

COTY Pentecost Picnic at Hyde Park



On Sunday 31st May 2026, with the blessing of His Eminence Archbishop Nikitas, Christian Orthodox Thyateira Youth celebrated its annual Pentecost Picnic at Hyde Park. Following the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy at the Archdiocesan Cathedral of the Divine Wisdom in Bayswater, over which His Grace Bishop Maximos of Melitene presided, over 250 young people gathered in Hyde Park for an afternoon of food, fellowship and celebration.

The gathering offered young people from across London and the wider Archdiocese opportunities to reconnect, meet new faces, share the joy of our faith and enjoy a relaxing day in the park. His Grace Bishop Iakovos of Claudiopolis joined Fr Gregory Florides, Coordinator of COTY, in order to greet and encourage the diverse and extensive group, reflecting and expressing the Church's embrace of all peoples, 'calling all to unity and with one voice glorifying the All-Holy Spirit.'

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