



St John's Church News

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**РУССКАЯ ПРАВОСЛАВНАЯ ЦЕРКОВЬ СВТ.
ИОАННА ШАНХАЙСКОГО, ЧУДОТВОРЦА
ST JOHN'S RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH
Military Road, Colchester, Essex CO1 2AN**

**His Holiness Kyrill, Patriarch of Moscow and All the Russias
Most Rev. Metropolitan Hilarion, First Hierarch of ROCOR
Very Rev. Mark, Archbishop of Berlin, Germany and Great Britain**

Расписание Богослужений / Services in June

Saturday 6 June

5.30 pm: Pentecost Vigil / Всенощное бдение праздника
Пятидесятницы

Sunday 7 June: Pentecost – Whitsun – the Feast of the Holy Trinity / Пятидесятница – Св Троица - Сошествие Св. Духа на Апостолов

10.00 am: Hours and Liturgy. Vespers with the Kneeling Prayers /
Часы и Божественная Литургия. Вечерня с коленопреклонными
МОЛИТВАМИ

Saturday 13 June

5.30 pm: All Saints Vigil / Всенощное бдение праздника Всех Святых

Sunday 14 June: All Saints / Неделя всех святых

10.00 am: Hours and Divine Liturgy / Часы и Божественная Литургия

Monday 15 June

Beginning of the Apostles' Fast / Начало Петрова поста

Saturday 20 June

5.30 pm: Vigil / Всенощное бдение

Sunday 21 June: All the Saints who have shone forth in Rus / Неделя всех святых, в земле Российской просиявших

10.00 am: Hours and Divine Liturgy / Часы и Божественная Литургия

Saturday 27 June

5.30 pm: Vigil / Всенощное бдение

Sunday 28 June: All the Saints who have shone forth in these Isles / Собор всех святых, на Британских островах и в Ирландии просиявших

10.00 am: Hours and Divine Liturgy / Часы и Божественная Литургия

Please remember that Saturday 4 July is our patronal feast of St John of Shanghai, our former Archbishop in London.

Суббота 4-ого июля - наш престольный праздник, Свт. Иоанна Шанхайского, нашего бывшего архиепископа в Лондоне.

Confession and Contact / Исповедь

The Orthodox Tradition requires confession before communion. For confessions before the Liturgy (on Saturdays, Sundays or at other times), and for baptisms, weddings, house blessings, car blessings etc:

о. Андрей / Fr Andrew:

T: 01394 273820

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Igumen (Abbot) Sergei and St Panteleimon's Chapel

As you know, last February Fr Sergei was ordained to the priesthood by Archbishop Mark. He comes to us as often as he can and is present with us every Sunday, health permitting. He has now begun to confess here. However, his home is near Clacton where he has a tiny but beautiful chapel and where he holds daily monastic services. There he is in charge of Russian Orthodox in

Clacton. For further details, please contact him on 01255 473926. His postal address is: St Panteleimon's, 70 Jaywick Lane, Clacton-on-Sea CO16 8BB.

Baptisms in May

Saturday 2 May: Alexander Blackburn
Sunday 3 May: Alexis Forster
Saturday 23 May: Christian Chambers
Sunday 24 May: Sabin Tatovici,
Eva Otto-Onslow,
Angelina Otto

Missionary Work

As you know, we are the only Russian Orthodox Church with our own premises and weekly priestly services anywhere in Essex, Suffolk, Norfolk and Cambridgeshire. Indeed, apart from the Greek Orthodox convent at Tolleshunt Knights, we are the only Orthodox church in the region to have a permanent priest and permanent premises. Other smaller communities rent or lease premises and are dependent on the goodwill of the owners of those premises. It is therefore for each of us to inform others of our existence.

Only recently we have heard of cases of misinformation. Russian students at Essex University thought that we were 'Uniats' and some English people thought that we only accept 'Russians' in our congregation or that the Russian Orthodox Church is a 'sect'. Please do spread the truth of our existence among others locally.

Open Day: День открытых дверей: 14 June

On Sunday 14 June our church will be open to visitors from the local area as part of the New Town Gardens Open Day. Colchester Tourist Office has also publicised this event. There will be guided tours at 2.00 pm, 3.00 pm and 4.00 pm. The guided tours will explain the history of our Church and its present function. Local primary school children will be using the Church hall and we are expecting a great many visitors. All are welcome.

Gardening

Valentina has kindly begun doing some gardening in the Church gardens. If you have time to help her, she would be very pleased. There is much to do!

