

5th Lenten Vespers in London



On the evening of Sunday, 30th March 2025, at the Church of All Saints in Camden Town, London, His Eminence Archbishop Nikitas presided over the fifth Lenten Vespers, joined in prayer by numerous clergy from across London, including the Revd Protopresbyter Georgios Zapheirakos, Priest-in-Charge, the Revd Oeconomos Kristian Akselberg and the Revd Presbyter Konstantinos Mamouris. The Revd Archdeacon George Tsourous and Revd Deacon Ambrosios Theodorou also served. The service was attended by a large gathering of the faithful from various parishes in the region.

The V. Revd Archimandrite Vissarion Kokliotis preached the homily, reflecting on the life and spiritual legacy of St John Climacus, whose memory is celebrated on the Fourth Sunday of Lent. Drawing from *The Ladder of Divine Ascent*, he emphasised the enduring relevance of this seminal work, urging the faithful to take seriously its call to humility, spiritual vigilance, and inner purification. Archimandrite Vissarion reminded all present that Lent is a journey—not merely of abstinence—but of ascent, guided by the timeless wisdom of the Church's ascetical tradition.

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