

Pastoral Visits to England and South Ossetia

During the Fifth Week of the Great Fast, His Grace, Bishop Ambrose of Methone travelled to England, where he celebrated the Patronal Feast of the Convent of the Annunciation of the Theotokos, in London. Our clergy in this country, Archimandrite Alexis, Father Stephen Fretwell, and Hierodeacon Sabbas, also took part in the Divine Liturgy. On the Saturday of the Akathist Hymn and again on the Fifth Sunday of the Great Fast, His Grace liturgized at the Monastery of the Holy Royal Martyr Edward.

In the middle of the Sixth Week of the Great Fast, Bishop Ambrose flew, via Moscow, to South Ossetia in the Caucasus. On St. Lazarus Saturday and Palm Sunday, he liturgized at the Cathedral of the Nativity of the Theotokos, in Tskhinvali, assisted by the local Priests, with a large crowd of Orthodox faithful from the region in attendance. During his sojourn, he also made visits and took in hand various ecclesiastical matters.





At the beginning of Great Week, Bishop Ambrose returned to England, where he celebrated the Mystery of Holy Unction with our clergy on Great Wednesday. He presided at the Divine Services until the Resurrection of our Lord, which he celebrated at the Convent of the Annunciation in London, thereby covering the spiritual needs of many Orthodox faithful of various nationalities.

Finally, he turned to Greece, by the Grace of God, on the Tuesday of Bright (Renewal) Week.

