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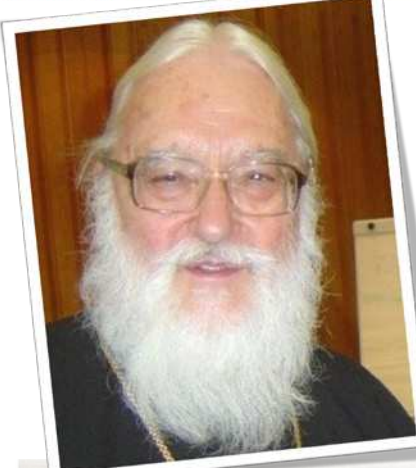


BUILDING

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WE CAN MAKE IT A
PROMINENT CENTRE OF
ORTHODOX HERITAGE,
SCHOLARSHIP AND PRAYER
FOR THE FUTURE





'Let us bless God for all the benefits that we have received in the past decade. Let us bless Him for all the vision of our fathers and our founders. Let us bless God for the generosity of our benefactors who have made possible the realisation of that vision. Let us bless God for our teachers who have created a notable spirit of friendship and co-operation between lecturers and students. Let us bless God for our students themselves, for the liveliness of their interest, for the variety of their challenging questions.'

(Extract from the sermon given at the Tenth Anniversary of the Institute for Orthodox Christian Studies on 10 October 2009)



IOCS students and staff with one of our most prestigious lecturers, Metropolitan Anthony of Sourozh, in the early days of the Institute.

ORTHODOXY IN A MULTI-DENOMINATIONAL CONTEXT

The Institute for Orthodox Christian Studies is the pan-Orthodox house for theological studies in the ancient university city of Cambridge, England functioning with the formal approval and blessing of the Pan-Orthodox Episcopal Assembly for Great Britain and Ireland.

Founded in 1999 the Institute is situated at a major crossroad for academic exchange and attracts students and scholars from across the world.

A Member of the Cambridge Theological Federation, IOCS is an Allied Institution of the University of Cambridge. IOCS also works in partnership with Anglia Ruskin University and offers degrees through both these universities. From 2014, we will offer a B.A. in Theology for Ministry, awarded by Durham University. At IOCS, students study together with colleagues from other traditions in the Cambridge Theological Federation: Anglican, Methodist, Roman Catholic and Reformed. In this diverse context IOCS students are encouraged to articulate and communicate their Orthodox faith and identity. What is an Orthodox understanding of the faith and how is it to be communicated today? How different are the concerns of the Western churches from those of the Orthodox churches? These are questions that Orthodox students face in a protective environment of dialogue and intellectual debate that will equip them to handle such issues in their home communities.

Join us on our journey!



An outstanding accomplishment!

For fourteen years the Institute for Orthodox Christian Studies in Cambridge has brought its academic expertise to the Orthodox Church and to Christianity at large, yet never has it been more blessed and accomplished than it is now! The Institute has just acquired its own building in Cambridge - to which we have given the name 'Palamas House' in honour of St Gregory Palamas. Now with the formal approval and blessing of the Pan-Orthodox Episcopal Assembly for Great Britain and Ireland, and thanks to an extraordinary surge of support from its friends in recent years, the Institute now looks towards a new era of Orthodox participation in the unique academic, inter-cultural and ecumenical environment of Cambridge.

Our unique mission

Our Institute is the sole Christian Orthodox institution for higher education in the United Kingdom, gathering together Christians from all the historical Orthodox Churches in Eastern Europe, the Middle East, Russia and Greece, but also from the various Orthodox jurisdictions in the UK and the Western world. It is also a full member of the Cambridge Theological Federation. We aim to reach out to meet the needs of the developing Orthodox parishes in the United Kingdom, while simultaneously, through the internet, conveying the message



by distance learning to the furthest corners of the world. Having moved for the first time into our own building, the Institute is now poised to fulfil our founders' aim of placing learning in the context of continuing worship in the Orthodox tradition, with a chapel and seminar rooms of its own.



Broader horizons

The Orthodox Church is one of the fastest-growing churches in the UK and its newly established Pan-Orthodox Assembly of Bishops provides a focus for unity and cooperation among the branches of Orthodoxy. The Institute for Orthodox Christian Studies has been ahead of its time in being pan-Orthodox and is now poised to be one centre for those educational activities to be coordinated by the Assembly of Bishops.

Established in an ecumenical context, it trains Orthodox clergy and laity to cooperate, dialogue with and share with other Churches in propagating the Christian message to an increasingly secular and pluralist world, while at the same time offering to their western contemporaries the riches of the Orthodox tradition.

A lesson of Christian solidarity

When our Building and Development Appeal went out last year, things were far from ideal. Our previous hosting college in Cambridge could no longer accommodate other institutions beyond the end of this year. Furthermore, our activities had been expanding to such a degree that we came to need space to provide facilities appropriate to the only institution in Europe that teaches, in English, all aspects of the Orthodox faith at pre-university, undergraduate and graduate level. However, our Appeal brought an encouraging sense of community and solidarity, and a number of benefactors offered us interest-free loans totalling £560,000, others made substantial donations; so that, within the year, the Institute has succeeded in raising £800,000 for the purchase of the new building. The loans must be paid back within five years, during which our Institute's efforts in fund-raising will need to intensify. In the current economic climate, however, to be able to acquire a sizeable property for a Christian charity is nothing short of miraculous.

Join us on our journey!

This may be the end of the first crucial stage in the development of our Institute, but it is also the beginning of another stage of the Orthodox journey in Cambridge, and you can be a part of it! The Institute needs to become an appropriate centre of Orthodox heritage, scholarship and prayer. By helping the Institute develop its centre in Cambridge, for its missionary and liturgical service to the Church, you will be joining our liturgical community of founders and benefactors who are always remembered in our services. You might like to sponsor one of the rooms of the Institute (lecture room, library, common room etc) which would bear your name or the name of your foundation, family member, friend or mentor, or Patron Saint, keeping you a permanent member of our community but also as an example of Christian solidarity and generosity for the generations to come.





IOCS

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'Studying theology at IOCS in the multid denominational context of the Theological Federation is a unique and fascinating experience. The Institute offers ample resources for research and an environment that's inspiring for thought and discussion.'

Maria Joubert, MA student, Russia



'Where else might one almost routinely expect to hear Metropolitan Kallistos discussing, say, the Ravenna Statement, or Aidan Hart explaining reverse perspective in the iconographic tradition? However, perhaps more surprisingly, there is still an intimate, almost family, atmosphere.'

Tom Cook, BA Student, UK

'I have learned a great deal from the classes, but the distinguishing feature of IOCS is the communal environment.'

The fellowship between students and professors and the community at large makes IOCS more than just an institute of higher learning.'

James Henson, MA alumnus, USA



'As part of Cambridge Theological Federation, the Institute made me feel comfortable and open to learn about other Christian traditions. This was a unique experience in approaching deeply one of the most important principles that Orthodox tradition defends, "Love your neighbour as yourself".'

Maria Rapti, Erasmus exchange alumna, Greece

How you can help



SPONSOR ONE OF THE ROOMS OF THE INSTITUTE

You may consider donating to better equip or adapt one of the areas in Palamas House (chapel, lecture room, library, common room etc). This room will bear your name or the name of your foundation, keeping you as a permanent member of our community but also as an example of Christian solidarity and generosity for generations to come.



REGULAR SUPPORT

We have an urgent need for support from fellow Christians to keep us going. Our reserves have been exhausted in purchasing the building, which is a valuable asset, but we need your help to maintain and expand our activities in the service of the Church. A hundred or a thousand supporters, each giving us, say, £10 a month by standing order, would help our finances considerably, and would ensure a smooth running of the Institute.

DONATE TO THE IOCS SCHOLARSHIP FUND

By contributing to our scholarship fund you help us bring to Cambridge students from Eastern Europe and the Middle East, who could not otherwise afford to pay for the course and the living expenses. Should you wish to make a donation directed to a student from a particular tradition, country or geographical area, please notify the Institute.



SPREAD THE WORD!

Besides financial support we would value enormously your help in spreading the word about our mission, suggesting people or trusts whom we can approach. Also we welcome **ADVICE** and ideas that would enable us to raise funds. And, as always, please keep us in your **PRAYERS**.

You can make a donation online at <http://www.iocs.cam.ac.uk/donations.html>, or you can use the form on the back cover.

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Built in the eighteenth Century, the new property is an imposing 3-storey, brick-built, Grade II-listed building under a tiled Mansard style roof. The property occupies a prominent position on Chesterton High Street, approximately one mile east of the historic City Centre of Cambridge. There is a bus stop opposite the property for buses travelling directly into the city centre (a five-minute journey) with the Railway Station only two miles away.

As seen in the pictures on the page to the left, as well as in the floor plans to the right and below, the building offers a superb large area to be used as a seminar room, as well as ample space for a chapel, library and offices for the Institute's academic staff. A large round green area with majestic trees and flanked by parking spaces as well as a lovely garden can be found at the back of the building, offering a delightful accompaniment to the handsome edifice, and giving the entire ensemble the fitting air of a 'mini-college.'



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Ground Floor Plan

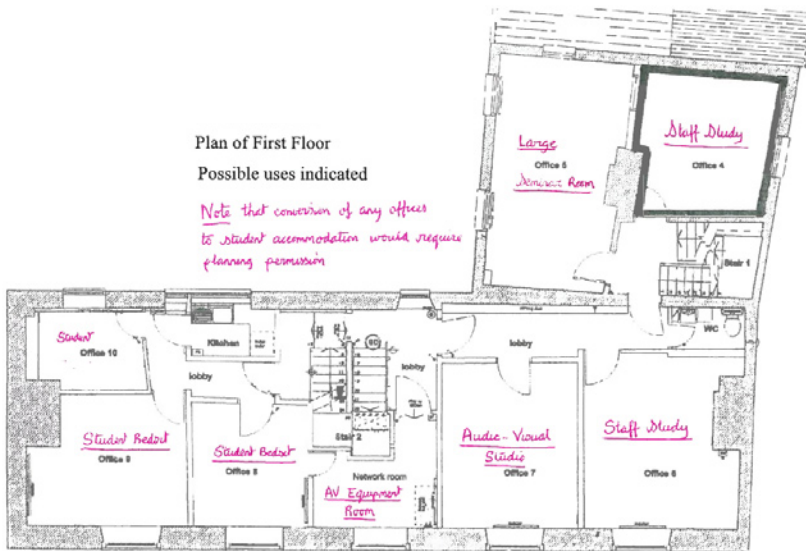
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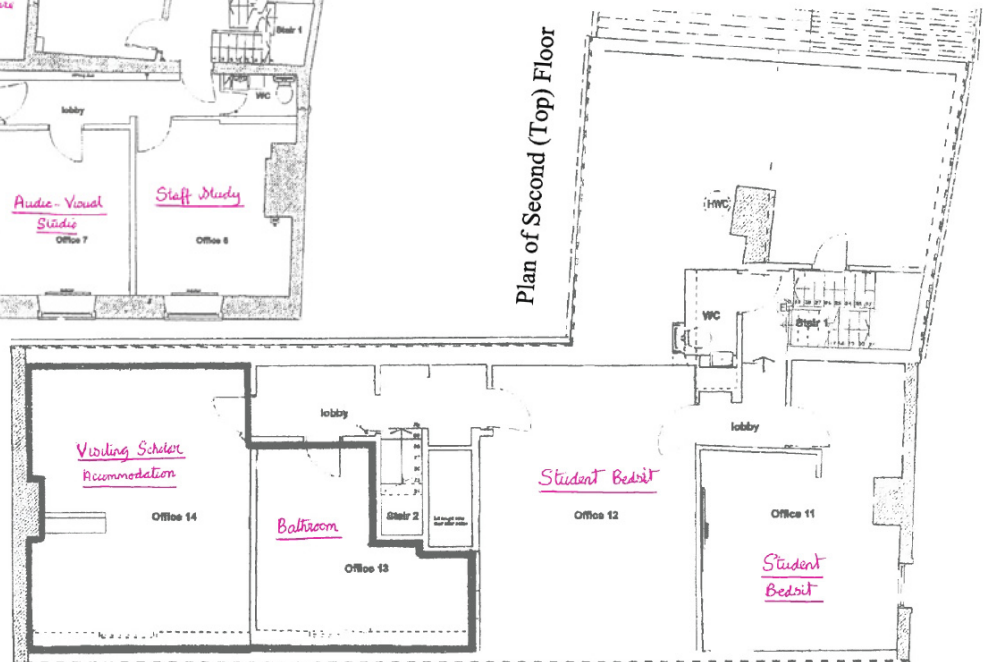
Plan of First Floor

Possible uses indicated

*Note that conversion of any offices
to student accommodation would require
planning permission*



Plan of Second (Top) Floor



An Orthodox centre in Cambridge



Metropolitan Kallistos Ware lecturing on Gregory of Nyssa in our new Library/Lecture Room

Testimony to the great need for an Orthodox centre like Palamas House in Cambridge is the fact that, in less than two months, many events have already been organised here which have generated an enthusiastic response from the participants. From these we have selected a number of photographs below. Palamas House is set to host similar events in the future, but also teaching for our courses and seminars, at both undergraduate and postgraduate level, as well as many of the courses taught within the Cambridge Theological Federation by our fellow theological colleges.



The Community Day on Gregory Palamas - taught by Dr Marcus Plested - at Palamas House



Participants in the Icon Painting Workshop with Nikita Andrejev (June 2013)



The Institute was delighted to receive the visit of one of its Bishops, the Romanian Metropolitan Iosif, at our new home



The Formal Opening of *Palamas House*, 6 July 2013: 'A day that the Lord has made: let us rejoice and be glad in it!'

You can watch some of our Community Day lectures online on our Vimeo page: <https://vimeo.com/iocs/videos>, or listen to our Cambridge Orthodox Forum podcast via Ancient Faith Radio at: <http://www.ancientfaith.com/podcasts/cambridge>



**PRAYER FOR
THE INSTITUTE FOR ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN STUDIES**



Lord our God,
true light who enlightens everyone that comes into the world:
look with mercy upon the Institute for Orthodox Christian Studies.
Guide those who teach in wisdom and humility.
Impart to those who learn the knowledge that comes from you.
Grant the members and directors to seek your will,
for the well-being of our holy Orthodox Church.
Support our benefactors,
filling their treasuries with good
and inclining their hearts to your glory.
Keep us all in harmony and oneness of mind,
so that all who teach, research, and learn may come to know
you, the one true God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
through the prayers of Saint Catherine the Great-Martyr,
always, now and for ever, and to the ages of ages.
Amen.

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