

**Orthodox Fellowship of St John the Baptist**

**STUDY WEEKEND 2015**

**Friday 23rd - Sunday 25th January**

**Orthodox Parish of St John the Baptist and St Alban the Protomartyr  
c/o St Christopher's Church  
Stockingstone Road, Round Green, Luton LU2 7NB**



## **THE MOTHER OF GOD IN THE BIBLE**

**The All-Holy Virgin Mary's life in texts and images:  
The Biblical basis for her role as the 'Living Temple of God'**

*Dr Mary Cunningham*

**St Silouan the Athonite on the Mother of God**

*Hieromonk Melchisedec, Monastery of St John the Baptist*

**'His Mother said to the Servants, "Do whatever he tells you"'**

**Understanding Bible verses**

*Father Ioan Nazarcu*

**DETAILS Fr Ioan (07864-113 130; p.ioan@parohialuton.co.uk)**

**Orthodox Fellowship of St John the Baptist (Reg. Ch. No. 1063713)**

# STUDY WEEKEND - PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

## FRIDAY 23 January

- 16.00 Arrival and registration; Afternoon tea
- 17.30 Introduction, welcome and housekeeping
- 18.00 Supper
- 18.30 **Session 1: Dr Mary Cunningham**
- 20.00 **Service of Paraklesis to the icon of Mother of God 'Pantanassa' \***
- 21.30 Return to accommodation

## SATURDAY 24 January

- 08.30 Morning prayers and Memorial for departed members of the Fellowship
- 09.15 **Session 2: Fr Melchisedec**
- 11.00 Coffee break
- 11.30 **Session 3: Fr Ioan Nazarcu**
- 13.00 Buffet lunch
- 14.00 Visit to St Alban's Cathedral in the City of St Albans  
Veneration of the holy relics (time dependent on Cathedral's availability)
- 15.00 Free time
- 18.00 Supper in Luton in St Christopher's Church
- 19.00 Great Vespers
- 20.30 Return to accommodation

## SUNDAY 25 January

- 11.45 Hours
- 12.15 Hierarchical Divine Liturgy with Metropolitan Kallistos of Diokleia  
Orthodox clergy in Communion with the Romanian Orthodox Church may  
concelebrate, but please inform Fr Ioan well in advance  
After the Liturgy there will be lunch with the parishioners
- 16.00 Conference ends

*\* The original icon of the Theotokos 'Pantannasa' (Queen of All) is hosted by the Monastery of Vatopedi on the Holy Mountain of Athos. In March 2013 a copy of this icon was offered by the Monastery to the Parish of St John & St Alban in Luton.*

## RETURN THE COMPLETED BOOKING FORM TO

**Fr Ioan, c/o St Christopher's Church, Stockingstone Road, Round Green  
Luton LU2 7NB (07864-113 130; p.ioan@parohialuton.co.uk)**

# STUDY WEEKEND 2015 - FURTHER DETAILS

## WEEKEND COST

**£50** Includes meals as listed above (but **NOT** accommodation)

## ACCOMMODATION

There are several reasonably priced hotels in the town centre.

Some accommodation can be arranged in the homes of local Orthodox parishioners.

**For details** of this, please contact

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## THE VENUE

The Parish of St John and St Alban, hosted by St Christopher's Church in Stockingstone Road, Round Green, Luton LU2 7NB

The church is close to the town centre, 3 minutes drive or 15 minutes walk from the train station (LU1 2LT). Directions will be sent to participants.

There is parking around the church.

## THE SPEAKERS

**Dr Mary Cunningham** teaches at the University of Nottingham.

She is the author of several books and articles in Patristic and Byzantine studies, with a special interest in the Theotokos.

**Father Melchisedec** is a hieromonk of the Monastery of St John the Baptist in Essex.

**Father Ioan Nazarcu** is the parish priest of the Orthodox Parish of St John and St Alban in Luton.

He is also a social worker.

## NEEDED DURING THE STUDY WEEKEND

Please bring your Bible to this event.

# BOOKING FORM

**Title (Fr / Mr / Mrs / Ms / Dr / etc.) and Full Name/s**

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**Address** .....

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**Parish** ..... **Tel.** .....

**Email** .....

**Emergency contact Name** ..... **Tel.** .....

**Please specify any dietary or other special needs you have**

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<b>Attendee 3 name</b>	
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- I enclose a non-returnable deposit of £30 per person
- I enclose the full fee(s) of .....
- I enclose an additional optional donation of £..... for the Bursary Fund

Please make cheques payable to  
**Orthodox Fellowship of St John the Baptist.**

I agree to my contact details being circulated to other participants **Yes / No**

I agree to event organisers and other officers of the Fellowship contacting me using the information provided above **Yes / No**

*Data Protection Act – These personal details will be held on computer.*

Signed ..... Date .....