

Orthodox Parish of St Helen of Colchester

Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese
of the British Isles and Ireland
Archbishop-elect Silouan (Oner)

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WEEKDAYS AT ST HELEN'S

Holy Liturgy at 9.30 am as follows

Tuesday 1 Sept Church New Year,
St Simeon Stylites the Elder
Righteous Joshua the son of Nun

Tuesday 8 Sept Nativity of the Holy Theotokos

Exaltation of the Holy Cross will be observed on
Sunday 13 September

Mary's birth our hope!

Mary is conceived and born in the normal human way.

But this ordinary human action, with the loving obedience of this young girl and woman throughout her life, leads eventually to the supernatural birth of Christ our God in human flesh, and our salvation.

It shows what God can achieve through our human obedience.

We have to be faithful, and loving of God and our fellows, and then marvellous, God-directed, things can follow.

Our obedience in simple things may lead to God-inspired, God-directed events which can change the direction of the great or small ebbs and flows of life.

It gives hope to the small things in our life. We may think our way to be pointless. But every day may have great significance for the future glory of Mankind.

Father Alexander



Archbishop Silouan, first Antiochian Metropolitan of the British Isles & Ireland

* Sunday 30 August

Consecration as Bishop at his Monastery of St George in the Valley of the Christians in Syria

* Saturday 28 November 4.30 pm

Enthronement as Archbishop at his Cathedral of St George by Regents Park in London by His Beatitude Patriarch JOHN X of Antioch and All the East

* Sunday 29 November

Patriarchal Holy Liturgy at the Cathedral of St George by Regents Park in London

Notes

1. A bus from Colchester will be arranged for the Enthronement on Saturday 28 November, which we trust will be well-supported by our people. Watch out for details.
2. A bus will also be arranged for Sunday 29 November, the Patriarchal Liturgy, if enough people ask for it—please let us know if you would like transport then.
3. The Patriarch was of course our Archbishop here for four years, and served the Holy Liturgy in St Martin's Church just after Holy Pascha in 2012. At that service he ordained Paul Brighton-Cross and Alex Haig as Readers. It will be good to see His Beatitude again in London.
4. Our new Archbishop asks that "prayers be offered for him to the Lord as he approaches his ordination that he might be accepted and given grace to become our bishop." He is very insistent that all the believers should receive this message at this time. It is also his earnest wish that as many people as possible would be able to come to his enthronement at the Cathedral in London.

5. The new Archbishop has changed the name of the Diocese slightly, to be as follows:
The Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of the British Isles and Ireland.



Visit from St Elizabeth's Monastery in Minsk, Belarus

Tuesday 8 September

HOLY LITURGY
CLACTON
No Liturgy
in
September

One or two Sisters will come to sell their wares to support their various good works in Minsk such as work with alcoholics. There will be Holy Liturgy for the Nativity of the Mother of God at 9.30 am, and afterwards their stall will be open. It is several years since they last came to Colchester, so please come if you can.

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 Balkierne 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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At St James Anglican Church, Beatrice Rd, Clacton-on-sea CO15 1LE
Divine Liturgy: usually third Saturday 10.00 am

