



# *“Joy of All Who Sorrow”*

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*“Everything – both good and terrible – is a gift from God. That is how we must regard everything that happens in our lives.”*

**Metropolitan Laurus (+ 2008)  
of New York & Eastern America**

## *Notes & Jottings*

### **KURSK IKON VISIT**

We are very grateful to Archpriest Vitaly who drove the Kursk-Root Ikon from London to our church in Mettingham on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April together with his Matushka Irina and two pious security guards. After arriving in the mid-afternoon, the Ikon was immediately taken by Fr Antony and Fr Dcn Mark to visit Matushka Helen who was in the James Paget Hospital recovering from a painful fracture to her shoulder. The ikon was then due to bless Daniel and Anastasia Price's home in Norwich though unfortunately, a serious incident on the A47 and an hour in gridlocked traffic, sadly made this impossible. The ikon was then brought back to Mettingham just in time for a Moleben and Akathist service at 7pm which brought back together a good crowd of old friends and new visitors before the consoling image of the Mother of God. After the service, Fr Vitaly reminded us that in Russia people would queue throughout the night to see the ikon and there would be thousands of people in procession before it. It was wonderful to share part of a day in the life of this extraordinary Ikon as it then continued its journey onto Norwich and the rest of the diocese. Most Holy Theotokos, save us!

### **UKRAINE**

Leaving aside the Uniate problem, the ecclesiastical situation is sadly divided between the canonical Ukrainian Orthodox Church under the omophor of Metropolitan Onuphry of Kiev and All Ukraine and the schismatics who are supported by Constantinople. The violent tactics of the latter, seizing church property and attacking clergy and laity, are unreported in the West, yet their lawless behaviour is scandalously not controlled by the Ukrainian government. Now there are moves in the Ukrainian parliament to outlaw any organisation based in Russia. This worrying development is clearly aimed at UOC which is an autonomous (self-governing) part of the Moscow Patriarchate. It goes without saying that this is a consequence of the current unhappy conflict. We cannot but agree with Metropolitan Onuphry when he said that "war is a sin against God". The lesson of history teaches us that whatever the problem, war is never the solution, because it merely replaces one problem with yet more problems.

### **SAINT BASIL OF OSTROG**

The ikon of St Basil of Ostrog, the gift of our friend Ian Robertson who lives in Serbia, has arrived. May God bless him for his generosity to our community. We were warned that the gilding on the ikon is delicate and so it has proved to be. Before the ikon it put into the church for veneration it will need to be protected under glass.

### **PASCHAL IKON**

We have just heard from our iconographer, Efrem Carrasco, who informs us that the Paschal Ikon is being varnished this week and will soon be delivered to us either in person or via a courier. Cards depicting the new Paschal Ikon are available at £1.50 per pack of five cards with envelopes.

### **NAMEDAYS**

To all who are celebrating a Nameday at this time we send Congratulations and wish you

2 April – **St Photini (Svetlana) of Samaria** – Svetlana Noakes, Svetlana Clark

8 April – **Holy Martyr Alla in Crimea** – Alla Steele

14 April – **St Mary of Egypt** – Maria Dive

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

24 April – **Pascha** – Anastasia Price



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JOY OF ALL WHO SORROW

**APRIL 2022**

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April**

*7pm ~ Vigil*

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April**

**(4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Great Lent: St John Climacus)**

**10.10am ~ Hours and Divine Liturgy**

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April**

*7pm ~ Great Compline with Litia*

**✠ Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April ✠**

**(Feast of the Annunciation of the Mother of God)**

**10.10am ~ 9<sup>th</sup> Hour and Vespers Liturgy**

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April**

*Please note there is no Vigil*

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April**

**(5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Great Lent: St Mary of Egypt)**

**10.10am ~ Hours and Divine Liturgy**

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April**

*Please note there is no Vigil*

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April**

**(6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Great Lent: Palm Sunday)**

**10.10am ~ Hours and Divine Liturgy**

**Holy Week**

**Great & Holy Monday – Great & Holy Saturday**

*Please see separate schedule*

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April**

**✠ PASCHA ✠**

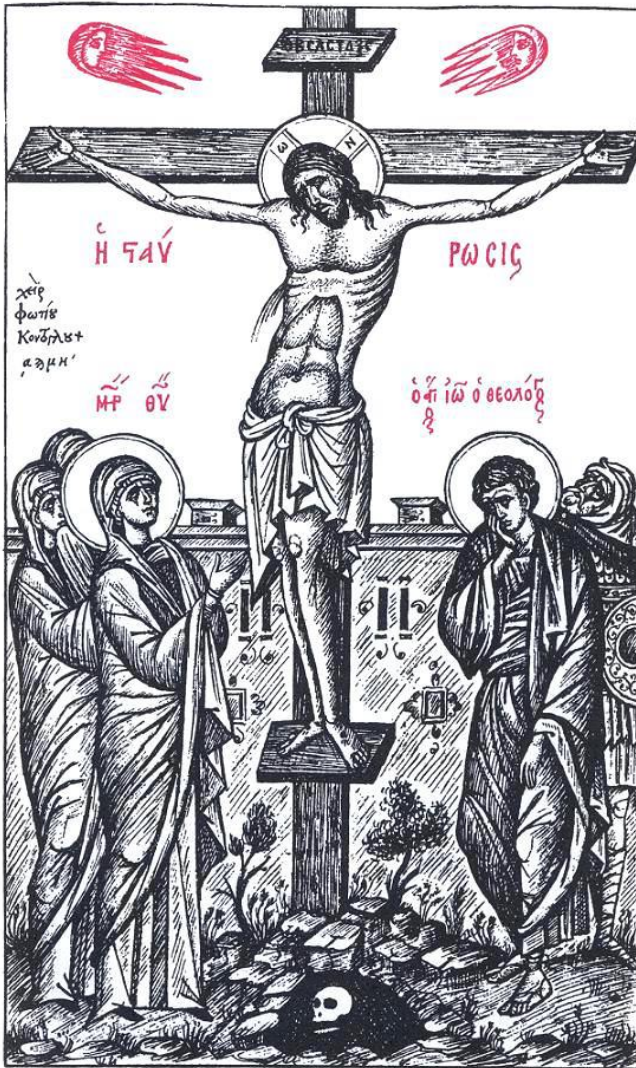
**11.30pm ~ Midnight Office, Matins & Divine Liturgy**

**3pm ~ Paschal Vespers & Easter Party**



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## Holy Week 2022



### **Sunday 17 April – Palm Sunday**

10.10am – Hours & Festal Liturgy

### **Monday 18 April - Great & Holy Monday**

7.00pm – Bridegroom Matins

### **Tuesday 19 April - Great & Holy Tuesday**

7.00pm – Bridegroom Matins

### **Wednesday 20 April – Great & Holy Wednesday**

7.00pm - Matins

### **Thursday 21 April – Great and Holy Thursday**

10.10am – 9<sup>th</sup> Hour & Vespers Liturgy

7.00pm - Matins: The Twelve Gospels Service

### **Friday 22 April – Great and Holy Friday**

10.30am - Royal Hours

5.00pm - Great Vespers with the bringing out of the Shroud (*Epitaphios/plashchanitsa*)

6pm approx. - *Light Refreshments*

7.00pm – Matins: The Burial Service of Christ

### **Saturday 23 April – Great and Holy Saturday**

10.30am – Great Vespers with 15 readings

11.30pm - **Midnight Office and Procession**

### **✠ Sunday 24 April – Radiant Feast of Pascha ✠**

12 Midnight – Paschal Matins & Divine Liturgy

3.00pm – Paschal Vespers & Easter Party