

# ***Russian Orthodox Church in Great Britain & Ireland*** ***DIOCESE OF SOUROZH***

## **JUBILEE CONFERENCE**

**JUNE 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

***High Leigh Conference Centre, Hoddesdon, Hertfordshire***

### **“OUR VOCATION”**

*The Annual Conference is a long-established tradition of the Diocese of Sourozh which provides a unique opportunity for people to gather in prayer, fellowship and fruitful discourse. It is a weekend away, open to all members of the Russian Orthodox Church in Great Britain and Ireland. The quiet location contributes to the peaceful atmosphere of the conference proceedings.*

This year, the Diocesan Conference forms a central element in the celebration of the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of the first Russian Orthodox Church in these Islands.

The theme, ‘Our Vocation’, was chosen because vocation to service in Christ’s Church is a fundamental aspect of the life of the Christian. According to the Apostle Paul, Christ gives us spiritual gifts, ‘And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:’ (Eph. 4:11-12).

The witness of the Holy Scriptures and the sources about the life of the early Church present the contemporary Christian with a rich and diverse experience of ministry in which everyone has their own specific vocation and responsibility in the life of the Church, the Body of Christ.

In the year that the Russian Orthodox Church marks 300 years of service in Great Britain and Ireland, our conference will explore this and related questions in a series of talks, seminars and group discussions. There will be a special programme for children related to the theme of the conference.

As always, our common prayer, together with our bishop and clergy, will be at the heart of our time together.

#### **The main speakers will be:**

**Archimandrite Meletios (Webber)** *St Nicholas Church, Amsterdam, Hague Diocese of the Russian Orthodox Church*

**Archpriest Alexei Uminsky** *Holy Trinity Church, Khokhly, Moscow*

**Sister Dr Vassa (Larin)** *Professor of Liturgical Studies, University of Vienna; Berlin Diocese of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside Russia*

**Mikhail Sarni** *London*

*The cost of the weekend ranges from £120 to £150 depending on the type of accommodation selected and includes all meals. Non-residential attendance is also possible. Talks will be given in English or Russian, with translation. Places are limited, so please apply as soon as possible..*

*As far as resources allow, some financial assistance will be available for those who cannot otherwise afford the full amount of the fees – please apply at once.*

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***The Closing Date for Registration Is Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>***