

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, 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](#), with Ss Constantine & Helen, Friday 21 May
- ❖ Online [9.30 Sunday Matins & Liturgy](#) at Holy Wisdom Cathedral, London
- ❖ Online [10.30 Sunday Liturgy](#) at St Nicholas Parish, Oxford

Events & Announcements

Sunday 16 May marks [Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women](#). (The upcoming week follows the standard fasting pattern, modified with wine & oil on fast days.)

Sign up [here](#) for Sunday liturgies in May. The Parish council will meet on 18 May, and please add to your calendar the online **parish AGM at 4pm on Sunday 6 June**.

The Friends of Mt Athos Conference will take place on **Saturday 12 June** (flyer with details below). If you would like to attend all or part of this event, please register with administrator Maria Harff (foma.accadm@gmail.com). A link will be sent to you before the meeting.

The campaign for a memorial bench and icon in honour of Patricia Scott continues—we need just over £300 to meet our goal of £1800! If you would like to take part, **please see our [JustGiving page](#) or consult the flyer below**.

From Fr Ian

Dear Friends,

Christ is risen!

As I write we are anticipating the next easing of the lockdown restrictions, but we have no idea as yet how (or if) this will affect us. At present it looks as if our arrangements for Sunday worship will not change, but we will be allowed to celebrate weddings and baptisms with a restricted number of people present. So we are continuing to operate the booking system that we have been using for the past year for our forthcoming Liturgies in June. If we are able to relax these rules we will do so, and I will let everyone know when this happens.

Easter probably seems a long time ago now to most of us, but I want to thank everyone who made our observances of Holy Week and the feast of the Lord's resurrection run so smoothly. Especial thanks are due to our marshals, our singers and to all those who worked behind the scenes to make sure that, although it was not the Holy Week we would have wanted, it was nonetheless a true community celebration. May we be able to do much more next year!

In this Paschal season let us find new ways to bring the light of the risen Christ to the world around us, and as we emerge into this spring of hope may we continue to show the love that is our Lord's commandment to all we meet.

With my love to you all,

Fr Ian



Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women

Gospel from Matins [Luke 24:1-12]

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices which they had prepared. And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel; and as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of man must be delivered in to the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and on the third day rise." And they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told this to the apostles; but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home wondering at what had happened.



Because these women proclaimed the Resurrection and contributed greatly to assuring us, with utter certainty, of Christ's Resurrection, the Church of God received the tradition of celebrating them after St Thomas, for they were the first to see Christ risen from the dead, preached the message of salvation to all, and most excellently pursued the life according to Christ and as befitted women who were disciples of Christ.

By the intercessions of the Holy Myrrh-Bearers, O God, have mercy on us. Amen.



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**Please remember
Holy Trinity Parish
in your prayers!**



FRIENDS OF MOUNT ATHOS

Summer Conference

12 June 2021 – Via Zoom

There will be two talks. The first, at 11.30am, will be given by **Fr Maximos Conostas**:

‘I Waited Patiently for the Lord’ (Psalm 40:1): Elder Aimilianos of Simonopetra on Faith, Sickness, and Suffering

About the talk

A leading figure in the modern revival of monastic life on Mount Athos, Elder Aimilianos of Simonopetra (1934-2019) was an outstanding monastic teacher and theologian. Among the many themes that he addressed was the problem of sickness and suffering along with the proper human response to these unavoidable aspects of life. This talk presents the teachings of the Elder on this subject, which are biblically based, deeply rooted in the spirit of the Fathers of the Church, and profound in their exploration of the human condition.

About the speaker

The Very Revd Archimandrite Maximos Conostas is Professor of Patristics and Orthodox Spirituality at Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology in Brookline, MA, and a former monk at the Holy Monastery of Simonopetra. In addition to his scholarly publications, Fr Maximos has translated four volumes of the writings of Elder Aimilianos of Simonopetra.

1:45pm - **AGM**: reports, election of committee members, approval of accounts, and any other business.

The second talk, at 2.30pm, will be given by **Dr Olivier Delouis**.

‘Hidden Treasures of Mount Athos: The Monasteries and their Archives’

About the talk

Athonite archives from Byzantine times have aroused a great curiosity and interest from scholars of all nationalities since the eighteenth century. This talk will present both their contents and the history of their study until recent years.

About the speaker

Dr Olivier Delouis is a senior researcher at the National Center for Scientific Research (CNRS), Paris. He is a member of the editorial team of the series ‘Archives de l’Athos’ and with M. Zivojinovic is author of Actes de Chilandar II (forthcoming in 2021).

Remembering Patricia Scott

Two years ago on 7 April the One Canterbury community lost a beloved and long-time parishioner, Patricia Scott (1946–2019). Patricia was an exemplary friend and parish volunteer who actively cared for an exceptionally wide network of people. She was Senior Nurse at Sobell House, served on the Holy Trinity and Joint Parish Councils, and was a trustee for the House of Ss Gregory & Macrina. Patricia also enthusiastically participated in and supported the hospitality and charitable work undertaken by the Auxiliary Association of St Andrew, which is now launching two projects in her memory:



An engraved, sustainable teak garden bench will be placed in the garden looking toward the church at One Canterbury Road, Oxford. The House of Ss Gregory & Macrina has offered an excellent site near the doors leading from the library into the garden. The chosen engraving will be:

*Patricia Scott (1946–2019)
Friend & Pillar of the Community*

A newly commissioned, unique icon of Ss Patrick & Helen will be installed near the candle desk where Patricia stood and welcomed us into the church for so many years. The saints chosen honour Patricia's birth name as well as her baptismal name Helen, and the completed icon has arrived from the monastery of [Chrysopigi](#) in Crete and can be seen in the church.



How to donate:

1. Through our [JustGiving page](#).
2. [PayPal donations](#). There is no space for a reference, so email community@holytrinityoxord.org.uk as well.
3. For bank transfers, remember to use 'Patricia' as the reference. (Banking details available by request.)
4. By text to 70470. For example, if you wish to donate £20, text PATRICIA 20 to this number.

Any donated funds beyond those needed for the projects described above will go to Oxford Hospitals Charity.
