



“Joy of All Who Sorrow”

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Visitation of the Hawaiian Myrrh-streaming Ikon

On Thursday 14th November, the holy, wonderworking Myrrh-streaming Hawaiian Ikon of the Mother of God came to our church directly after visiting the Holy House in Walsingham. A Moleben and Akathist was concelebrated together with our chancellor Archpriest Paul Elliott, Hieromonk Theodore (Stanway) and Archpriest Evgeny Selensky. Everyone was then anointed with the Holy Myrrh and the anoly that the Ikon had been resting on was left damp with myrrh. We were all greatly touched and edified by the personal sacrifice and example of Fr Nektarios, the Ikon's Guardian, as well as Fr Paul and Fr Theodore who despite an exhausting schedule involving long services and car journeys enabled everyone to have time with the ikon and enabled the ikon to bless the College as well as a home in Beccles.

Patronal Feast and Founder's Day

On Wednesday 6th November we celebrated our Patronal Feast on a bright and crisp Autumnal day and it was lovely to have Matushka Antonina from our Norwich parish celebrating with us. After the Festal Liturgy we had a cross procession around the church followed by a festal meal. Founder's day, on Friday 15th November, was also well attended this year and we were joined by our Chancellor, Archpriest Paul Elliott with many friends and clergy in attendance including Fr Alexander Haig and Fr Mark Shillaker from the Antiochian Parish of St Martin's in Colchester. In the Altar it was also a special joy to have our Trustee Daniel Price serving with us who also read the Epistle. After the Liturgy we made our usual visit to Mary's Grave where we served a Litiya. May her memory be eternal!

Reception into the Church

Inna Matusauskiene now Huggins was reconciled back to the Orthodox Church before the Divine Liturgy on Sunday 24th November through the Mystery of Chrismation. Her name saint is St Inna of Scythia, the disciple of St Andrew the Apostle, and her sponsor was Maria Dive. Inna has been worshipping with us for over a year now and often comes to church with her beautiful grandchildren. Congratulations Inna, and welcome home!

Three Marriages

Since the end of October we have had a record-breaking three marriages in our church! Our newly-wedded couples include: James and Mary Hollinshead who were married on Sunday 27th October; Aiden and Mary Harrington who were married on Sunday 17th November and finally Colin and Inna Huggins who were married on Sunday 24th November. Congratulations to all the happy new couples and we wish you many, many years!

New acquisitions

In November we have had a number of new acquisitions, firstly, our friend Timothy Levine installed a new cross he had fashioned from stainless steel to replace the old wooden one that had finally rotted away. Secondly, we also took delivery of our new candle holder and donation box which is now in place in the narthex. Thirdly, we had a new door mat delivered for the porch and the carpet on the amvon was reattached following the installation of the ikonostasis. Finally, Mark Munson, a Silversmith from Essex, renewed the gold plating on our disks.

Burial of Antony Jones

Of your charity please pray for the soul of Antony Jones, the late adopted son of Fr Elias and Matushka Barbara who was buried in our churchyard on Monday 26th November next to his parents' graves. May his Memory be Eternal!

A St Nicholas Evening

On the evening of Wednesday 18th December – the eve of St Nicholas' Feast - we will hold the first of what we hope will be a regular series of special events for children & young people. See details below.



PARISH & COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF THE IKON OF THE THEOTOKOS:

DECEMBER 2024

Saturday 31st November

7.30pm ~ Great Vespers & Confessions

Sunday 1st December

(Martyrs Plato and Romanus)

10.10am ~ Hours & Divine Liturgy

Tuesday 3rd December

7.30pm ~ Great Vespers with Litia

✠ Wednesday 4th December ✠

Entry of the Theotokos into the Temple

10.10am ~ Hours & Divine Liturgy

Saturday 7th December

7.30pm ~ Great Vespers & Confessions

Sunday 8th December

(Hieromartyr Clement, Pope of Rome)

10.10am ~ Hours & Divine Liturgy

Wednesday 11th December

7.30pm ~ Moleben to Ikona Joy of All Who Sorrow

Saturday 14th December

7.30pm ~ Great Vespers & Confessions

Sunday 15th December

(Prophet Habakkuk)

10.10am ~ Hours & Divine Liturgy

Wednesday 18th December

from 5.45pm ~ A St Nicholas Evening details below

Saturday 21st December

7.30pm ~ Great Vespers & Confessions

Sunday 22nd December

(Conception by St. Anna of the Most Holy Theotokos)

10.10am ~ Hours & Divine Liturgy

Saturday 28th December

7.30pm ~ Great Vespers & Confessions

Sunday 29th December

(Prophet Haggai)

10.10am ~ Hours & Divine Liturgy

A St Nicholas Evening for children & young people

Wednesday 18th December

@ 5.45pm for 6pm

6pm ~ Bring & Share Tea

6.45pm ~ Story for children / Talk with Q&A with Fr Mark for older kids

7.15pm ~ St Nicholas songs

7.45pm ~ Moleben with Akathist to St Nicholas