

Encyclical

of His Eminence Archbishop Gregorios

of Thyateira and Great Britain.

Commencement of Lessons at the

School of Byzantine Music

Dearly Beloved in the Lord,

On the occasion of the beginning of lessons of the School of Byzantine Music and Chant of our Church, I am sending my fatherly warm greetings to the Teachers, the Committee, the students and the supporters of the School.

Registration-Blessing

Registration and lessons commenced on 19 September 2017. The Blessing will take place on Monday, 31 October 2017, at 7 pm at the Cathedral of the Dormition of the Mother of God, Wood Green North London by His Eminence Archbishop Gregorios.

Days and Hours of Teaching

Lessons will be held every night in Greek and English, Monday, Tuesday and Thursday between 6:00-9:00 pm at the Cathedral of the Dormition of the Mother of God, 21 Trinity Road, London N22 4LB. Whoever wishes to attend the lessons must first register at the School Office. They should give their details to the School Secretary, Mrs Stella Vassou and get more information. Tel. 020 8881 4740.

Lessons of Byzantine Music and Chant will also be taught at the following Churches:

- Cathedral of All Saints, Camden Town, Northwest London
- Cathedral of St Andrew the Apostle, Kentish Town, Northwest London
- Church of Twelve Apostles, Hertfordshire, North London
- Church of Sts. Panteleimon and Paraskevi, Harrow Northwest London
- Church of St Nectarios, Battersea, Southwest London.

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Outside London:

- In Birmingham, the lessons of Byzantine Music and Chant will be held at the Church of the Holy Trinity and St Luke the Apostle, and every interested student from the adjacent territories is welcome to attend.

- Lessons will also be held at the Church of the Holy Trinity, Brighton as well as in Parishes of Cambridge, Mansfield and Sheffield.

The great pedagogical value of Byzantine music and chant for the edification of man and particularly of children cannot be overstressed. We are certain that the Priests of the Greek-Orthodox Community Schools will encourage children and the youth to attend the lessons of Byzantine Music and Chant for their own spiritual advancement and benefit. The Parents, the Committee Members and all the friends of the byzantine music and chant are called upon to support morally and financially the work of the School.

Management

The management of the School has been taken up by the Prime Chanter Mr Vassilios Maroullas with Mr Demetris Skrekas as second in command who will be teaching the Typikon and Introduction to the Hymnology of our Church. Mr P. Stavrinides will be responsible for all the subsidiary schools outside Greater London. We extend our warm congratulations to the Management and the teachers and wish them health and a blessed new school year.

I wish all students health and stamina to attend the lessons enthusiastically, and to the teachers enlightenment and strengthening from our Lord Jesus Christ so that they will inspire love for the Byzantine music and chant to the students. And I remain with warm wishes and blessings in the Lord and honour.

London, September 2017

Archbishop Gregorios

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