



“Joy of All Who Sorrow”

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OLD TESTAMENT

NEW TESTAMENT



"WHO AM I THAT
THE ARK OF MY LORD
SHOULD COME TO ME?"

(2 SAMUEL 6:9)



"WHO AM I THAT THE
MOTHER OF MY LORD
SHOULD COME TO ME?"

(LUKE 1:43)

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NOTES & JOTTINGS

PATRONAL FEAST – On Tuesday 5th November, our bishop, Vladyka Irenei came from London in order to celebrate our patronal feast of the Ikon of the Theotokos: *Joy of All Who Sorrow*. Vladyka served Great Vespers with the Litya on the Tuesday evening and then in the morning celebrated the Divine Liturgy for the Feast. We were delighted that Fr Spasimir Ivanov from the St Alexander Nevsky Parish in Norwich was able to join us together with several of his parishioners. During his homily, His Grace reminded the faithful that ‘after Pascha, the Altar Feast is the most significant feastday in every parish and community, in which the heavenly protector of the temple is honoured and thanked for the rich blessings offered therein. Here, in Mettingham, you are blessed to have as your Protectress the All-Holy and All-Pure Mother of God, the “Joy of All Who Sorrow”, who, in a world filled with so much sorrow and despair, brings joy through the life of her Son, to Whom you have access in the Mysteries celebrated here, as well as through her own lovingly-maternal prayers.’ After a cross procession around the church, a festal lunch was served and Vladyka spoke about his recent journeys across our joint diocese.

FOUNDER’S DAY - Founder’s Day, 15 November, is always a time of mixed emotions. In a full church, it was wonderful to see many old friends. This year we were joined by Hieromonk Mark (Underwood) and Fr Luke Holden with a party of West Country and Welsh pilgrims from Cheltenham, Cardiff and Llanelli. Also Fr Alexander Haig and his Presbytera, from Colchester, joined us. The Diocesan Chancellor, Archpriest Paul Elliott spoke movingly of the Foundress and of her kindness to him. Sadly, the plan to visit and pray at the tomb had to be called off because of rain. Vestments and rain are not good companions, so prayers for the repose of the soul of the Foundress were said in church instead. The liturgy was followed by the memorial meal in the college dining room.

ORDINATION – Fr Dcn Mark, Matushka Elizabeth and family were able to represent the parish on the joyous occasion of the ordination of Reader Mark Fisher to the diaconate on Sunday 24 November at the Parish of the Kazan Ikon of the Theotokos in Cardiff. It was a great privilege to welcome Fr Mark to serve at the Holy Table and we wish the newly ordained Fr Dcn Mark, his Matushka Alla and their son Yury many years!

NAMEDAYS

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

MANY YEARS!

December – Great Martyr Catherine – Catherine Meyer

10 December – Great Martyr James the Persian – James Bones

19 December – St Nicholas of Myra – Nicholas Meade, Nicholas Morgan

Subdeacon Nicolas Mabin, Nicholas Matthewson

28 December – Hieromartyr Eleutherius and Martyr Anthea (his mother) -

Anthea Barry

28 December – St Stephen of Sourozh – Archpriest Stephen Platt



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Sunday 1 December

10.10am ~ Hours and Divine Liturgy (Sts Plato & Romanus)

Saturday 7 December

7.30pm ~ Vigil

Sunday 8 December

10.10am ~ Hours and Divine Liturgy

(Apodosis of Feast of the Entry of Theotokos & St Clement, Pope of Rome)

Saturday 14 December

7.30pm ~ Vigil

Sunday 15 December

10.10am – Hours & Divine Liturgy (Prophet Habbakuk)

Saturday 21 December

7.30pm ~ Vigil

Sunday 22 December

10.10am – Hours & Divine Liturgy (Conception of the Theotokos)

Saturday 28 December

7.30pm ~ Vigil

Sunday 29 December

10.10am – Hours & Divine Liturgy (Holy Forefathers)