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

Upcoming Week

- ❖ Please pray for the newly departed Demetra and Patrick, and the sick Peter, Monica and the 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

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

Sunday 1 August marks the beginning of the Dormition fast — wine and oil are allowed on weekend days, weekdays are strict but allow for fish on Friday in celebration of the Feast of the [Transfiguration](#).

Monday 2 August the Orthodox Fellowship of St John the Baptist continues its series of talks with Subdeacon Ian Randall speaking on [St Maria of Paris](#).

Apolytikion of the Feast of Transfiguration

*You were transfigured upon the mountain,
O Christ our God, showing to Your disciples
Your glory as much as they could bear. Do also in us,
sinners though we may be, shine Your everlasting light,
by the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Giver of light. Glory to You.*

From Fr Ian

Dear Friends,

As you will all know we were unable to celebrate the Feast of Theophany in the church, and so we did not bless the Holy Water at that time. This coming Sunday, August 1st, marks the beginning of the month and of the Dormition Fast. It is a time when traditionally a Lesser Blessing of Water would be carried out in many churches and monasteries, and with the relaxing of the regulations limiting the number who can attend church services it seems a particularly good time for us to celebrate this service, too.

So I am pleased to let you know that **we will bless Holy Water for people to take away at the end of Sunday's Liturgy**. I would ask you all to remember our duty to continue to follow safety precautions as far as possible. Please bring your own bottle or jar to take the water, and do not crowd one another around the font. There will be enough for everyone!

As we return to normality we will also be starting to serve Vespers on Saturday evenings and Matins on Sunday mornings for the first and third Sundays of the month. I hope to recommence this on the third weekend in August for the feast of the Dormition of the Mother of God, which falls on the third Sunday of this coming month. Of course, these plans are still tentative, as we will be bound by any rulings made by the government and the Archdiocese, and by the state of health of clergy, singers and congregation, but let us pray that God will smooth our path towards the future.

With my love to you all,

Fr Ian



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