



# “Joy of All Who Sorrow”

No. 182 June, 2024



## **Paschal Baptism**

We had an especially joyous Holy Week and Pascha this year as we prepared our Catechumen Luke for baptism on Holy Saturday. The weather seemed to participate and compliment the different holy events commemorated on the final days of Holy Week: dark clouds and heavy rain appeared on Thursday evening during the 12 Gospels service and remained unsettled for the rest of Holy Friday. On Holy Saturday the weather lifted, and the sun started to show its face as we began to fill the font ready for Luke's baptism after Vespers. This baptism was another first for our church in two ways, it was Fr Mark's first baptism in his priestly ministry and was the first adult we have baptised inside the church. The latter was made possible through our recent acquisition of a 1100 litre open water tank which just managed to fit inside the church before the tomb of Christ. We are very grateful to the advice of BaptistryUK who supplied a custom-fit liner as well as a step, heater and pump. It was wonderful to see many members of the community who came to support Luke at his baptism and were able to congratulate him as he emerged from the font. A few hours later, Luke returned to experience his first Pascha now as a full member of the Orthodox Church and after the Paschal Procession and Paschal Matins was the first to receive Holy Communion. Many Years were sung for Luke and his sponsor James and we wish him every blessing as he takes his first steps as an Orthodox Christian. Later in the afternoon Pascha we served Vespers and heard the Gospel read in many languages including Latin, Greek, Russian, French and German followed by our Easter Party with many old friends and parishioners. It was a joyous end to a beautiful and grace-filled Holy Week and Pascha. Glory to God!

## **Bright Friday in Walsingham**

On Bright Friday several members of the Parish came to the Orthodox Chapel in the Anglican Shrine in Walsingham for the Altar Feast of the Life-giving Spring including the newly-illuminated Luke in his baptismal gown. Fr Mark concelebrated in the Altar with Fr Evgeny Selensky and the joy of the feast was made complete by the presence of Archpriest Philip Steer, the former priest of the Orthodox Shrine Chapel, and his dear Matushka Philippa who cares for Father so devotedly. After a beautiful Liturgy a delicious spread was laid on in the Refectory thanks to the labours of Mother Melangell.

## **Artos & Holy Water**

Cubes of Artos bread are available through Dcn Andrew or Fr Mark. On the Feast of Mid-Pentecost water was blessed and is available on the left hand side of the church.

## **Pilgrimage to Iken**

With the blessing of Bishop Irenei we will be making our Annual Pilgrimage to St Botolph's Church in Iken on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June. We will serve a Moleben to the saint with Akathist at 11.30am followed by a light bring and share picnic.

## **Deacon Andrew turns 80!**

Our sincere congratulations to our own and very dear Fr Dcn Andrew on reaching his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday on the feast of Mid-Pentecost, 29<sup>th</sup> May 2024. Although he appeared far from pleased at being reminded of his age(!), he did seem grateful for the delightful cake that was specially baked for him and enjoyed at Trapeza on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June. Many more years, Father!

## **Ikonostasis**

We have had news from Jiri and Silouan from Dylan Hartley Ltd that our ikonostasis is now in the process of being built and Efrem Carrasco, our ikonographer, has provided drawings of the new ikons of Christ and the Theotokos. It is hoped that the ikons and ikonostasis will be installed in late July.



**PARISH & COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF THE IKON OF THE THEOTOKOS:**

**JUNE 2024**

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June**

*7.30pm ~ Great Vespers & Confessions*

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June**

**(Sunday of the Samaritan Woman)**

**10.10am ~ Hours & Divine Liturgy**

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June**

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

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June**

*7.30pm ~ Great Vespers & Confessions*

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June**

**(Sunday of the Blind Man)**

**10.10am ~ Hours & Divine Liturgy**

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June**

*7.30pm ~ Vespers with Lilia*

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June**

**✠ (Ascension of Christ) ✠**

**10.10am ~ Hours & Divine Liturgy**

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June**

**Annual Pilgrimage to St Botolph's Church Iken**

*Church Lane, Iken, Woodbridge IP12 2ES*

**11.30am ~ Moleben & Akathist followed by bring and share picnic**

*7.30pm ~ Great Vespers & Confessions*

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June**

**(Sunday of the Fathers of the 1<sup>st</sup> Oecumenical Council)**

**10.10am ~ Hours & Divine Liturgy**

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June**

*7.30pm ~ Panikhida*

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June**

*7.30pm ~ Great Vespers & Confessions*

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June**

**✠ Pentecost ✠**

**10.10am ~ Hours & Divine Liturgy**

*2.30pm approx. Kneeling Vespers*

**No Wednesday service**

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June**

*7.30pm ~ Great Vespers & Confessions*

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June**

**(Sunday of All Saints)**

**10.10am ~ Hours & Divine Liturgy**

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