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Weekly Worship, Events & Announcements — Submissions Welcome!

Upcoming Week

- Please pray for the newly departed Sylvia, Dylan, Demetra and Patrick, and the sick Peter, Monica and the priest Andreas.
- 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 <u>Sunday Bulletin</u>
- Saints' days in <u>Greek</u> and <u>English</u>
- ❖ Online 9.30 Sunday Matins & Liturgy at Holy Wisdom Cathedral, London
- Online 10.30 Sunday Liturgy at St Nicholas Parish, Oxford

Events & Announcements

Please use this <u>sign-up link</u> for July services. (The upcoming week follows the usual pattern, with fasting on Wednesday & Friday.)

Residents of the House of Ss Gregory & Macrina have tested positive for Covid-19. Please pray for them at a difficult time, and refrain from using the garden at One Canterbury until the required period of isolation ends on 14 July. **This also means that there will be no access to toilets during Sunday's service.**

Sunday 11 July marks the Commemoration of All New Saints including the first celebration of the newly canonised St Sophrony of Essex. Sr Seraphima, as a member of the monastic community in Essex, will chant for the liturgy and introduce festal material for the Saint. You may enjoy Sr Gabriela's excellent <u>article</u> in the *Orthodox Arts Journal* on the process of painting and refining original icons of St Sophrony for the faithful to venerate. There is also a charming <u>stop-animation</u> of his life put together by children from the Annunciation Parish, Manchester.

Summer Arts Festival

In a summer spirit, July's bulletins will feature working artists whose activities are inspired by Orthodox faith and traditions.



The choral group <u>Cappella Romana</u> — a professional vocal ensemble based in the Pacific Northwest and led by Holy Trinity cantor and parishioner Alexander Lingas — is celebrating its 30th anniversary this year. The group performs sacred classical music in the Christian traditions of East and West, with emphasis on early and contemporary music, and is known especially for its presentations and recordings of medieval Byzantine chant, Greek and Russian Orthodox choral works, as well as other sacred music. After years of work, these specialist musicologists and uniquely skilled singers provide highly unusual programmes as they strive for glimpses of transcendence through music.

Cappella Romana's passionate combination of scholarship and performance is fully demonstrated in the *Lost Voices of Hagia Sophia* project, a long-running collaboration with Stanford University's Center for Computer Research in Music and Acoustics, and Department of Art & Art History. Researchers from Stanford were given permission to carry out discreet sonic research in Hagia Sophia itself, and they then extrapolated detailed acoustics of the building, not least its unusually long ring-time (echo) of 11 seconds. Cappella Romana was asked to identify and make editions of appropriate medieval chant repertoire to help researchers further explore the historic sound world of this most famous of churches. The acoustic signature of the building was ultimately applied to live chanting via a large circle of programmed speakers, as in this *Prokeimenon* or spectacular *Cherubic Hymn*. The project is outlined in an NPR radio feature and detailed in an absorbing documentary. The team of scholars and singers went on to release the first vocal album in the world to be recorded entirely in live virtual acoustics, engineered at Skywalker Sound in California.



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