

# Orthodox Parish of St Helen of Colchester

Antiochian Archdiocese of the BI & Ireland  
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## WEEKDAYS AT ST HELEN'S

Holy Liturgy at 9.30 am as follows

Tuesday 7 July	Great Martyr Kyriaki
Friday 17 July	Great Martyr Margaret/Marina
Wednesday 22 July	St Mary Magdalene, Myrrh-bearer
Thursday 6 August	Holy Transfiguration
Tuesday 18 August	Repose of St Helen our Patron

[DORMITION will be celebrated on Sunday 16 August]



Archimandrite Silouan  
and St George's Monastery.



## We have a Bishop! We have a Father!

We rejoice that after a period of nearly three years we at last have a Bishop again. Our dear Archbishop (with all Europe for his Diocese) was taken from us to become Patriarch JOHN X of Antioch and All the East, head of the Church of Antioch.

Now on 24 June the Holy Synod, meeting in Balamand Holy Monastery in Lebanon, has elected Archimandrite SILOUAN ONER, not only as our Bishop, but as very first Antiochian Metropolitan Archbishop of the British Isles and Ireland.

Born in Latakia, Syria, he is 44 years old, and was trained in electrical engineering. Later, in Thessalonica, he was awarded a PhD in Theology. He now teaches in the Faculty of Theology at Balamand University. As recently as May he was appointed Abbot of the prominent St George's Monastery in the Valley of the Christians in Syria. We are told that speaks Arabic, Greek, and English.

At the time of writing, that is more or less what we know about him, but we naturally expect to learn a lot more in the weeks ahead.

We will doubtless hear quite soon the date of his consecration, probably at Balamand, and the date of his enthronement, probably at St George's Cathedral in London somewhat later.

We assure His Eminence Metropolitan Silouan of a very warm welcome in Colchester and in the whole of Britain and Ireland. We pray for him in his preparation for consecration and election and for his future ministry among us.

May he lead the Antiochian faithful in these far-off Islands in the Western Ocean firmly, lovingly, devoutly, in the Way of Jesus Christ. Just as St Theodore came from the Church of Antioch in the seventh century and wonderfully guided the British people in the way of salvation, may his prayers, teaching, and example make Holy Orthodoxy a bright and shining light throughout these lands.

Father Alexander

## Feast of the Repose of St Helen, Equal to the Apostles, Patron of our Parish and City and Church

**Tuesday 18 August**  
**Divine Liturgy 10.30 am**

**followed by a Parish Lunch**

The major feast of St Helen falls with that of her son, St Constantine the Great, 21 May, and she gets rather elbowed out of that celebration. We always also observe her Repose on 18 August, so we can honour her fully. This is also her traditional feast in the West.

Please try to come on this day and stay for lunch on the Green – details of this to be arranged.

HOLY LITURGY  
CLACTON  
Saturday  
18 July  
10.00 am  
None in Aug

### St Helen's Chapel, Maidenburgh St, High St

St Helen's is 200m. down behind the George Hotel in the High Street, but accessible from there only on foot. By car: leave Middleborough Roundabout (between dual carriageways Westway and Balkerne Hill), to Northgate, go straight along St Peter's Street to Castle Park; continue round the bend, up into Maidenburgh Street. The nearest car park is Nunns Road NCP, off St Peter's Street.

Saturday: Great Vespers usually 4.30 pm (check before coming)  
Sunday: Mattins 9.45 am (or Hours 10.15 am), Divine Liturgy 10.30 am

Confessions: Saturday 5 pm, after Vespers, or by arrangement  
Holy Marriage, Baptism, Funerals, Memorials etc: by arrangement

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Divine Liturgy: usually third Saturday 10.00 am

