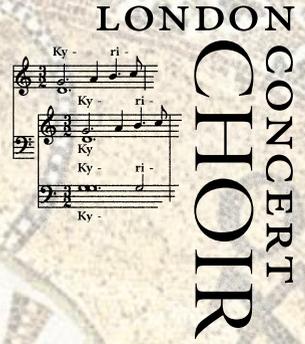


Tuesday 23 October 2012, 7.30pm  
St. Sepulchre's Church,  
Holborn Viaduct, EC1



**Rachmaninov**

# LITURGY OF ST JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

**London Concert Choir**  
Conductor: Mark Forkgen

Tickets £20, £15, £10  
Available from the LCC Box Office  
(0844) 5042 522 and at the door

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Rachmaninov's glorious setting of the Divine Liturgy, the communion service of the Orthodox Church, was composed in 1910, five years before his Vespers. The St John of the title was Archbishop of Constantinople from 398 to 404 and was renowned for his eloquence – the Greek word *chrysostomos* means 'golden-mouthed'. When Russia adopted the Orthodox religion in the 10th Century the Liturgy was translated into Church Slavonic.

Following the tradition of the Orthodox Church, the choir sings unaccompanied. Rachmaninov's music, while strongly influenced by Orthodox chant, is entirely original. He may have intended the work for church performance, but the authorities considered it too modern, although one conceded that it was "absolutely wonderful, even too beautiful."

London Concert Choir celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2010 and now has around 150 members of a wide range of ages. It regularly appears at all the major London concert venues and is notable both for its unusually broad repertoire and for the conviction and expressiveness of its performances under Music Director Mark Forkgen.

This will be the first time that the choir has performed in the church of St Sepulchre-without-Newgate, the largest parish church in the City of London. Dating back to 1137, St Sepulchre's was rebuilt by Wren's masons after the Great Fire of 1666 and is nowadays best known as the Musicians' Church.

[www.st-sepulchre.org.uk](http://www.st-sepulchre.org.uk)

#### How to get there:

St Sepulchre's is located at the junction of Holborn Viaduct and Giltspur Street, opposite the Old Bailey.

Nearest tube stations are **St Paul's** (Central line) and **Farringdon** (Circle, Hammersmith & City and Metropolitan lines).

The church is almost exactly opposite **City Thameslink** station.

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