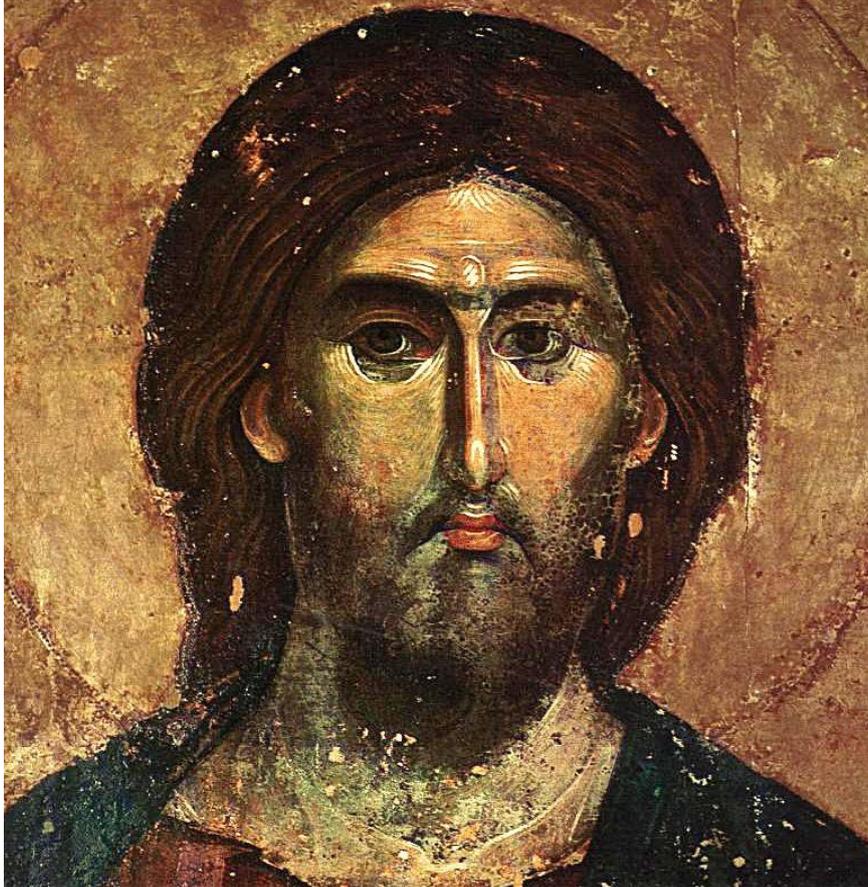




“Joy of All Who Sorrow”

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*“Without the Lord Jesus Christ, life on this earth has
no meaning.”*

St Nektarios of Pentapolis (+1920)

Notes & Jottings

COLLEGE NEWS

Ten archive boxes of theological and liturgical books have been donated to the college library by Subdeacon Nicolas Mabin. Thanks are due to him for this generous gift and to Viktor Levine for collecting the boxes from London and delivering them to Mettingham.

The well-known artist Elena Davydova has presented one of her paintings to the college. The subject is a view of the town of Seget Donij, on the Adriatic coast, looking towards the sea. Thanks to Elena for her generosity.

Mettingham Orthodox Trust, a registered charity, exists to raise the profile of Orthodox Christianity in the Waveney Valley and surrounding area. It is often thought that an urban area, which has a large population, is needed to support a church. We exist in a very rural area. The foundress built this church so that people here would have somewhere to pray. The fact that people do come here to pray is her memorial. Whatever is made of stone, wood or bricks can be simply a monument, an inert thing. Whilst we value the buildings, both church and college, the fact that this is a centre of church activity is a living thing, a true memorial. The trustees are conscious of the ongoing need to develop and strengthen our work and presence here. For this reason, they are considering the appointment of more trustees to help guarantee the future.

At this time of year everything is growing vigorously. The college grounds have over three acres of lawns with numerous trees and shrubs, which provide colour throughout much of the year. At the time of writing, orange blossom and roses are in full flower. Also, the birch saplings are mostly growing well despite the efforts to thwart this by rabbits that are far too numerous. Maintaining the grounds is an ongoing struggle because nature will always fight back and the wilderness will take over. We are told that when the house was built, a century and a half ago, there were two full-time gardeners. At the time the grounds would have been at least twice the present size, but even so, we can see that extra hands were certainly needed.

NAMEDAYS

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

Many Years!

2 July – **St John of Shanghai and San Francisco** – William John Stewart

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

12 July – **Holy Apostles Peter & Paul** – Archpriest Paul Elliot, Peter Williams,
Peter Bauer Smith, Peter Jermy

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

18 July – **St Athanasius of Mt Athos** – Athanasius (Martin) Darlington

24 July – **St Olga (grandmother of St Vladimir)** – Olga Ward, Olga Jermy

30 July – **Great Martyr Marina of Antioch** –

Marina Lock, Marina Andrews, Marina Jermy, Marina Randall



COLLEGIATE & PARISH CHURCH OF THE MOTHER OF GOD
JOY OF ALL WHO SORROW

JULY 2021

Sunday 4 July

10.30am ~ Hours and Divine Liturgy (Sunday of All Saints of Russia)

Sunday 11 July

10.30am ~ Hours and Divine Liturgy (Sunday of All Saints of the British Isles)

✠ Monday 12 July ✠

**10.10am ~ Hours and Festal Liturgy
(Feast of Sts. Peter & Paul)**

Sunday 18 July

10.10am ~ Hours and Divine Liturgy (St Elizabeth the New-Martyr)

Sunday 25 July

10.10am ~ Hours and Divine Liturgy (Ikon of "the Three Hands", Mt Athos)

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