



# The Tower

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The Tower is the Newsletter of the  
Orthodox Christian Community of Saint Barbara the Great Martyr,  
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*Dear brothers and sisters,*

The Heritage Weekend has been and gone and we had a stream of visitors throughout the two days we were open. Without exception, our guests expressed great interest in our church and community and asked some very interesting and searching questions. A thank you to all our parishioners who gave up part of their weekend to offer refreshments and show our visitors around.

We now look forward to our Annual Pilgrimage to Holywell (see opposite) and remind our volunteers that we will take everything to Holywell on Friday 30th September gathering at church at about 11.00am. Don't forget to bring some sandwiches for a break at lunchtime.

We have revised the calendar of services in The Tower to provide for the additional services of Vespers that are to be offered for some of the more important saints. These weekday services will make it possible for folk to attend worship during the week as so many are now forced to work shifts on Sundays.

*With much love for you all this Autumn,*

*Fr Pancratios and Presbytera Anna*

*The Orthodox Christian Community of Saint Barbara the Great Martyr, Chester*



## The Thirtieth Pan-Orthodox Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Saint Winifride

**Holywell, Flintshire, North Wales. CH8 7LS**  
**Saturday 1st October, 2016**  
**in the Mediaeval Chapel and at her Well**

Programme:	
Hours and Divine Liturgy	10.30am
Picnic Lunch	
Procession to the Well with the Relic of Saint Winifride, Molieben and Agiasmos follows the lunch	
The day concludes with Great Vespers	3.00pm

Please bring your own picnic lunch and liquid refreshments

Holywell has easy access from all parts of the country via M56 and A55 expressway or by bus/coach via Chester or train - nearest station Flint with bus to Holywell

For further details please phone  
Father Pancratios:  
01244 659717 or 07850 467675

***Remember, remember, the 5<sup>th</sup> November!***

It's the day our Archbishop will visit to serve the Divine Liturgy. Make a note in your diary to be there on the day to welcome our chief pastor.

## Principal Services for October

<b>Saturday 1st</b>	<b>Annual Pan-Orthodox Pilgrimage to Holywell</b>	<b>10.30am</b> <b>11.00am</b>	<b>Prayers of Preparation</b> <b>Divine Liturgy</b>
	<i>followed by lunch and procession to the Well</i>		
	<i>(no Vespers at Saint Barbara's)</i>	<b>3.00pm</b>	<b>Vespers</b>
<b>Sunday 2nd</b>	<b>15th after Pentecost - Hieromartyr Cyprian</b>	<b>10.00am</b> <b>11.00am</b>	<b>Matins</b> <b>Divine Liturgy</b>
Wednesday 5th	Holy Apostle Thomas	6.30pm	Vespers
Saturday 8th		5.30pm	Vespers
<b>Sunday 9th</b>	<b>16th after Pentecost - Holy Apostle James</b>	<b>10.00am</b> <b>11.00am</b>	<b>Matins</b> <b>Divine Liturgy</b>
Saturday 15th		5.30pm	Vespers
<b>Sunday 16th</b>	<b>Fathers of the 7<sup>th</sup> Ecumenical Council</b>	<b>10.00am</b> <b>11.00am</b>	<b>Matins</b> <b>Divine Liturgy</b>
Monday 17th	Holy Apostle Luke	6.30pm	Vespers
Saturday 22nd	St Demetrios Commemoration of the Dead	4.30pm	Memorial
		5.30pm	Vespers
<b>Sunday 23rd</b>	<b>18th after Pentecost - Holy Apostle James</b>	<b>10.00am</b> <b>11.00am</b>	<b>Matins</b> <b>Divine Liturgy</b>
Thursday 27th	Protection of our Most Holy Lady the Theotokos	6.30pm	Vespers
Saturday 29th	<b>Cleaning Day at Saint Barbara's</b>	from 11.00am	
		5.30pm	Vespers
<b>Sunday 30th</b>	<b>19th after Pentecost - Apostles of the Seventy</b>	<b>10.00am</b> <b>11.00am</b>	<b>Matins</b> <b>Divine Liturgy</b>
Monday 31st	Wonderworkers Cosmas and Damian	6.30pm	Vespers

## Principal Services for November

<b>Saturday 5th</b>	<b>Visit of His Eminence Archbishop Gregorios of Thyateira and Great Britain</b>	<b>10.30am</b> <b>11.00am</b>	<b>Prayers of Preparation</b> <b>Episcopal Divine Liturgy</b>
	<i>followed by lunch at Vicar's Cross Golf Club</i>		
		5.30pm	Vespers
<b>Sunday 6th</b>	<b>20th after Pentecost - St Luke of Sicily</b>	<b>10.00am</b> <b>11.00am</b>	<b>Matins</b> <b>Divine Liturgy</b>
Tuesday 8th	St Nektarios of Pentapolis	6.30pm	Vespers
Saturday 12th		5.30pm	Vespers
<b>Sunday 13th</b>	<b>21st after Pentecost - St John Chrysostom</b>	<b>10.00am</b> <b>11.00am</b>	<b>Matins</b> <b>Divine Liturgy</b>
	<b>Beginning of the Nativity Fast</b>		
Tuesday 15th	Holy Apostle and Evangelist Matthew	6.30pm	Vespers
Saturday 19th		5.30pm	Vespers
<b>Sunday 20th</b>	<b>22nd after Pentecost - St Gregory Decapolites</b>	<b>10.00am</b> <b>11.00am</b>	<b>Matins</b> <b>Divine Liturgy</b>
	Feast of the Entry of the Theotokos into the Temple	6.30pm	Vespers
Saturday 26th		5.30pm	Vespers
<b>Sunday 27th</b>	<b>23rd after Pentecost - GM James the Persian</b>	<b>10.00am</b> <b>11.00am</b>	<b>Matins</b> <b>Divine Liturgy</b>

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*Glory to God! For all things glory and thanks be to God! From these wonderful and holy words retreat gloomy thoughts, burden... and into the soul come peace, consolation, joy. Thy will be done, O Lord! Glory and thanks be to God for all things!*

• *St. Nikon of Optina + 1931 (in exile at the age of 43)*



## The Visit of His Eminence, Archbishop Gregorios of Thyateira

Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> November, 2016  
to the Orthodox Church Saint of Barbara, Chester  
to lead us in the celebration of the  
Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom  
beginning at 11.00am  
to be followed by lunch at the Vicar's Cross Golf Club

*This opportunity to meet our chief pastor and to receive the Holy  
Mysteries from his hands should not be missed by any one of us.*

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*Menu and order form for the lunch at Vicar's Cross Golf Club  
Limited numbers – first come, first served with a reserve list  
Details on page 4:*

**Menu choices for lunch at Vicar's Cross Golf Club,  
Chester. 5<sup>th</sup> November, 2016**

| <b>Menu</b>  | <i>Please indicate<br/>numbers requiring<br/>each dish</i> |
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| <b>Starters</b>  |  |
| Pear and Walnut Salad with Blue Cheese Dressing                                |  |
| Pear and Walnut Salad <i>(no dressing)</i>                                     |  |
| Brussels Pate with Melba Toast   |  |
| <b>Main Course</b>   |  |
| Lamb Henry <i>with Dauphanois Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables</i>             |  |
| Stuffed Chicken Breast <i>with Dauphanois Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables</i> |  |
| Vegetarian Option  |  |
| <b>Children's option</b>   |  |
| Chicken Nuggets and Chips  |  |

***With celebratory cake and tea and coffee to follow  
– Choice of wines***

***The cost is £25.00 per person and £10.00 for children***

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| <b>Total number in party:</b> |  |

**Please print out, complete and return this form as soon as possible.  
Send no money now. Remember, it's first come, first served.**

**Please return to  
Presbytera Anna Sanders,  
The Presbytery, 18 Shannon Close, Saltney, Chester CH4 8PJ  
*or hand in at church***

# The Joy of Remembering God

## More Selected Sayings of Saint Anthony of Optina

### Married Life

Married life is a life blessed by God, and monastic life is a holy and angelic life; both of these ways of life are pleasing to God.

We must consider not marriage, but adultery to be vile, filthy, cursed and offensive to God, His Angels, and pious people. Adultery must be abhorred as a great abomination before men. It is better to agree to die a hundred deaths than to defile yourself with such a foul vice, anger God to and be deprived of His Heavenly Kingdom. Therefore, all of us, both men and women, at gatherings must avoid amorous and adulterous glances, double entendres, bold movements of the body, and immodest attire, but we must at all times maintain modesty and good Christian propriety.

### Joy

There is joy in frequent remembrance of God, as it is written: *I remembered God and I was gladdened* (Ps. 76:4).

### Fortitude of Spirit

Your spirit should not grow weary, but should become warm from spiritual reading, from it should come thoughts about eternity, and from prayer, even though it may be brief. Say to the Lord: "Gather my scattered mind, O Lord and humble my hardened heart with fear of Thee, and have mercy on me!" For without Divine help we are powerless; we cannot even deal with pesky flies, much less invisible enemies.

### Sorrows

If you want to find consolation amid sorrows, with your heart quickly turn to the Lord, the One Comforter. Try yourself, according to the word of God,

i.e., repent, correct yourself, believe in Jesus Christ with your heart and soul and flee to Him, as your only Saviour. The more you pray to God in time of sorrow, the sooner you will feel sweet consolation.

That life goes on without sorrow—what can you do? For there has never been a person on earth so fortunate that has spent his whole life without sorrows and without tears, since we live not in the Kingdom of Heaven but in the valley of tears. But there is hope that they who sow with tears will reap with joy. Therefore cast your sorrows on the Lord and He will nourish you. I advise you to cheer up with prayer, even if it is brief, and the trust that, just as after winter and severe bad weather, pleasant springtime arrives, so also after boredom pleasant delights quickly appear; and therefore console yourself with this hope.

### A Spiritual Father

If someone, relying on his own understanding, thinks that he has no need of a guide, he very quickly will stray from the correct path. Therefore, we must implore the Lord God with tears that He grant to us a wise instructor; owing to the seriousness of our malady, a physician who is experienced and skilful is needed. Therefore, the one who is ill must seek not so much a large and peaceful hospital, as he should a skilful physician.

Fathers are not only fathers when they pat their children on the head and pamper them, but they are also called fathers when they instruct and punish the child.

Like medical physicians, spiritual physicians do not all act in the same way. Some will allow the patient to eat and drink everything, while others will order them to keep to a strict diet. It is similar with spiritual fathers; there are those who absolve and forgive everything, while there are others who will interrogate you and who will impose a penance on you for everything; but the aim of them all is the same: to heal you.



### Board (& Trustees) Meeting

Members of the Parish Board and Parishioners are called to attend at the Parish Room on

**October 23rd**

**This meeting will deal with our Archbishop's visit in November.**

Items for inclusion on the Agenda should be with the Secretary 14 days before the meeting.

### A Date for your Diary

*(Another one!)*

We are planning a grand cleaning day on **Saturday 29th October** in preparation for the visit of Archbishop Gregorios. Spiders to chase, brass to polish - there'll be plenty to do. Bring a sandwich and make a day of it and we end as usual with Vespers for all who stay the course!

### The 100 Club

*We welcome subscribers to the 2016/7 annual 100 club. A £10.00 annual donation enters you into the monthly draw at which the winner receives half the available 'pot' and the church receives the other half. Please speak to Michael or Rachel Aristodemon to support this valuable contribution to our church funds.*

## Some thoughts on an Icon Corner

Just a few passing thoughts on the Icon Corner and its place in our lives as Christian Orthodox.

First, do we have an Icon Corner in our home? Indeed, do we actually have any icons?

The holy icons are an integral part of our Orthodox Christian life. Over a thousand years ago, they were fought over for more than a century to confirm their place and use in our lives. They are, or should be, a treasured focus in our homes and churches.

So, what is an icon and why do we have them? They are a witness to the reality of God's presence with us - they are spiritually necessary because, as Saint John

writes: *the word became flesh and dwelt among us* (Jn. 1:14). Saint Paul, in writing to the people of Corinth reminds the reader that the Christ is truly man, and as man, truly *the image (icon) of the invisible God* (1 Cor 4:4). Thus the icon is a continual reminder of the Incarnation and the host of God-pleasers throughout the ages and thus our relationship with Christ and His Saints.

The icon is not merely a religious picture but a spiritual truth intended to draw us into the mystery of the Incarnation and make Christ real in our lives. They help us, as do the Scriptures and the services of the Church, to make sense of the most profound mystery "God made man" and to begin to 'know' Christ and His Saints in our hearts and not merely with our minds.

Our faith is all encompassing. It is not something we are called upon to practice for an hour or so in church each Sunday but a faith that consumes us every day, every hour. We do not leave our faith behind the moment that we step out of church but we take it with us into all the

corners of our lives. And what more important corner than that of the home where we spend so much of our lives. Therefore, our home should be like a mirror - a reflection of the church where we have been blessed by an encounter with the Glory of God through the Eucharist.



It is clear then, that if we are to fulfil our promise to follow Christ that our homes should be like our churches - places of prayer, peace, love, and a continued growth in our spiritual lives. The Icon Corner becomes a focus for our home life, complementing that of the church.

So, where should we build our 'home church'? Ideally in an eastward-facing corner of the

room away from distractions like televisions and computers. The corner should be simple with a cross, the icons of Christ and the Theotokos, to which may be added the icons of the family members. (There is no need to cover whole walls with icons as some converts do!) The icons should be at a height that we can venerate them properly and we may place a light before them. Generally we would have an oil lamp but they need regular attention and may not be practical when family members are out at work all day. We may place other items, like hand censers, in the corner, perhaps in a cupboard close by.

There, in our 'home church' we have a place to spend time each day in family, and individual, prayer for each other, for loved ones and for the world in general. It provides a haven for the family to read the Bible or spiritual books together or simply spend time in quiet reflection on the state of our own spiritual life.

*Fr. Pancratios*

## *The Daily Prayer of Hiero-Schemamonk Parthenios*

**L**ord Jesus Christ, Son of God, do not permit vanity, self-love, sensuality, carelessness, anger to rule over me and steal me from Thy love, O my Lord and Creator, all my hope! Do not leave me without a portion of the blessed eternity. Grant also that I may follow Thy Holy example.. that I may submit to the authorities placed over me. Grant me the clean soul, the simplicity of heart; which makes us worthy of Thy love.

**T**o Thee, my God, I lift up my soul and heart; do not allow Thy creation to perish, but free me from the single and greatest enemy ... sin. Grant, Lord, that I may endure anxiety and sorrows of the soul with the same patience as the joy with which I receive satisfaction of heart. If Thou desirest, Lord, Thou canst cleanse me and sanctify me. Here I commit myself to Thy mercy... begging Thee to destroy within me all that is offensive to Thee, and to unite me to the assembly of Thy chosen.

**L**ord, take from me: idleness of spirit, which destroys time; vanity of thoughts, which hinders Thy presence and distracts my attention to prayer. If, while in prayer, I turn away from Thee in my thoughts, help me; so that this distraction may not be wilful, and that - averting my mind - I may not avert my heart from Thee. I confess to Thee, my Lord God, all the sins of my wickedness committed before Thee, now and in the past. Forgive me for them, for the sake of Thy Holy Name, and save my soul, which thou has redeemed with Thy precious Blood. I entrust myself to Thy mercy. I submit to Thy will. Do with me according to Thy mercy and not according to my evil and wickedness. Teach me Lord, to dispose my deeds so that they will serve in glorifying Thy Holy Name.

**T**ake pity, O Lord, on all Christians. Hear the desires of all who cry out to Thee, and deliver them from evil. Save Thy servants [*insert names*]. Send them comfort, consolation in sorrows, and Thy holy mercy. Lord, I especially pray for those who have in anyway insulted, abused and grieved me. Do not punish them for the sake of me, a sinner; but pour Thy mercy upon them. Lord, I pray to thee especially for all those whom I, a sinner, insulted or tempted in word, deed, thought, knowingly and unknowingly. Lord God, forgive us our sins and mutual offences Dispel from our hearts, O Lord, all indignation, suspicion, anger, remembrance of evil, quarrels, and all that might hinder and lessen brotherly love.

**B**e merciful Lord, to those who have entrusted me, an unworthy sinner, to pray for them. Be merciful Lord, to all who ask Thy help. Lord, make this day a day of Thy mercy; give to each according to their petition. Be the Shepherd of the lost, the Guide of Light of unbelievers, the Teacher of the unwise, the Father of orphans, the Helper of the oppressed, the Healer of the sick, the Comforter of the dying, and lead us all to the desired end... to Thee, our refuge and blessed repose.

Amen.

## To the Glory of God

A long time ago, there lived a man. His sanctity was so great that even the angels were surprised and deliberately descended from Heaven to see how this man, while still living on earth, was like God.

The holy angels said to God: “O Lord, grant this holy person the gift of miracles.”

- “I agree,” the Lord replied.
- “Ask him what he would like.”
- And so the holy angels asked the man: “Would you like to receive the gift of healing people with your hands?”
- “No,” replied the man “Better to let the Lord Himself do that.”
- “Perhaps you want the gift of words to compel sinners to repentance?”
- “No, that is the work of the angels, but not for an unworthy person such as myself. I pray for the conversion of sinners, but not to convert.”
- “Maybe you want to attract others with your virtues and therefore glorify God?”
- “No attracting. I will distract people from God.”
- “What then do you want?” the holy angels asked the man.
- “What do I still want? That the Lord not deprive me of His mercies. And with this I have everything I need.”

But the angels kept insisting.

- “Well”, answered the saint “I want to do good and not know about it.”

The angels hesitated at first but then decided that the shadow of this holy man, which he could not see, will heal the sick, alleviate the grief and sorrow on earth.

And so it happened that wherever the shadow of the saint appeared, trodden roads were covered with grass, water returned to dried up streams, flowers blossomed and human tears dried up. The saint walked the earth spreading goodness all around him without realizing it.



When you find Christ [*in the heart*], you are satisfied, you desire nothing else, you find peace. You become a different person. You live everywhere, wherever Christ is.

You live in the stars, in infinity, in heaven with the angels, with the saints, on earth with people, with plants, with animals, with everyone and everything.

When there is love for Christ, loneliness disappears. You are peaceable, joyous, full. Neither melancholy, not illness, nor pressure, nor anxiety, nor depression nor hell. When Christ enters your heart, your life changes. Christ is everything.

Whoever experiences Christ within himself, experiences ineffable things—holy and sacred things. He lives in exultation...



# A Scripture Reading Calendar for October

|           |                                    |                      |   |
|-----------|------------------------------------|----------------------|---|
| 1         | 1 Corinthians 4:17-5:5             | Luke 5:17-26         | St Annanias of Damascus, one of the Seventy, bishop (1stC)                |
| <b>2</b>  | <b>2 Corinthians 4:6-15</b>        | <b>Luke 6:31-36</b>  | Virgin-Martyr Iustina of Nicomedia (c250)                                 |
| 3         | Galatians 4:28-5:10                | Luke 6:24-30         | Hieromartyr Dionysios of Athens, bishop (96)                              |
| 4         | Galatians 5:11-21                  | Luke 6:37-45         | Hieromartyr Hierotheos of Athens, bishop (1stC)                           |
| 5 Fast    | Galatians 6:2-10                   | Luke 6:46-49; 7:1    | Martyr Charitina of Amisus (304)  |
| 6         | Ephesians 1:1-9                    | Luke 7:17-30         | Holy Apostle Thomas (India?, c60)   |
| 7 Fast    | Ephesians 1:7-17                   | Luke 7:31-35         | Martyr Julian, presbyter (Tarracina, 1stC)                                |
| 8         | 1 Corinthians 10:23-28             | Luke 5:27-32         | Virgin-Martyr Pelagia of Antioch (303)                                    |
| <b>9</b>  | <b>2 Corinthians 6:1-10</b>        | <b>Luke 7:11-16</b>  | Holy Apostle James, son of Alphaeus (1st)                                 |
| 10        | Ephesians 1:22-23; 2:1-3           | Luke 7:36-50         | St Pinetus, Bishop of Knossos in Crete (2ndC)                             |
| 11        | Ephesians 2:19-3:7                 | Luke 8:1-3           | Philip, the Evangelist of the Seventy, one of the Seven Deacons (1stC)    |
| 12 Fast   | Ephesians 3:8-23                   | Luke 8:22-35         | Hieromartyr Maxilian, bishop of Noricum (c284)                            |
| 13        | Ephesians 4:14-17                  | Luke 9:7-11          | Martyr Florentius of Thessalonica (1st-2ndC))                             |
| 14 Fast   | Ephesians 4:17-25a                 | Luke 9:12-18a        | Martyr Nazarius of Milan (54)   |
| 15        | 1 Corinthians 14:20-25             | Luke 6:1-10          | Martyr Sarbelius of Edessa (98)   |
| <b>16</b> | <b>2 Corinthians 6:16b-18; 7:1</b> | <b>Luke 8:5-15</b>   | Martyr Longinus, the Centurion who stood at the Cross of Our Lord (1stC)  |
| 17        | Ephesians 4:25-32                  | Luke 9:18-22         | Martyrs & Unmercenaries Cosmas & Damian in Cilicia (4thC)                 |
| 18        | Ephesians 5:20-25                  | Luke 9:23-27         | St Mnason of Cyprus, bishop (1stC)  |
| 19 Fast   | Ephesians 5:25-33                  | Luke 9:44-50         | Martyr Varus & six monks in Egypt (307)                                   |
| 20        | Ephesians 5:33-6:9                 | Luke 9:49-56         | Martyr Artemius at Antioch (363)  |
| 21 Fast   | Ephesians 6:18-24                  | Luke 10:1-15         | St Hilarion the Great of Gaza (371)                                       |
| 22        | 1 Corinthians 15:39-45             | Luke 7:1-10          | Abercius of Hierapolis, bishop (c167)                                     |
| <b>23</b> | <b>2 Corinthians 9:6-11</b>        | <b>Luke 8:26-39</b>  | Apostle James, the brother of the Lord (62)                               |
| 24        | Philippians 1:1-7                  | Luke 10:22-24        | St Elesbaan, King of Ethiopia (c540)                                      |
| 25        | Philippians 1:8-14                 | Luke 11:1-10         | Righteous Tabitha, the widow raised from the dead by St Peter (1stC)      |
| 26 Fast** | Philippians 1:12-20a               | Luke 11:9-13         | Great Martyr Demetrios the Myrrh-gusher of Thessaloniki (306)             |
| 27        | Philippians 1:20b-27               | Luke 11:14-23        | St Procla, wife of Pontius Pilate (1stC)                                  |
| 28 Fast   | Philippians 1:27-2:4               | Luke 11:23-26        | Great Martyr Paraskevi of Iconium (3rdC)                                  |
| 29        | 1 Corinthians 15:58; 16:1-3        | Luke 8:16-21         | Virgin Martyr Anastasia the Roman (258)                                   |
| <b>30</b> | <b>2 Corinthians 11:31-12:9</b>    | <b>Luke 16:19-31</b> | Apostle Cleopas of the Seventy, brother of St Joseph the betrothed (1stC) |
| 31        | Philippians 2:12-16                | Luke 11:29-33        | Apostle Aristobulos of the Seventy (1stC)                                 |

\* Wine is allowed on this day

\*\* Wine & Oil are allowed on this day

\*\*\* Fish, Wine & Oil are allowed on this day

**Sundays are shown in Bold**

† Note there are more readings on certain days - If you have no other Calendar, the Diocesan Hemerologion serves as a guide.  
Alternatively search the internet and download **Menologion 3.0** - a useful perpetual calendar

**Pray and rejoice. God will arrange everything.**

*Saint Paisios the Athonite +1994*



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The Divine Liturgy is served at the Church of Saint Barbara the Great Martyr each Sunday at 11.00am and on all the major Feasts.  
Fr Pancratios is *normally* in church during the day on Tuesdays & Thursdays. Please phone him before setting out to avoid a wasted journey.  
Church (Sunday) School is held after the time of Communion every Sunday of each month during school term times (except on major feasts).

Pastoral Visits should be arranged by contacting Fr Pancratios.

Weddings, Baptisms, Receptions etc., by arrangement with Father Pancratios.

Confessions before the Divine Liturgy or after Vespers and at other times by arrangement.

Catechism Classes by arrangement with Fr Pancratios.

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| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Membership Subscription 2016 (10/16)</b><br/><b>Greek Orthodox Community of Saint Barbara the Great Martyr</b><br/><b>Overleigh Cemetery, Overleigh Road, Chester. CH4 7HW</b></p> <p>Title: _____ Initials: _____ Surname: _____</p> <p>Address: _____<br/>_____</p> <p>Postcode: _____ Date: _____</p> <p>Membership is £5.00 per person, per month. Membership applies to those of 18 years of age and over. Fees may be waived for the unwaged.</p> <p><b>It is preferable for memberships to be paid by Standing Order on a monthly basis on the First Day of each month. St Barbara's Bank details: Barclays Bank: Sort Code 20-20-46, Account number 33974146. Further details can be found on <a href="http://www.stbarbara.org.uk/membership">www.stbarbara.org.uk/membership</a></b></p> <p>Alternatively, membership can be paid using the envelopes available at church at £5.00 per month or £60.00 annual subscription.</p> <p><i>I am a UK taxpayer intending tax to be reclaimed on the enclosed donation made under the Gift Aid scheme (please delete if not applicable)</i></p> <p>Signature: _____</p> <p><i>Please return to the Treasurer with your gift::</i></p> <p><b>John Gale, 40 Ffordd Parc, Bodnant, Prestatyn. LL19 9LJ</b></p> <p>Please note that only Orthodox Christians in good standing may hold full membership and be permitted to vote at general meetings. Non-Orthodox Christians are most welcome to subscribe as friends and supporters of the Greek Orthodox Community of Saint Barbara the Great Martyr, Chester.</p> |
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Please print, cut out, and sent with your donation to the Treasurer. The community is grateful for every contribution received so that the work of the church may continue. In the present difficult economic climate such gifts are a true sacrifice. Please remember that there is a reduction for those not in work and that it is also possible to make your giving quarterly.

Please remember, if you are a UK taxpayer we can recover the tax that you have paid on your contribution to the work of the church – but only if you fill in an envelope (to be found at the church door) and place your gift in it. Especially in these difficult times, the church needs your financial support. As I'm sure you understand, work on our church building is ongoing and expensive, besides our ordinary day-to-day expenses. May God bless you all for your support in these matters and may you seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit in forming a regular and responsible habit of giving for the work of His Church.