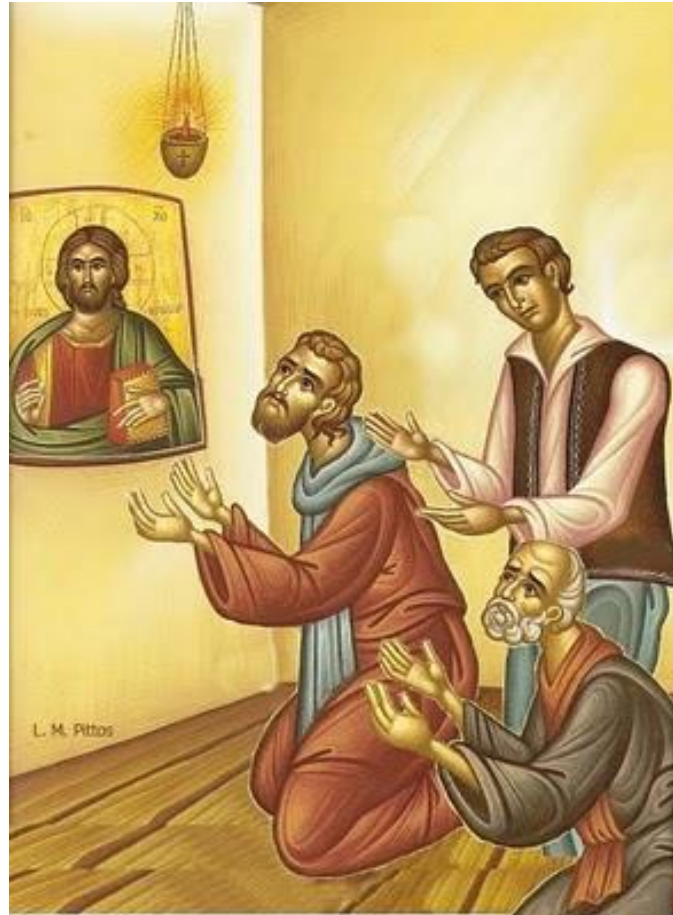




“Joy of All Who Sorrow”

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The more we pray for each other, the
more love unites us.

St. Gregory Palamas

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NOTES & JOTTINGS

GLASTONBURY THORN

As many people know, there is an ancient tradition in England that St Joseph of Arimathea travelled here very soon after the Crucifixion. It is said that, when he arrived, he planted his staff in the ground and it grew into a thorn tree. This tree was unusual, in that it bloomed not only once in spring, but also a second time at Christmas. Sadly, the original thorn, like so many of our ancient relics, was destroyed at the Reformation, but by that time the tree had been widely propagated, and we have been kindly gifted a tree which is descended from it. The tree was donated by Dr and Mrs Macmillan of Stroud, Father Deacon Mark's sister and brother-in-law. It has been planted outside the church, on the right-hand side of the path leading to the Foundress' grave. We are very grateful for this special gift.



RECEPTION OF CATECHUMENS

To the great joy of everyone in the community, in the week following the Sunday of the Prodigal Son, our two catechumens were received into the Church. Nicholas Matthewson, was received through baptism on Tuesday 26 February at our cathedral in London, and Mary (Sue) Bastin was received through chrismation on Saturday 2 March. Nicholas was named for St Nicholas of Myra, and Mary for St Mary of Egypt. They then received their first Holy Communion together at the Divine Liturgy on the Sunday of the Last Judgment, Sunday 3 March. Bishop Irenei sent his warmest congratulations. We wish the newly illumined Many Years!

WALSINGHAM MOLEBEN

On 12 February, Hieromonk Mark (Underwood) visited Walsingham with Norman Partridge of the Cardiff parish and his wife Georgina. Fr Deacon Mark and Matushka Elizabeth travelled there to meet them, where they had a moleben to the Ikon of Our Lady of Walsingham in the shrine chapel and drank from the well. They then shared lunch in the Norton Rooms, followed by a walk to enjoy the seasonal display of snowdrops.



NAMEDAYS

We send our congratulations to everyone who is celebrating a nameday at this time & wish them:

MANY YEARS!

18 March – **St Mark the Ascetic** – Archbishop Mark



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JOY OF ALL WHO SORROW**

MARCH 2019

Saturday 9 March

7.30pm ~ Vigil

Sunday 10 March

10.10am ~ Hours and Divine Liturgy (Forgiveness Sunday)

Approx. 1.45pm ~ Forgiveness Vespers

Monday 11 March - Thursday 14 March

7.30pm ~ Great Compline with the Great Canon of St Andrew of Crete

Saturday 16 March

7.30pm ~ Vigil

Sunday 17 March

10.10am ~ Hours and Divine Liturgy (Sunday of the Triumph of Orthodoxy)

A procession with the holy ikons and moleben will be held after the Liturgy

Saturday 23 March

7.30pm ~ Vigil

Sunday 24 March

10.10am – Hours & Divine Liturgy (Sunday of St Gregory Palamas)

Saturday 30 March

7.30pm ~ Vigil

Sunday 31 March

10.10am – Hours & Divine Liturgy (Sunday of the Cross)

The Sacrament of Holy Unction

Saturday 13 April at 1pm

with Bishop Alexander of Vevey & clergy of our diocese

Cathedral of the Nativity of the Theotokos, 57 Harvard Rd, Chiswick, London W4 4ED

If you have not been to our beautiful Cathedral, please make the effort to go and receive this sacrament of healing. It is essential that anyone wishing to receive anointing should have made a full confession and partaken of Holy Communion during the previous weeks of Great Lent.