



# *“Joy of All Who Sorrow”*

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**"[On the Lord's Prayer] if God is the Father of every human, then there is no doubt that every man, whoever he may be, is my brother, and every woman or girl is my sister; consequently I behaved very foolishly if I treated some people as strangers, and did not find them deserving of even a glance or word , or considered them the kind of people to whom I do not owe any love. I acted very foolishly, and I must correct myself, otherwise I must not dare to pray using this Lord's Prayer, and therefore, must not consider myself as belonging to the number of true children of the Father God."**

**Metropolitan Gregory (Postnikov) of St. Petersburg (1784-1860)**

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## First Russian Orthodox Church dedicated to St Patrick is founded in Belarus



The great patron saint of Ireland will soon be the patron saint of roughly 170 disabled children in a village in Belarus. Construction on the Church of St. Patrick at the Vesnovo boarding school for disabled children in the village of Vesnovo in central Belarus is already underway, and the laying of a memorial capsule at the foundation of the church was completed recently by Metropolitan Seraphim of Bobruisk and Bykhovskiy. The church will be the first in the Moscow Patriarchate to be dedicated to St. Patrick, reports [sobor.by](http://sobor.by).

Transportation is difficult for some of the students, given their disabilities. The presence of the church on the territory will help to fulfil the spiritual needs of both the children and adults living at the school, giving them an opportunity to attend services and participate in the Sacraments of the Church.

Irish charities have been providing humanitarian aid and financial support to Belarusian children and invalids since the 1990s, and are now working with the boarding school in Vesnovo to implement projects helping to socialize children with disabilities to help restore their capacities. Nurses and teachers are working at the boarding school to improve the quality of care and rehabilitation activities on a permanent basis.

Representatives from the Irish charities have been regular guests at the boarding school, always bringing gifts such as computers, money for furniture, and much more. They have even built housing for young men who have reached adulthood.

Consecrating the church in honour of St. Patrick, the Belarusian faithful thus express their gratitude to the Irish benefactors. It is thanks to the homilies and missionary labours of the holy hierarch that there are such caring people in Ireland today, said Archpriest Michael Lazovsky who provides spiritual care to the boarding school.

## NOTES & JOTTINGS



### BOTOLPH PILGRIMAGE 2019

Although we were rather late this year in confirming the arrangements for our annual pilgrimage to Iken, with the blessing of his Grace Bishop Irenei, a number of parishioners from Mettingham, Walsingham and Ipswich gathered to sing in honour of St Botolph on Saturday 22 June. The moleben was served by Fathers Antony and Andrew from Mettingham as well as Fr Evgeny Selensky who serves the Russian Orthodox parishes in Kings Lynn, Peterborough and Ipswich within the Sourozh diocese. After the service Fr Dcn Mark spoke briefly about the Life of St Botolph and there was time for pilgrims to venerate the ikon, examine the Anglo-Saxon cross-shaft and enjoy the majestic views over the River Alde. The party of pilgrims then were invited by the church warden Annabel Chamberlain and her husband Colin to a delicious buffet lunch in the grounds of their beautiful home. We are very grateful for the continued hospitality and kindness of the community in Iken and hope to be more organised for our pilgrimage next year.



### NAMESDAYS

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

**MANY YEARS!**

2 July – **St John the Wonderworker** – William John Stewart

9 July – **St Dionysii of Suzdal** – Dionysii (Didier) Dembri

12 July – **Holy Apostles Peter & Paul** – Archpriest Paul Elliott, Peter Smith, Peter Jermy

18 July – **St Elizabeth the New Martyr** – Elizabeth Tattum-Smith

18 July – **St Athanasios of Mount Athos** – Athanasios (Martin) Darbyshire

24 July – **St Olga – Princess of Rus** – Olga Ward, Oliga Jermy

30 July – **Great Martyr Marina of Antioch** – Marina Lock, Marina Andrews,  
Marina Jermy, Marina Randall



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**JULY 2019**

**Monday 1 July**

*7.30pm ~ Vigil*

**Tuesday 2 July**

**10.10am ~ Hours and Divine Liturgy (St John the Wonderworker)**

**Saturday 6 July**

*7.30pm ~ Vigil*

**Sunday 7 July**

**10.10am ~ Hours and Divine Liturgy (All Saints of the British Isles)**

**Thursday 11 July**

*7.30pm ~ Vigil*

**✠ Friday 12 July ✠**

**10.10am ~ Hours and Divine Liturgy (Sts Peter & Paul)**

**Saturday 13 July**

*7.30pm ~ Vigil*

**Sunday 14 July**

**10.10am ~ Hours and Divine Liturgy (Sts Cosmas & Damian)**

**Saturday 20 July**

*7.30pm ~ Vigil*

**Sunday 21 July**

**10.10am – Hours & Divine Liturgy (Kazan Ikon)**

**Saturday 27 July**

*7.30pm ~ Vigil*

**Sunday 28 July**

**10.10am - Hours & Divine Liturgy (Holy Fathers of First 6 Oecumenical Councils)**