



# *“Joy of All Who Sorrow”*

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*“None of the problems you face have been caused by chance. Nothing can happen to us without the Lord’s consent. And His consent doesn’t just spring from His All-knowing wisdom, but is dictated by His love for us.”*

**(St Macarius of Optina + 1860)**

## *Notes & Jottings*

### **MARCH FOR LIFE 2021**

Fr Dcn Mark and Matushka Elizabeth with a few other members of the community will be travelling down to London for the March for Life on Saturday 4 September. Please see the notice about this at the end of this month's bulletin for more information and do join us if you can.

### **CYCLE DAY**

Saturday 11 September is Cycle Day which is a sponsored fund-raising event for Suffolk Historic Churches Trust. The church will be open, as always, and there will be someone available to sign the sponsorship forms of the cyclists.

### **CHRISTMAS & GREETING CARDS**

Since the stocks of some Christmas card designs are quite low, the time has come to print some new designs. One will be "Golden Domes", a piece of artwork by the late Grace Meeking. There will also be a Nativity ikon, and an Emmanuel ikon. These will all be advertised in good time for Christmas. This year all cards will be available only in packs of 5 complete with envelopes. We are also looking into the possibility of printing more cards with a blank interior to make them suitable for namedays, birthdays, anniversaries and any other occasions. Details will be announced when a decision has been taken.

### **FOR THE CHURCH**

A friend, who lives in Serbia, told us that he has commissioned an ikonographer to write an ikon of St Basil, the Wonderworker of Ostrog, as a gift to the church. Having no idea about the number of commissions in hand, we are advised not to expect delivery soon. These things take time.

### **FOUNDER'S DAY**

Founder's Day (15 November) has been on hold for the past two years because of the plague. This will be the eleventh anniversary of the death of the Foundress. It is our hope that this year a more normal celebration may be possible.

### **CALENDARS & CANDLES**

As usual SGOIS will be stocking the St Herman Calendar. Last year some remained unsold. We reduced our order for the 2021 calendars and, as a result, a few people were disappointed because we quickly sold out. Before placing the order for the 2022 calendars it would help to try to establish the possible demand. If, during September, you can advise us concerning the number of calendars you might wish to buy, this would be helpful. SGOIS also announces that from 1 September, due to the increasing cost of wax, there will be a small increase in the price of votive candles to £15 per 100

### **NAMEDAYS**

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

*Many Years!*

1 September – **Martyr Timothy of Palestine** – Timothy Le Vin

8 September – **Martyrs Adrian & Natalia of Nicomedia** – Adrian Cosby, Natalia Weston

11 September – **Beheading of St John the Baptist** – John Barry

24 September – **St Deiniol, Bishop/Abbot of Bangor** – Archimandrite Deiniol

30 September – **St Sophia and her daughters, Vera, Nadezhda and Lyubov** – Sophia Weston,  
Nedejda Sacaliuc



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## SEPTEMBER 2021

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> September**

**10.30am ~ Hours and Divine Liturgy  
(Apodosis of the Dormition | St Irenaeus of Lyon)**

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> September**

**10.30am ~ Hours and Divine Liturgy  
(St Alexander Nevsky)**

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> September**

**10.10am ~ Hours and Divine Liturgy (Archangel Michael)**

**✠ Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> September ✠**

**10.10am ~ Hours and Festal Liturgy (Nativity of the Theotokos)**

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September**

**10.10am ~ Hours and Divine Liturgy  
(Sunday before the Exaltation of the Cross)**

**✠ Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September ✠**

**10.10am ~ Hours and Festal Liturgy (Exaltation of the Precious Cross)**



## March for Life 2021

*Gathering at the Emmanuel Centre 9-23 Marsham St, London SW1P 3DW by 12.30pm  
Proceeding from there to Parliament Square from 1.30pm – 4.00pm*

With the blessing of His Grace, Bishop Irenei, all the clergy and faithful of the parishes of the diocese in the UK are encouraged to attend the [March for Life](#) on **Saturday 4 September, 2021**. This is the UK's largest public witness for the inherent sanctity of all human life and against the heinous evil of the abortion industry. As can be seen in the recently published [Abortion Statistics: England and Wales](#) by Department of Health and Social Care, over 2020, a total of **209, 917** innocent children were murdered in the womb, the highest number since the introduction of the Abortion Act (1967). According to the [Office of National Statistics](#), shockingly, this now means that in the UK over 1 in every 4 pregnancies now ends in abortion rather than the birth of a new child. Added all together, this entails that the total number of children's lives which have been lost to the holocaust of abortion here in the UK is now at a monstrous **9.5 million**. This evil and injustice cannot simply be allowed to stand, but demands a response from those of us whose eyes are open to the demonic reality behind the abortion industry and the nefarious ideology of "reproductive rights".

Before the March, participants are invited to the **Emmanuel Centre, 9-23 Marsham Street, London, SW1P 3DW** and there is a very helpful page on the M4L website [here](#). From 10am – 1pm there will be a variety of talks and exhibits by different Pro-Life speakers and organisations. The organisers of the March for Life have also kindly agreed to make a room available for Orthodox participants where we can gather at 12.30pm, which will also give time for those who are travelling from a long way away time to arrive in the Capital. At 12.30pm we hope to have a short Moleben before the March commences from outside the Centre at 1.30pm. The March will then peacefully proceed from the Emmanuel Centre and end at Parliament Square with some key-note speakers at around 4pm. Those clergy or faithful who are unable to attend are asked to pray for all those going on the March especially as there is likely to be a loud and aggressive counter-protest by a mob of Pro-choice advocates.

If you intend to attend the march, it would be helpful if you could make contact with Fr Dcn Mark Tattum-Smith who is also happy to answer any questions or queries you may have on 01502 716914 / 07592482732 or email: [tattumsmith@gmail.com](mailto:tattumsmith@gmail.com).