

### In brief:

**Ioana Maria**, daughter of **Laura Cristina and Michal** and sister of **Luca** is to be baptised this month – date not yet decided (40<sup>th</sup> day service took place on the 17<sup>th</sup> July).

**Alin and Ramona** (Mascas) return to Romania this month with their children **Marc** and **Calin** both of whom were baptised here. We wish them every blessing and happiness.

**The Medical Aid and Support for Syria (M.A.S.S.)** contributions box is still in church for those who wish to donate.

**The New Church** donations box is also in church. Although progress is slow and we do not know exactly how things will work out, we still need to have financial support.

**Gift Aid** on above and any other giving for the work of the Church is the way in which contributions from UK tax payers can be increased by 25 pence for every pound donated. Recently received from HMRC: Gift Aid **£541.65, plus** Gift Aid Small Donation Scheme **£732.36**. Please ask if information and form needed.

**"Smartie" boxes.** One of those recently distributed (thanks to Andrew) was returned containing £12.60 in twenty pence pieces. Are there more boxes out there to be returned?

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#### We have contacts for the following languages:

Arabic; Bulgarian; Georgian; Greek; Romanian; Ukrainian; Russian.

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**Face book:** Orthodox Church of Archangel Michael and Holy Piran.

**Archdiocesan website:** www.thyateira.org.uk

**Patriarchal website:** www.ec-patr.org (Issued 28/07/17)

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### AUGUST 2017 SERVICES

Vespers 6.00 pm Saturdays except \* or announced otherwise on preceding Sunday.

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> – Dormition Fast begins.

Sunday	6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Holy Transfiguration of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.</b> 9.30 am Orthros. 10.30 am Divine Liturgy (please bring grapes for blessing).
Friday	11 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 pm Paraklesis to the most Holy Theotokos.
Saturday	12 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 pm Prayers of Preparation for tomorrow – no Vespers.
Sunday	13 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Matthew 10 – Pentecost 10. Leavetaking.</b> 10.30 am Divine Liturgy – Russian tradition.
Tuesday	15 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Dormition of the Most Holy Theotokos.</b> 10.30 am Divine Liturgy.
Sunday	20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Matthew 11 - Pentecost 11. Dormition Afterfeast.</b> 9.30 am Orthros. 10.30 am Divine Liturgy.
Sunday	27 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Matthew 12 - Pentecost 12.</b> 9.30 am Orthros. 10.30 am Divine Liturgy.

With the main holiday period of mid-July to early September moving on it is worth perhaps looking forward to September, the beginning of the Church's New Year, and our patronal – Miracles of Archangel Michael at Colossae which this year falls on a Wednesday (6<sup>th</sup> September). We have in the past been to Mabe Hall on the first Sunday in September for our get together but unfortunately this is not possible this year. However, whatever is decided between now and then we shall try to make known as soon as possible but make a note of the date anyway – September 3<sup>rd</sup> – Patronal Feast – always an enjoyable time.



6<sup>th</sup> century Icon of the Transfiguration in the apse of St. Catherine's monastery, Sinai, Egypt.

ΜΕΤΑΜΟΦΩΣΙΣ ΤΟΥ ΣΩΤΗΡΟΣ

The Great Feast of the Transfiguration of the Saviour.

**6<sup>th</sup> August.**

When one of the Twelve Great Feasts of Orthodoxy falls on a Sunday it enables those who often cannot make weekdays because of work or school, to be present. The order of the Orthros differs a little with the Gospel reading occurring earlier than on a usual Sunday and there are other noticeable differences appropriate to the feast including during the Divine Liturgy. So it is for the Transfiguration of Our Lord this year since August 6<sup>th</sup> is a Sunday.

“The blessing of the grapes, representing the harvest of the world, is a liturgical act that emphasizes the doxological and eucharistic offering of the material and fruits of the earth to the creator and God of all.”

*Mystagogy Resource Centre.*

Of the Twelve Great Feasts of Orthodoxy two occur in August – the second being the Dormition (Falling Asleep) of the Most Holy Theotokos.

ΚΟΙΜΗΣΙΣ ΤΗΣ ΘΕΟΤΟΚΟΥ.

**15<sup>th</sup> August.**



“Remember constantly that the light of your soul, of your thoughts, and of your heart comes from Jesus Christ. He is ‘the light of the eye’ of your heart – not like the light that comes from the sun, that appears and disappears, and does not penetrate through an opaque substance, but leaves many things in darkness, and cannot enlighten one single soul in the darkness of sin, but He is the ‘true light, which lights every man’ (that is the principle part of his being, the soul) ‘that comes into the world’ (John 1:9). Yes, the light of Christ enlightens all, even the heathens. ‘A light to lighten the Gentiles’ (Luke 2:32). It shines even in the darkness of sin, but sinful human darkness, or rather, those living in the darkness of sin, do not understand It, ‘comprehend It not’ (John 1:5); they do not guess that the light which is in their souls is from Christ and think that it is their own natural light, that they themselves, by means of their natural intellect, their own sagacity and judgement, have attained to a certain truth, have accomplished certain work; they do not think that it is only by the light of Christ that they see every light (Psalm 36:9), the light of every noble science, of every noble art, and of every thing.”

St. John of Kronstadt. *My Life in Christ.*

### NEW CHURCH SITUATION

Our present funds are insufficient to take us to a full planning application with Cornwall Council. After brief meetings between Fr. Nikitas, Fr. Benedict and representatives of our communities it was resolved to delay further progress at least until the planning application professional fees are in hand. In the meantime any existing buildings with potential for conversion continue to be considered.

Our Constitution (Archdiocese of Thyatera and Great Britain) calls for local Board (Committee) elections to take place in November/December and with this well in advance notice I would ask that everyone who might be eligible for election consider seriously if this is a way in which you can serve the Church and her mission in Cornwall and there is much that could – should - be done, with the tasks made easier when shared.

Fr. Nikitas.

“The Orthodox Christian faith is the faith revealed in the Bible. We listen to the Fathers because they listen to the Scriptures. We embrace the Creed for it distills the Gospel message. Therefore it is imperative for us who want to be Orthodox to learn and live by the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ as it is revealed to us by his holy apostles in the New Testament.

Let us be a people who know and love the Word of God.

Concluding words from *How to use the Orthodox Study Bible.*  
New Testament copy published 1993.