

Antiochian Orthodox  
Christian Archdiocese  
of the British Isles and  
Ireland



الأبرشية الإنطاكية  
المسيحية الأرثوذكسية  
للجزر البريطانية و إيرلندا

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Archbishop: His Eminence, Metropolitan Silouan Oner

The Clergy and Faithful of our God-protected Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of the British Isles and Ireland, and all the peoples of these lands,

Grace, peace and mercy be upon you all!

*"I called to mind the Prophet, as he cried: I am earth and ashes; and I looked again into the graves and beheld the bones laid bare, and I said: Who then is the king or the warrior, the rich man or the needy, the upright or the sinner? Yet, O Lord, give rest to thy handmaid with the righteous."*

From the Funeral service of the Orthodox Church

It is with great sorrow yet with hope in the Resurrection that I greet the beloved faithful of our Archdiocese, along with the entirety of the peoples of these lands and ask all to pray to Almighty God for our departed Sovereign, Elizabeth II, that the Lord will number her among the righteous.

Her Majesty has been a conscientious servant of the United Kingdom and her other realms, the Commonwealth and all our world, both as Princess and for more than seven decades as Queen: she has served us and it is left for us to serve her through our intercessions to the Lord on her behalf.

We assure our Sovereign Lord the King of our prayers for him and the Royal Family as we all weep and mourn. Yet through our tears we maintain the hope, the belief, the certainty, that Christ is risen! And his Resurrection means Death cannot hold us and our graves will open not one shall remain in the tomb.

I beseech all to pray with us as we ask the Lord to receive his departed handmaid, our Sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth, and make her memory to be eternal.

I remain you Father in Christ,

+ Silouan

Metropolitan of the British Isles and Ireland

+ Silouan, Metropolitan of the Orthodox Christian  
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Patriarchate of Antioch and all the East