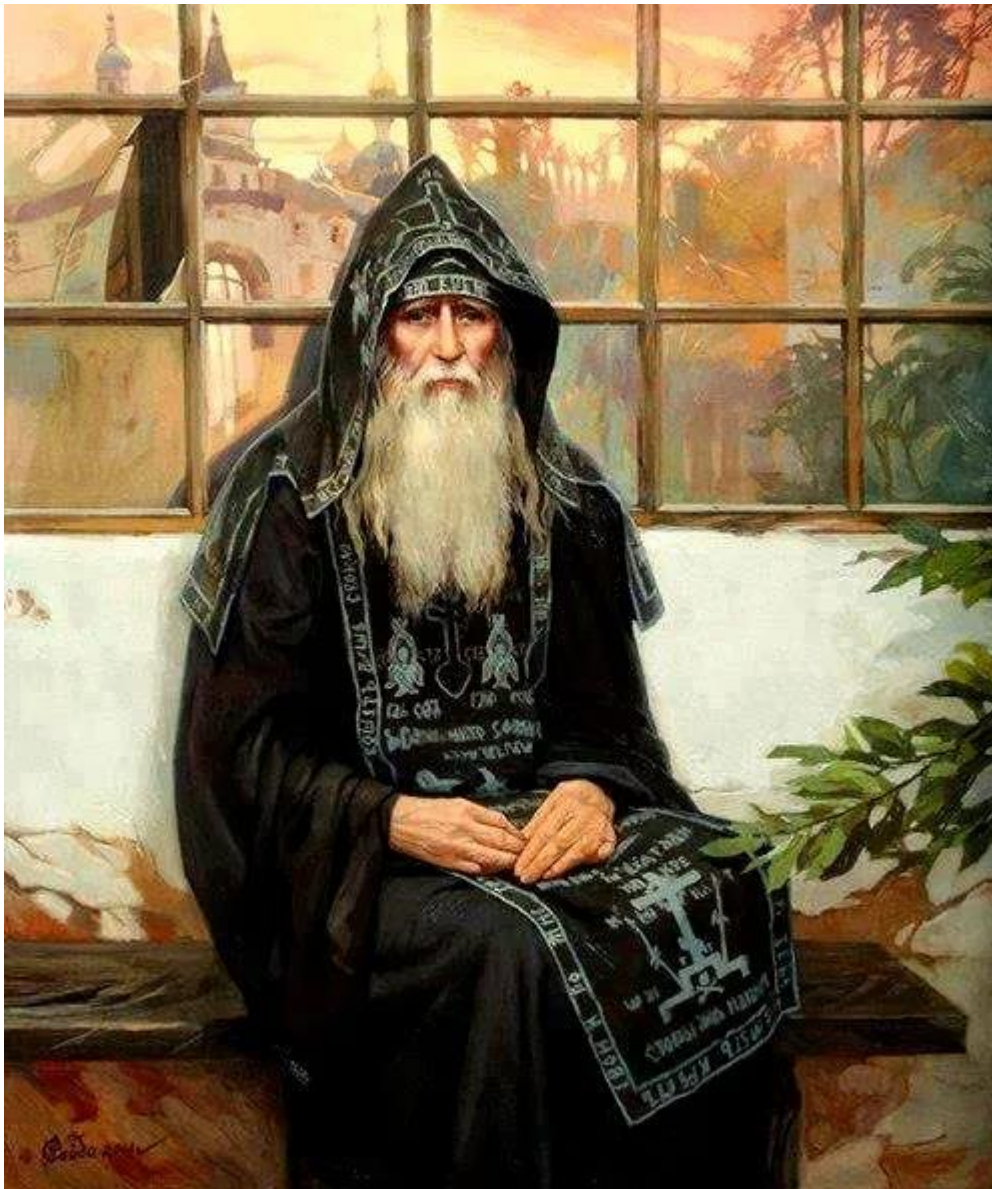




“Joy of All Who Sorrow”

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‘If your heart has been softened either by repentance before God or by learning the boundless love of God towards you, do not be proud with those whose hearts are still hard. Remember how long your heart was hard and incorrigible’.

St Nikolai (Velimirovic)

Notes & Jottings



SGOIS GOLDEN JUBILEE

On the wall of the office is a certificate, now somewhat faded, recording the registration of the name Saint George Orthodox Information Service on 21 July 1970. The word service was chosen deliberately. There is no claim to speak in the name of the Church or even to represent the Church. It is simply a small group of enthusiasts serving the Church by doing each day whatever the Lord sends us to do. May He grant that succeeding generations will carry on for another 50 years.

COLLEGE PROGRESS

During the late unhappy inconvenience, the groundsman was unable to work for several weeks. This was just at the time when everything was growing rapidly. Fortunately, he was able to resume work on 19 May and is still working to make up for lost time.

One of the consequences of slipping into a parallel universe was that churches ceased needing their weekly candle deliveries. This didn't mean that we had nothing to do. Many people rediscovered reading during their enforced idleness. Since Olland Bookshop has extensive stock advertised on-line (Abe), we benefitted from a considerable increase in sales, giving us more work packing and dispatching orders. Then, still having more time to devote to indoor work, it was possible to get the library reorganised and the new shelves fully stocked.

Outdoor work has been progressing too. Conscious of the damage that can be done by damp, a lot of the outside woodwork, the chandlery, wheelchair ramp, the bench at the west end of the church and the old shed have all been creosoted. The latter has also had the roof repaired and a heavy work bench has been made to turn that building into a workshop. The garden furniture in the courtyard has been painted white to make it into a more pleasant sitting area. Also, the college front door has been painted.

It has long been a plan to create a Common Room for social purposes. The previous owners of the property sacrificed a considerable amount of floor space, in what had been the old laundry and servants' quarters, to make a double garage. It is impossible to understand such a decision. The extensive grounds would have provided ample space to build a large garage, without using part of the house. Just like so many domestic garages, this one has become filled with mountains of miscellaneous discarded things and general junk. This is now being tackled before the first stage of

the work begins on 12 August. The first of the up-and-over garage doors will be removed. This will be replaced by a glass door, with windows on either side. The remainder of the opening will be bricked up and rendered. The fact that the work is beginning should provide an incentive to move forward with a second stage.

AN IKON RESTORED & TWO NEW IKONS COMMISSIONING

Fr Elias Jones, of pious memory, who was served at our church for many years before his death in 2017, left a small ikon of St David of Wales which has now been cleaned and varnished by Efrem Carrasco. We are also now seeking to commission two new ikons from Efrem, the first is an ikon of the Descent into Hades, and the second is an ikon of St George the Great Martyr which will be painted in honour of the 50th Anniversary of St George Orthodox Information Service. Both ikons will be photographed and printed as new cards as soon as they are available.



NAMEDAYS

To everyone who is celebrating a nameday at this time we send congratulations and wish them:

Many Years!

- 1 August – **St Seraphim of Sarov** – Serafima Hopper, Seraphima Dembri.,
Seraphim Collins
- 4 August – **St Mary Magdalene** – Mary Tattum-Smith, Miriam Dembri
- 6 August – **Sts Boris & Gleb** – Boris Jermy, Gleb Jermy
- 7 August – **Repose of St Anna** – Anya Moss
- 10 August – **St Irene Chrysovoltantou** - Irina Dembri
- 14 August – **St Cennydd of Langennith** – Kenneth Lock
- 21 August – **St Gregory of Sinai** – Archpriest Gregory Butler



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

AUGUST 2020

Sunday 3 August

10.10am ~ Hours and Divine Liturgy (Prophet Elias)

Sunday 9 August

10.10am ~ Hours and Divine Liturgy (St Panteleimon)

Sunday 16 August

10.10am ~ Hours and Divine Liturgy (St Anthony the Roman)

Wednesday 19 August

10.10am ~ Hours and Festal Divine Liturgy (Transfiguration)

Sunday 23 August

10.10am ~ Hours and Divine Liturgy (Archdeacon Laurence)

Friday 28 August

10.10am ~ Hours and Divine Liturgy (Dormition of the Theotokos)

Sunday 30 August

10.10am ~ Hours and Divine Liturgy (Martyr Myron)