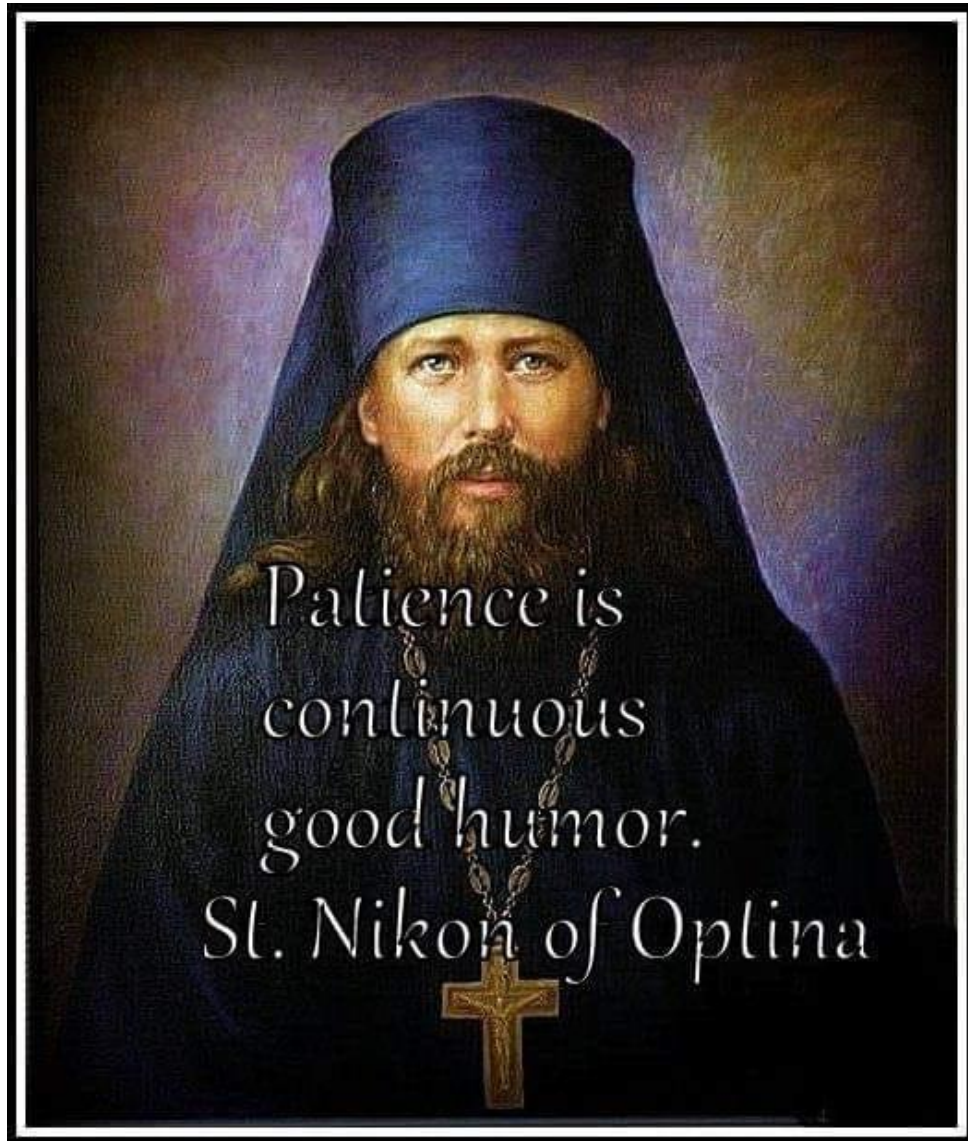




“Joy of All Who Sorrow”

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Notes & Jottings

THE PRESENT SITUATION

It is difficult to know what to think. In some countries, we hear that church services have continued even while other things have been closed. It is true, those countries are Orthodox. The restrictions here have doubtless been based on a different set of values. In any case, we are now in the happy situation of being able to resume services, so we look forward to seeing you on Sundays!

Meanwhile, works were carried out before the lockdown. The gutters on both the church and the house were cleaned. The plan was to do this at the last year, after all the leaves were down, but somehow it didn't get done then. Also, the rampant wisteria, which seems to grow at the same speed as Jack's beanstalk, has been pruned. Whilst it is beautiful when it is in flower in May, it can be quite destructive, getting behind drainpipes, blocking gutters and even reaching the chimney stacks.

St George Orthodox Information Service has recently imported a consignment of incense from Greece. The three fragrances are Byzantine, Rose and Jasmine. These are available in small packets @ £3 each or £28 for a box weighing one kilo. Since churches are closed for public services, no candles are being ordered, which is unusual at what is normally the busiest time of the year. The bookshop is closed to the public. Yet, because both the internet and the post office are both functioning, book sales have greatly increased.

Every evening, compline, the Akathist to the Mother of God Joy of All Who Sorrow and intercessions, take place in church. We continue to pray for all who are in need.

Most Holy Theotokos, save us!

NAMEDAYS

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

Many Years!

- 2 July – **St John the Wonderworker** – William John Stewart
- 9 July – **St Dionysii of Suzdal** – Didier (Dionysii) Dembri
- 12 July – **Holy Apostles Peter and Paul** – Archpriest Paul Elliott,
Peter Bauer Smith, Peter Williams, Peter Jermy
- 18 July – **St Athanasios of Mount Athos** – Martin (Athanasios) Darbyshire
- 18 July – **St Elizabeth the New Martyr** – Elizabeth Tattum-Smith
- 24 July – **St Olga of Russia** – Olga Jermy, Olga Ward
- 30 July – **Great Martyr Marina of Antioch** – Marina Lock, Marina Jermy,
Marina Andrews, Marina Randall



**COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF THE MOTHER OF GOD
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JULY 2020

Thursday 2 July

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

Sunday 5 July

10.10am ~ Hours and Divine Liturgy (St Alban)

Sunday 12 July

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

Sunday 19 July

10.10am ~ Hours and Divine Liturgy (St Sisoës the Great)

Sunday 26 July

10.10am ~ Hours and Divine Liturgy (Fathers of First Six Oecumenical Councils)