PARISH OF THE HOLY TRINITY



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Weekly Worship, Events & Announcements — Submissions Welcome!

Upcoming Week

- Sunday service at home: <u>Typika Service</u> (click top left triple-bar menu, choose 'Sacraments & Services,' then 'Liturgy'), used with <u>Liturgy - Variable Parts</u>
- Archdiocesan Sunday bulletin
- Saints' days in <u>Greek</u> and <u>English</u>
- Online <u>9.30 Sunday Matins & Liturgy</u> at Holy Wisdom Cathedral, London
- Online <u>10.30 Sunday Liturgy</u> at St Nicholas Parish, Oxford

Events & Announcements

7 February, Liturgy will resume in the Church for congregations of **20 people** (details below). Please sign up online as before through <u>Eventbrite</u>.

Last Tuesday Metropolitan Kallistos underwent an operation on his digestive system. This was done to relieve symptoms, and should allow him to feel much more comfortable.

The website of the <u>Orthodox Fellowship of St John the Baptist</u> has a brief list of additional UK Orthodox churches offering their services online, as well as sites hosting talks and sermons that you may find worthwhile in the current health crisis.

From Fr Ian

Dear Friends,

Events have once more overtaken me! I received a message from the Archdiocese on Thursday afternoon telling me that the Archbishop was asking us to open up the churches again for public worship. The message has arrived too late to make any difference to our practice this weekend, but it does mean that we will be serving the Holy Liturgy in our church once more from February 7th.

Things will be the same as last year when the church was permitted to open. We will still have to restrict ourselves to a congregation of 20 at each Liturgy, and we are asking you to book places via Eventbrite, as you did before. You are still asked to wear a mask at all times (other than when receiving Holy Communion), to sanitise your hands on entering and leaving the church, to keep the appropriate social distance, to ensure the marshals have your contact details and so on. These practices have proved their value in the last five months or so and, although it may seem strange to speak of them in this way, are actually part of our Christian witness to the world around us. In observing them we show our love and concern for our fellow human beings, and we may remember that Christ spoke of love for our neighbour as the second greatest commandment (Mark 12:31).

I know that you will all be happy that we can return to the Liturgy, but please continue to show love for your neighbours by letting them, too, have the opportunity to attend the services. If you are not able to attend do remember those who are at the services in your prayers, and do let Fr Seraphim and me have the names of those among the living and the departed that you want us to commemorate at the Liturgy. May God bless our efforts to His glory!

With my love to you all,

Fr Ian



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Please remember Holy Trinity Parish in your prayers!

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