

The Feast Day of the Annunciation, in England

His Grace, Bishop Ambrose of Methone went to England in order to celebrate the Patronal Feast of the Convent of the Annunciation of the *Theotokos*, in London.



On the previous day, the Fourth Sunday of the Great Fast, March 24, 2008 (Old Style), he Liturgized at the Monastery of the Holy Royal Martyr Edward, in Brookwood, Surrey. Also taking part in the Divine Liturgy were His Grace, Bishop Sofronie of Suceava—who was visiting England during these days



so as to serve the needs of the Romanian Old Calendarist immigrants in this country—the monastery's Abbot, Archimandrite Alexis, Father Stephen Fretwell, and the monastery's Hierodeacon, Father Sabbas. A large crowd of Orthodox believers of various nationalities was in attendance.



On Monday, March 25, 2008 (Old Style), Bishop Ambrose, Bishop Sofronie, and the two Priests celebrated the Divine Liturgy at the Convent of the Annunciation of the *Theotokos*, in London, in an atmosphere of spiritual gladness and compunction.

It is worth mentioning that, on this occasion, Bishop Ambrose used the light blue vestments of St. John of Shanghai and San Francisco, which are preserved at this Convent, founded by the Saint himself.

Many Orthodox of various nationalities were once again in prayerful attendance, expressing their love for our Lady, the *Theotokos*.

