy, and diplomas can be achieved
<http://www.iocs.cam.ac.uk/> , full time courses available

Orthodox Youth fellowship of Saint John the Baptist www.orthodoxyouth.co.uk

Orthodox youth around the world
www.syndesmos.org

LOYA- London Orthodox Youth Association

This is organised by young people who every month on a particular Tuesday we have a vespers in multiple languages, a talk with refreshments and an opportunity to make friends and find out more things. The most recent one of these was the vespers at 6pm at the Russian cathedral followed by a talk at 7.15pm and refreshments too. So far they have visited the Greek, Antiochian and Russian churches, and are happy to be invited to other orthodox communities, please contact Thalia Conomos about this matter.

AOYM – Antiochian Orthodox Youth Movement



This is the youth section of the Antiochian Orthodox Cathedral of Saint Georges in the Antiochian Archdiocese, they have a bi-weekly bible study for people on a Thursday evening, starting between 7.30pm or 7.45pm, they begin with a prayer and refreshments with the bible being looked at and discussed this goes on till around 9pm , sometimes later depending on how engrossed everyone is: <http://www.antiochgreekorth.co.uk/> This is their website but they have a newer one and also have an e-mail group you can be added to, contact the admin on the Facebook group.

At Holy Cross and Archangel Michael Orthodox Church that has a youth activity every so often, they can be found on Facebook too.



TALKS IN ENGLISH

All Saints church in Camden Town have a talk every Saturday in English at 6pm by *Fr Vasilios* and this goes on till around 7pm.

At *Saint Andrews Cathedral* in Kentish Town: Every Sunday after the liturgy there are refreshments and a talk by *Father Chrysostomos* in English in the hall.

SERVICES IN ENGLISH IN LONDON

Most of the services in the **Russian cathedral** are a mixture between Slavonic and English.

12 Apostles: Every Saturday at the church of the 12 apostles in Brookmans Park there is a liturgy in English at 9.30am.

Saint Demetrios: Every month on a Saturday at Saint Demetrios there is a liturgy in English at 10am till 11.30am, see the program for the date.

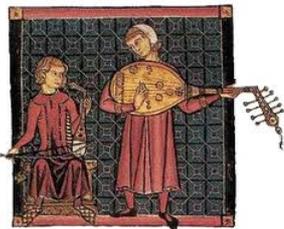
Saint Sophia: Twice a month on a Saturday there is a liturgy in English 10.30am till 12pm.

All Saints Cathedral: They have a liturgy in English at 11am on the last Saturday of each month.

Saint Anthony the Great and Saint John the Baptist: They have their liturgy in English at 10am for the first and third Saturday of each month.

Saint Botolph's: They have a liturgy in English every Sunday at 11am see above. Every Sunday at the Antiochian orthodox church of Saint Botolph, there is a liturgy in English at 11am. Website www.antiochian-london.org/ Location: *St. Botolph's Church* Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3TL

CHOIR:



For those interested in learning to chant in the Byzantine style or instrument lessons, there is a school in Wood Green headed by Fr Joseph Paliouras, this is normally between the hours of 5-8pm Monday to Friday, there is a choir called **The Byzantine Choir of Thyateiron and Great Britain**.

Teachers speak English and Greek, the words of the music is Greek and people of other cultures are involved such as Romanians. The number to book lessons at the school is **0208-881-4740** ring between the hours of 5-8pm and speak to **Georgia** who is the school's secretary.

There is another choir called **The Byzantine Melodists**, those who are interested may want to enquire at the church of Saint Anthony and Saint John the Baptist.

Youth Choir of Saint John the Baptist. With regard to a mixture of Byzantine, Russian and old folk music this is headed by **Rebecca Vucetic** and sing a mixture of folk songs in Greek, Romanian etc., chant in Slavonic in the Russian and Byzantine style as well as Greek and English chanting and also other folk music of the UK such as the traditional Christmas carols.

There various mailing lists with information for orthodox events: One is a Googlegroup of Saint Erkanwald Orthodox fellowship. Antiochian Youth Movement Email list.

The Festival Friends mail list from the orthodox youth festival mailing list that happens every

year organised by the youth fellowship of Saint John the Baptist I am sure there are more and this is an attempt to bridge this divide in the orthodox community.

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MEMO PAD

I. Don't forget: 12th of May the Gala of the Ladies' Association "St Helen" @ the

→ **APOLLONIA RESTAURANT, HA7 4AR.** ←

For booking and info call: Mrs Irene Petrides 0208455 6397. Hurry up, places are limited!

II. May the 20th – another Youth Activity Day in our Church's Yard, weather permitting, or in the Hall.

III. 3rd of June is Pentecost Day. From the 18th – 27th of May *The Pentecost Festival 2012* will take place all over London. It stands together with prayer for some of the world's poorest communities. For more details see the booklet @ Pangari or visit www.pentecostfestival.co.uk.

Also ... Don't forget to visit our website: www.archangel.me.uk