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Archdiocese of Thyateira & Great Britain-Bishop Raphael visits Inverness



On Saturday, 29th March 2025, the Orthodox Community of St Columba in Inverness had the joy of welcoming His Grace Bishop Raphael of Ilion, who celebrated the Divine Liturgy, assisted by the Revd Protopresbyter John Garnett.

During the Liturgy, His Grace offered a homily on the theme of repentance, drawing inspiration from the teachings of St John Climacus and his seminal work, *The Ladder of Divine Ascent*. His Grace spoke of repentance not merely as remorse for past actions, but as a continual turning of the heart towards Christ—a lifelong ascent marked by humility, prayer, and perseverance.

Following the Liturgy, the faithful gathered in a spirit of fellowship for a catechetical session with Q&A, where His Grace responded to a range of thoughtful and heartfelt questions with pastoral warmth and theological clarity.

The Community of St Columba, which is regularly served by the Very Revd Archimandrite of the Ecumenical Throne Antonios Kakalis, continues to be a shining













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