

INTERCESSION TO ALL THE SAINTS OF BEDFORDSHIRE

Reader: O God, Save thy People and Bless Thine Inheritance,

People: Visit Thy World with Mercies and Bounties.

Reader: Exalt the Horn of Orthodox Christians and Send Down upon us Thy Rich Mercies.

Through the Prayers of Our Most Pure Lady, the Mother of God and Ever-Virgin Mary; through the Might of the Precious and Life-Giving Cross; through the Protection of the Heavenly Bodiless Hosts, through the Protection of the Honourable, Glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John; of the Holy, Glorious and All-Praised Leaders of the Apostles, Peter and Paul, of the Holy Apostles Simon the Zealot and Aristobulus with Joseph of Arimathea, and all the Twelve and Seventy Holy Apostles; of our Holy Fathers, Great Hierarchs and Universal Teachers, Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian and John Chrysostom; of our Holy Father, Nicholas, Archbishop of Myra in Lycia, the Wonderworker;

Of the Holy Martyr Alban, Protomartyr of these Islands and Patron of our Parish; and of Oswine, king of Deira, whose relics were placed alongside those of St Alban in the Cathedral in St Albans, of Diuma, Cedd, Betti and Adda, of Kyneburga, Aethelbeht and Fremund and of all the Saints who have Shone Forth in Bedfordshire; of all the Ancient Saints of these islands of ours; of our Reverend and God-Bearing Fathers, the Holy and Righteous Ancestors of God, Joachim and Anne; and of all Thy Saints, we Beseech Thee, O Most Merciful Lord, Hearken unto the Petitions of us sinners who make our Supplications unto Thee, and Have Mercy upon us.

People: Lord have mercy (*three times*)

Reader: Amen