



“Joy of All Who Sorrow”

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Now is the time that we know to say many prayers, but we pray little. We eat lenten foods but are not fasting. We seek to develop a spiritual life but have no experience in doing so. We confess our sins but we do not repent of them. We go to Church and stand during the services but our souls are not humble before our Creator. All of this is a result of our closed hearts that do not permit Christ to enter. We must open our hearts.

St Paisius of Athos (+1994)

Notes & Jottings

COMMON ROOM PROJECT

Our aim is to get the structural aspects of the scheme started soon after Easter. This will involve the new arrangement of doors and windows, plus the installation of the plumbing for the new *necessarium*. These aspects of the planned Common Room will need to be in place before work can begin on the internal aspects, flooring, plastering, electrical wiring etc. Discussing anything involving social gatherings seems to have been inappropriate in a year in which Easter and Christmas were disrupted, and visits of pilgrims here, our pilgrimage to St Botolph and Founders Day cancelled. However, we are thinking in the long term and looking forward to better times.

FATHER ELIAS' ANNIVERSARY

Saturday 27 March was the fifth anniversary of the repose of Fr Elias Jones. Matushka Barbara had predeceased him by just forty days. Their joint interests were history and archaeology, which are very much interconnected academic disciplines. After they died, their books and papers were brought here to the college.

Having completely rebuilt the shelving in the college library, the process of sorting and installing our books proceeded slowly. The circumstances created by the plague last year did allow time to sort our enormous volume of serial publications, documents and printed ephemera. This brought some kind of order to this vast archive but then we came to the boxes of research papers that came from Fr Elias. When the house was cleared, papers were put into boxes without regard to order and a lot of the material is hand-written. It is clearly the product of years of historical research for a project, or several projects, but what? Maybe reading through this material will produce some clues. We will preserve all of this work but it would be a shame if it is not used in some way. Maybe some of it can be published. That would be a fitting memorial for Fr Elias. Our regret is that he never spoke much about his research projects. If he had, there are so many questions that we could have asked: Priest Elias & Matushka Barbara – Eternal Memory!

SGOIS STOCK MARCH 2021

Incense:

Small packets - Byzantine, Rose, Jasmine, Lily and Carnation available - £3.00 per packet

Swiftlight Charcoal:

Boxes of 100 tablets 33mm £6.95

Boxes of 100 tablets 40mm £7.95

Votive Candles:

Packets of 100 candles £14.00 per packet

Spare Lamp Glasses:

Red, blue or clear glass - £5.95 each

NAMEDAYS

To all who are celebrating a nameday at this time, we send congratulations and wish them:

Many Years!

1 April – **Martyrs Chrysanthus and Daria** - Daria Pearson

2 April – **St Photina (Svetlana) the Samaritan Woman** – Svetlana Noakes

8 April – **Martyr Alla in Crimea** – Alla Steel

14 April – **St Mary of Egypt** – Mary Matthewson

20 April – **St Daniel of Pereyaslavl** – Daniel Dembri



**COLLEGIATE & PARISH CHURCH OF THE MOTHER OF GOD
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APRIL 2021

Sunday 4 April

**10.10am ~ Hours and Divine Liturgy
(3rd Sunday of Great Lent: Adoration of the Cross)**

✘ Wednesday 7 April ✘

**Feast of Annunciation of the Theotokos
10.10am ~ 9th Hour & Vespertal Liturgy**

Sunday 11 April

**10.10am ~ Hours and Divine Liturgy
(4th Sunday of Great Lent: St John Climacus)**

Sunday 18 April

**10.10am ~ Hours and Divine Liturgy
(5th Sunday of Great Lent: St Mary of Egypt)**

✘ Sunday 25 April ✘

**Palm Sunday
10.10am ~ Hours and Festal Liturgy**

Full Holy Week Schedule will be published shortly

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