

"You have taken so much trouble to come here, and on such a cold day! And you are standing! Yours efforts should not be wasted. And so let us ask the Spirit of God that not a single, unclear thought remain within us. We shouldn't leave church if our hearts haven't worshipped God, if we don't feel that our souls have been thrust into heaven, if we have not seen all that happens here."

"We find ourselves in church. As we've said, it is the most suitable place from which to look at heaven. But where is the window? How do we open it? The answer is simple. The window is the Divine Liturgy which we are celebrating. We aim to turn our eyes toward spiritual things. Let us therefore turn our soul to the Holy Spirit, and let us ask him to shine his light on the darkness of our thoughts. When he does, we will be able to feel, to believe, to understand, and make our own, everything which is said and done during the Divine Liturgy."

(Two brief paragraphs from a sermon by Archimandrite Aimilianos, formerly abbot of Meteora and Monastery of Simonopetra on Mount Athos. Full text of this and others in: *The Church at Prayer: the Mystical Liturgy of the Heart*. Published by the Holy Convent of the Annunciation, Ormylia, Halkidiki, Greece. ISBN 960-518-251-3)

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SERVICES



Please note: Vespers 6.00 pm every Saturday unless announced otherwise.

Saturday	3 rd	Saturday of the Souls. *See inside. 5.45 Trisagion for the Departed followed by first Vespers of Pentecost.
Sunday	4 th	Holy Pentecost. 9.30 am Orthros. 10.30 am Divine Liturgy followed immediately by Great Vespers with Kneeling Prayers.
Sunday	11 th	Pentecost 2. Matthew 1. All Saints. 10.30 am Divine Liturgy – Russian tradition.
Monday	12 th	Apostles Fast begins.
Sunday	18 th	Pentecost 3. Matthew 2. All Saints of Mount Athos. 9.30 am Orthros. 10.30 am Divine Liturgy.
Sunday	25 th	Pentecost 4. Matthew 3. All Saints of Britain. 9.30 am Orthros. 10.30 am Divine Liturgy.

When the Most High came down and confused the tongues, he parted the nations. When he divided out the tongues of fire, he called all to unity; and with one voice we glorify the All-holy Spirit. Pentecost kontakion.

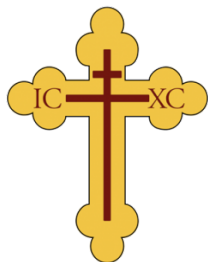
PENTECOST AND SANCTITY

Sunday after the Great Feast of Pentecost is the Commemoration of All Saints.

“Sanctity (sainthood) is the work of the Holy Spirit; all Christian holiness is a fruit of Pentecost. When we are speaking about holiness one must not think of it as an extraordinary state, nor identify it with extraordinary ascetic exploits or with rare mystical graces. There are indeed superior – heroic – degrees of holiness, but in the sense given in the New Testament, holiness is simply the state of the soul united to God through the operation of the Holy Spirit and the will of the individual. Holiness is therefore a normal state for a Christian, and the call to holiness is addressed to all.” (Extracts from the Fathers).

Within the above understanding are those we call martyrs - the word *martyr* (from the Greek *μάρτυρας*) meaning witness, as found in both the Old and New Testaments. In the passage of time the word came to be and still tends to be used exclusively for those whose witness culminates in shedding their blood and dying at the hands of others rather than agreeing to worship idols and false gods, to deny their faith or conform to unjust demands of secular powers. This martyrdom is an expression of willingness to die but not involving the death of others nor by inviting one's own death (suicide during or after an act of violence). No Christian martyr male or female is recorded as having inflicted harm on others in the process of their martyrdom and the armour of the martyr is the same as that for any other Christian, described by Holy Apostle Paul in his Letter to the Christians at Ephesus, chapter 6:

“Therefore take up the whole armour of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having girded your waste with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God;....”



PROPOSED NEW CHURCH - LATEST

There have been numerous meetings to discuss this project and its progress, not least the anticipated cost of its completion. Recently a pre-planning application was submitted on our behalf and the five page report, whilst encouraging, lists further cost incurring exercises to be gone through before a formal planning application can be submitted to Cornwall Council.

These issues will have to be looked at by our small committee and representatives of the Community of Saint Cuthbert. In the meantime we also continue to be open to the possibility of finding an existing property which could be bought and converted to suit our needs.

Trisagion for the Departed MEMORIAL SERVICES

“These are special prayers offered by the Church for the repose of the departed. Such memorial services (Μνημόσυνα) are offered on the third, ninth, and fortieth days following a person's passing away. They are also offered for the third, sixth, and ninth months. From then on, yearly memorials are observed, as well as on the four Saturdays* set aside for the dead during the ecclesiastical year.

Memorial services cannot be held from the Saturday of Lazarus until the Sunday of the Incredulity of Thomas (inclusive); not on the holy days between Christmas and Epiphany, at Pentecost, and on the Holy Days of Our Lord (Despotikai eortai) and the Dormition of the Mother of God (15th August).

In addition, it is recommended that the title feast of the church as well as the principle feasts of Our Lord and his Mother be avoided. If it is essential that the Memorial Service should be held, then it should take place after the Dismissal of the Divine Liturgy and the distribution of the Antidoron.” (From the section of Year Book of the Archdiocese dealing with Holy Baptism, Chrismation, Marriage, Confession, Holy Communion, Funerals and Memorials.).

***The Saturday (Ψυχοσάββατον) before Pentecost is one of those mentioned above. There is no liturgy here that day but the Trisagion Prayers will be said before the Vespers so please let Fr. Nikitas or Father Raphael have names of the departed you wish to be included – for June 3rd.**

Introduction to Orthodox Christianity

There are many books by leading Orthodox theologians and scholars on all aspects of the Orthodox Church and this leaflet series available in the Narthex or by contacting Fr. Nikitas. provides some basic information in the hope that it might prompt further enquiry.

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