

PARISH OF THE HOLY TRINITY



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

Upcoming Week

- ❖ Please pray for the newly departed *Archpriest Michael, Jack and Emmanuel*, and the sick *Richard, Monica and Peter*.
 - ❖ Saints' days in [Greek](#) and [English](#)
 - ❖ Bilingual texts and music for [all services by date](#)
 - ❖ Archdiocesan Sunday [Bulletin](#) and [Services](#) (Holy Wisdom Cathedral, London)
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Events & Announcements

Please see parish [website](#) for the most up-to-date schedule

Friday 25 March, an Annunciation Liturgy & Doxology will begin at 6pm. Afterwards the community will host a festal gathering with light refreshments.

Sunday 27 March, our sister parish of the Annunciation will be celebrating with a bring-and-share lunch after Liturgy. Please contact [Lizzy F](#) for further information.

Sunday 3 April, a memorial for Patricia Scott will be held. There will be a gathering afterwards in the garden, and Fr Ian will bless the new bench recently purchased with donations from Patricia's friends in the community.

The ongoing collection for Lent this year will be used to help relieve suffering in crisis situations such as the war in Ukraine, through [Disaster Emergency Committee](#) (DEC). Established in 1963, DEC is an umbrella group of 15 British charities including Christian Aid, Save the Children, and Oxfam.

Synaxis of the Archangel Gabriel, Kontakion

*Supreme commander of God and minister of the Divine glory,
guide of men and leader of the bodiless hosts:
ask for what is to our profit and for great mercy,
since thou art supreme commander of the bodiless hosts.*

Feast of the Annunciation



As we celebrate this amazing feast of Christ's incarnation, the sacred arts of the church provide boundless ways to approach and contemplate its mysteries, so that we may again be moved by a familiar narrative. This year you might find inspiration in community member Sebastian Brock's [recent online presentation](#) for the Oxford Interfaith Forum, discussing an anonymous Syrian dialogue between the Virgin Mary and the Archangel Gabriel. His talk is suitable for a general audience and includes a reading of the full text, with its many invitations to enter into the event and the viewpoint of two participants in this holy event.

The celebrated 12th-century [icon of the Annunciation](#) to the left is another possible point of departure. Held at St Catherine's monastery Sinai, it is also symbolically rich and an unusual wonder of iconographical technique.

The day following an important feast often features a *synaxis* — a day specially honouring saintly participants in the salvation event just celebrated. Thus, the day after Annunciation is a synaxis of the Archangel Gabriel, God's messenger to the Theotokos who witnesses her acceptance of the crucial role she will play in the incarnation of Christ.



[Image from a [Serbian fresco](#)]



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