



“Joy of All Who Sorrow”

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“He who refuses to give in to his passions does the same as he who refuses to bow down and worship idols.”

St Theophan the Recluse

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NOTES & JOTTINGS

PILGRIMAGE TO KRONSTADT

On Wednesday 7 August, several members of our community met in St Petersburg, at the convent founded by St John of Kronstadt, and then travelled out to Kotlin Island where the city of Kronstadt is located. They visited St John's house and the site of the cathedral where he served.



TRIP TO CARDIFF

Fr Dcn Mark and family used the opportunity of a late summer holiday to family in Gloucestershire to pay a visit to our parish in Cardiff dedicated to the Kazan Ikon of the Mother of God on Sunday 1 September. Fr Mark concelebrated with the parish rector Hieromonk Mark (Underwood) and George served in the Altar. The whole family were made very welcome and after the divine liturgy were kindly given gifts of holy oil and ikons from a parishioner, Wyn Davies, who had recently made a pilgrimage to Moscow. Fr Mark and Matushka Elizabeth very much look forward to returning to the parish in late November when Vladyka Irenei will be visiting.



GIFTS RECEIVED

A fine semi-circular wooden (teak) bench seat to go in front of the tree outside the west doors of the collegiate church has been generously donated by Viktor and Elena Levine.

Four varieties of incense were brought back from Russia and donated to the church by Alla Steel. Archpriest Geoffrey Korz from Toronto, who visited Mettingham and served with us on Sunday 11 August, kindly donated some items to the college library including a copy of *The Kursk-Root Icon* compiled by Hieromonk Kosmas (Vasilopoulos) and a *Book of Akathists* translated from various sources. We express our thanks to all who have generously supported the church with these gifts.



KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please make a note in your diary for our two important services coming up in November. Firstly, we will celebrate our patronal feast of the Ikon of the Mother of God: *Joy of All Who Sorrow* on **Wednesday 6 November**. We hope that Vladyka Irenei will be celebrating the Liturgy but this is still to be confirmed. Secondly, on **Friday 15 November** we will have a Requiem Liturgy for the repose of the foundress of our church, Mary Bond.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- Cycle Day, the annual fundraising event for Suffolk Historic Churches Trust, is on Saturday 14 September. The church will be open all day, as it is every day, and we will be on hand to sign the forms of the participating cyclists. There are sponsorship forms in the narthex.
- On Saturday 21 September, the Feast of the Nativity of the Mother of God, there will be no liturgy in Mettingham as some members of the parish will be going to our Cathedral in London for their patronal feast.

NAMEDAYS

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

MANY YEARS!

1 September – **Holy Martyr Timothy of Palestine** – Timothy Levin

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

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

12 September – **St Alexander of Constantinople** – Alexander Bascu

24 September – **St Deiniol of Bangor** – Archimandrite Deiniol

30 September – **Sts Sophia and her daughters, Vera, Nadezhda and Lubov** – Sophia Weston



COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF THE MOTHER OF GOD

JOY OF ALL WHO SORROW

SEPTEMBER 2019

Saturday 7 September

7.30pm ~ Vigil

Sunday 8 September

10.10am ~ Hours and Divine Liturgy (Vladimir Ikon / Martyrs Adrian & Natalia)

Saturday 14 September

7.30pm ~ Vigil

Sunday 15 September

10.10am ~ Hours and Divine Liturgy (Martyr Mamas & John the Faster)

Saturday 21 September

7.30pm ~ Vigil

Sunday 22 September

10.10am – Hours & Divine Liturgy (Sunday before the Exaltation)

Thursday 26 September

7.30pm ~ Vigil

✠ Friday 27 September ✠

10.10am ~ Hours and Divine Liturgy (Elevation of the Cross)

Saturday 28 September

7.30pm ~ Vigil

Sunday 29 September

10.10am – Hours & Divine Liturgy (Sts Edith & Ninian)