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*Weekly Worship, Events & Announcements —
Submissions Welcome*

Upcoming Week

- ❖ Please pray for the newly departed Stephen, Sylvia and Dylan, and for the sick Peter, Monica and priest Andreas.
 - ❖ 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

Monday 26 July the Orthodox Fellowship of St John the Baptist continues its series of talks with Sister Magdalen speaking on [St Silouan and St Sophrony](#).

Please note that the bulletin will pause after the 15 August Dormition feastday, resuming in September as a twice-monthly publication.

The upcoming week follows the usual pattern, with fasting on Wednesday & Friday. Sunday marks the [Repose of St Anna](#), and saints celebrated in the upcoming week include [St Paraskevi](#) (Monday) and [St Panteleimon](#) the Unmercenary (Tuesday).

Exaposteilarion from Sunday Matins

*Of righteous Anna, called by God, let us duly sing praises.
For she conceived beyond all hope and bore the Virgin Mary,
the most-holy Theotokos; and in so doing she was shone forth
to be the kin of Christ our Redeemer;
and He has today as God taken her to join Him on high in heaven.
She intercedes on our behalf and for the sake of world peace.*

Summer Arts Festival

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



[Rev Dr Dobromir Dimitrov](#) has earned degrees in both iconography and theology, and is a priest of the Orthodox Church (Bulgarian Patriarchate) who lives and ministers to his flock in London and Kent. Fr Dobromir is also closely connected with our parish here in Oxford — he regularly celebrated services together with Fr Ian and Fr Seraphim between 2014 and 2016 when he was an OTEP scholar in the Faculty of Theology (Regent's Park College). In 2017-2018, he restored the iconostasis of our church, the mosaic icon of Christ *Pantocrator*, the icons of the Holy Transfiguration, the Nativity of Christ, and the Beheading of St John the Baptist. He also painted new icons which are placed in the naos of the church, such as the icons of the Holy Empress Irene, and St Mary of Egypt.

Fr Dobromir has painted icons in the Byzantine tradition for more than 23 years, and his work can be found in churches and monasteries in some 15 countries. He executes specially commissioned icons, sacred murals and mosaics; restores and conserves old icons and works of art; and provides expert advice on church interior design. Drawing on the treasure house of Christian art, Fr Dobromir creates images using a variety of iconographic techniques: egg tempera, fresco, and mosaic. Using the theology of colours, he proclaims the truth that 'God was manifested in the flesh' (1 Tim 3:16) and creates a testimony to the Taboric light and the love of the beautiful (φιλοκαλία). In addition to his teaching, providing expertise, and writing, he researches early Christian art and Byzantine iconography. Of particular interest to him are the depictions of [Western](#) early Christian saints. By painting their holy icons, he is helping to restore their veneration in the UK and Western Europe.



From Fr Ian & Fr Seraphim

Dear Friends,

Following the UK government's announcement on Monday we are pleased to tell you that there will no longer be a requirement to book places in order to attend church services. From this coming Sunday 25 July, anyone who wishes to attend may now do so. We note, however, that COVID-19 with its variants still continues to be a problem in our society, and so we will continue to follow the recommendations of the government.

Our QR code will continue to be on display, and there will also be a list in the narthex on which people can record their contact details. We encourage everyone who comes to a church service to check in, using one or other of these methods. We also encourage everyone as far as possible to continue to observe the safety measures that we have become used to over the last 16 months – using the hand sanitiser provided and wearing a face mask which covers both nose and mouth while in church.

As a community we have remained remarkably unscathed during the pandemic, and this is a strong testimony of how well we have been implementing protocols designed not only to protect ourselves, but also all of our sisters and brothers in Christ. St Paul tells us that we should “never tire of doing good, for if we do not slacken our efforts we shall in due time reap our harvest.” (Galatians 6:9) Let us rejoice at the freedom we have to meet again, but let us also continue our watchfulness.

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