

PARISH OF THE HOLY TRINITY



COMMUNITY BULLETIN

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*Weekly Worship, Events & Announcements —
Submissions Welcome!*

Upcoming Week

- ❖ Please pray for newly departed Philip, Elena, Tsvetanka, Nicholas, and for the sick Peter & Philip.
 - ❖ Sunday service at home: [Typika Service](#) (click top left triple-bar menu, choose 'Sacraments & Services,' then 'Liturgy'), used with [Liturgy - Variable Parts](#)
 - ❖ Archdiocesan [Sunday bulletin](#)
 - ❖ Saints' days in [Greek](#) and [English](#)
 - ❖ Online [9.30 Sunday Matins & Liturgy](#) at Holy Wisdom Cathedral, London
 - ❖ Online [10.30 Sunday Liturgy](#) at St Nicholas Parish, Oxford
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Events & Announcements

Sunday 25 April marks Palm Sunday. (Holy Week following is a strict fast.) There is a [wonderful video](#) by Anna Conomos, a professional storyteller and member of our community, telling this story from a surprising perspective!

The deadline for requests to attend one of the three liturgies over Pascha weekend has now passed and more than 40 households have applied. Please remember to pray for (and be charitable towards!) all your fellow parishioners as these places are allocated. Each household chosen in the ballot must **confirm acceptance and the number attending. There are also a few Holy Week service places still available [here](#).**

Archbishop Nikitas will be attending the Bridegroom Matins in Oxford on Holy Tuesday! Please see below for further important announcements and information about Holy Week services, as well as other opportunities to be in church this week.

The Lenten collection in our community this year is for [Shepherds' High School](#) in Beit Sahour, Palestine. (Auxiliary Association members who went on the 2019 pilgrimage nominated this organisation.) Use the collection box on the candle desk at church, or contact parish treasurer Philip A (information below) for details of how to contribute.

Holy Week & Pascha Arrangements

Dear Friends,

As we approach Holy Week and Easter I am following up last week's letter with some notes on the forthcoming celebrations.

1. On Holy Tuesday we will be blessed to have Archbishop Nikitas visit us for the evening Matins of the Bridegroom. Unfortunately we still have to restrict the number of people able to be present in the church, but if you have not booked for the service but would like to have a chance to greet His Eminence I would suggest that you come towards the end of the service (about 7:30) and queue outside the church until the marshals are able to admit you.

2. The same discipline will apply for those who wish to receive the Holy Anointing on Wednesday evening and have not been able to book a place at the service. In this case, too, come at the end of the service (again about 7:30) and wait to be admitted by the marshals. I would ask that this year you go to be anointed by only one of the priests present. This will enable as many people as possible to receive the Sacrament while still observing the rules on social distancing.

3. We have been able to introduce into our schedule an extra service: the Passion Service of the 12 Gospels. This will take place on Thursday evening after the evening Liturgy, so starting at 8:00. I thank everyone who has made it possible for us to celebrate this service. Please ensure that the church is cleared promptly after the 6:00 Liturgy to enable the necessary cleaning before the next service starts.

4. For those who have been unsuccessful in the ballot for places at Saturday and Sunday's services there will be a lamp with the Holy Fire hanging outside the church in the later evening on Saturday. Weather permitting, there will also be an opportunity to light candles at the church doorway. Again I would ask that people queue in an orderly fashion and help our marshals by following their directions.

May our risen Lord grant that we may know him better as we celebrate his Passion and Resurrection. With my love to you all,

Fr Ian



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