



The Ascension

The Orthodox Christian Parish of Saint Aethelheard Archbishop of Canterbury and Abbot of Louth

Antiochian Orthodox Deanery of the United Kingdom and Ireland. Archdiocese of Western and Central Europe.

Services held at the Cemetery Chapel, London Road, Louth. LN11 9QP.

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SERVICES FOR MAY 2012

Usually: Matins precedes the Sunday Liturgy at 9.30 a.m. and Great Vespers is on the first Saturday of the month at 4.00 p.m.

Saturday 5th May

4.00 pm Great Vespers.

Sunday 6th May: Fourth Sunday of Pascha: The Paralytic

10.30 a.m. Divine Liturgy. Epistle: Acts 9: 32-42. Gospel: John 5:1-15. Resurrection Tone 3 (p 29), Patriarch Job (*overleaf*), St Aethelheard (p 9). *Kontakion*: For the five Sundays after Pascha (p34).



Friday 11th May: Vespers of our Patron Saint: Aethelheard Archbishop of Canterbury and Abbot of Louth

6.00 pm Great Vespers (Followed by a meal at the Brown Cow, Newmarket).
Later start time than usual so that those at work during the day can come.

Sunday 13th May: Fifth Sunday of Pascha: The Samaritan Woman

10.30 a.m. Divine Liturgy. Epistle: Acts 11:19-30. Gospel: John 4:5-42. Resurrection Tone 4 (p 29), Mid-Pentecost (p 35), St Aethelheard (p 9). *Kontakion*: For the five Sundays after Pascha (p34).

Sunday 20th May: Sixth Sunday of Pascha: The Blind Man (see also Parish Notes overleaf)

10.30 a.m. Divine Liturgy. Epistle: Acts 16:16-34. Gospel: John 9:1-38. Resurrection Tone 5 (p 30), St Thalelaeus (*overleaf*), St Aethelheard (p 9). *Kontakion*: For the five Sundays after Pascha (p34).

Thursday 24th May: The Ascension of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ

10.30 a.m. Divine Liturgy. Epistle: Acts 1:1-12. Gospel: Luke 24:36-53.

Sunday 27th May: Seventh Sunday of Pascha: Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council

10.30 a.m. Divine Liturgy. Epistle: Acts 6:1-7. Gospel: Mark: 15:43-16:8. Resurrection Tone 6 (p 30), Ascension (p 36), Holy Fathers (p36), Saint Aethelheard (p 9). *Kontakion*: For All Saints (p37).

Parish Notes

This Month's Troparia from the Menaion

Sunday 6th May: Troparion of Prophet And Patriarch Job: Tone 4

As an indestructible tower of manly courage,/ thou didst repulse the attacks of Belial and remain unmoved in temptations./ Wherefore the Church sings of thee, O wise Job,/ as a model of endurance and an example of virtue;/ and she is made radiant by thine exploits.

Sunday 20th May: Troparion of St Thalelaeus: Tone 1

O Thalelaeus, thou didst defeat idolatrous error by thy martyr's contest./ Thou wast a treasury of healing,/ freely curing all who run to thy church with faith/ and who cry out with love:/ Glory to Him Who has strengthened thee; glory to Him Who has made thee wonderful;/ glory to Him Who through thee works healings for all.



Metropolitan John comes to Lincoln and Tonsuring of our Reader

On Sunday 22 April Magdi Ibrahim was tonsured as Reader at the Liturgy of our Lincoln parish. This finally confirms a role which he has been effectively taking on since the retirement of Reader Peter Sizer.

We wish Magdi and his wife Judy many years.

Friday 11th May: Patronal Vespers and Meal

This Feast of our Patron Saint Aethelheard is on Saturday 12th May. Since it comes soon after the Great Feast of Pascha, I thought we might have a more intimate celebration for St Aethelheard. The Church's day begins with Vespers on the Friday evening, when we celebrate with all the variables for a hierarch like St Aethelheard. We start later than usual (6.00 pm) to give time for those who work during the day to come. The service is about 45 minutes, and then the plan is to go to the Brown Cow in Newmarket for an informal pub meal. Do come and bring friends.

Sunday 20th May: Charity Sunday

As on this Sunday we commemorate the healing of the Blind Man, it is appropriate to have one of our Sundays when all the collection goes to a charity. The one chosen on this occasion is the Christian Blind Mission (CBM). It may seem incredible to us that right now there are 18 million people in the world who are blinded by cataracts. Yet most could be treated and their sight restored by straightforward and inexpensive surgery. Or again, children face the risk of losing their sight simply because they lack vitamin A in their diet. Giving to CBM can help with the simple solution to such problems. More information at: www.cbmuk.org.uk.