



“Joy of All Who Sorrow”

No. 178 February, 2024



FEAST OF NATIVITY & THEOPHANY

This January we have had wonderful celebrations of both the Feasts of the Nativity of Christ and of the Theophany. For the Sunday Liturgy on Christmas day itself there were approximately 70 people in church with many communicants. After the service a magnificent Christmas lunch was served followed by carols and festive songs. Thank you to all who contributed whether by preparing the church, giving flowers, bringing food or helping with washing-up. On the Feast of Theophany itself we had a much smaller number of people present in church for the Liturgy and first Great Blessing of water. On the Sunday after Theophany another first for our parish was the Great Blessing of the River Waveney at Wainford Bridge. Although the weather was a little windy, we were able to complete the blessing without any mishap and three plucky souls plunged themselves three-times beneath the newly blessed water.

THEOPHANY HOUSE BLESSINGS

Fr Mark has now started blessing houses of parishioners with the Theophany water and would like to bless the homes of all the people who attend our church. Please contact him to arrange this as soon as possible with the details at the bottom of the service schedule. Ideally a time should be arranged so that all members of the household will be present.

NEW INSTAGRAM ACCOUNT

Thanks to Seminarian Aiden Harrington who was visiting us during January, the church now has its own Instagram account as well as a refreshed youtube channel to compliment its existing [Facebook page](#) and [Telegram channel](#). If you are on Instagram please follow us [@MettinghamOrthodox](#) as well as subscribing to our Youtube channel [@MettinghamOrthodox](#). If you take any good photographs or videos whilst at church or in and around the grounds please send them on to Fr Mark.

NAMEDAYS

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

Many Years!

1 February – **St Mark, Archbishop of Ephesus** – Hieromonk Mark (Underwood)

13 February – **St Victor of Corinth, Martyr** – Viktor Levine



PARISH & COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF THE IKON OF THE THEOTOKOS:
"JOY OF ALL WHO SORROW"

FEBRUARY 2024

Saturday 3rd February

7.30pm ~ *Great Vespers & Confessions*

✠ Sunday 4th February ✠

(New Martyrs & Confessors of Russia)

10.10am ~ Hours & Divine Liturgy

Wednesday 7th February

7.30pm ~ *Moleben to St Xenia of St Petersburg*

Saturday 10th February

7.30pm ~ *Great Vespers & Confessions*

Sunday 11th February

(Hieromartyr Ignatius the God-bearer)

10.10am ~ Hours & Divine Liturgy

Wednesday 14th February

7.30pm ~ *Great Vespers & Lita*

✠ Thursday 15th February ✠

(Feast of the Meeting of the Lord)

10.10am ~ Hours & Divine Liturgy

Saturday 17th February

7.30pm ~ *Great Vespers & Confessions*

Sunday 18st February

(Afterfeast of the Meeting | Zacchaeus Sunday)

10.10am ~ Hours & Divine Liturgy

Wednesday 21st February

7.30pm ~ *Moleben to Ikon of the Theotokos: Joy of All Who Sorrow*

Saturday 24th February

7.30pm ~ *Great Vespers & Confessions*

Sunday 25st February

(Sunday of the Publican & the Prodigal)

10.10am ~ Hours & Divine Liturgy

Wednesday 28th February

7.30pm ~ *Moleben to St Raphael of Brooklyn*

For all other services and pastoral needs & inquiries please contact Priest Mark Tattum-Smith on:
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