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Exeter, UK – The Devon Ukrainian Association warmly invites the wider community to attend its **Orthodox Easter Services on Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th April 2025**, from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM, at **St. Michael and All Angels Church**, Mount Dinham, Exeter, EX4 4EB. The Easter weekend will include two special services:

- **Saturday 19 April – Divine Liturgy**, a joyful and sacred celebration of the Resurrection

- **Sunday 20 April – Paschal Vespers**, a reflective evening prayer service marking the close of Easter day

The services will be celebrated by **Father Achilles**, a Ukrainian Orthodox priest serving under the Ecumenical Patriarchate Archdiocese of Thyateira and Great Britain to meet the spiritual needs of Ukrainians in Devon. Since his arrival in our community in March this year, Father Achilles has brought a deeply rooted spiritual presence.

The services will be conducted primarily in **Ukrainian and Old Church Slavonic**, and will include the traditional **blessing of Easter baskets**—filled with festive foods such as Easter bread *paska*, **decorated eggs** *krashanky or pysanky*, and more

After each service, all are invited to stay for tea, traditional Easter treats, and a warm gathering to share Ukrainian customs and fellowship.

“These services are a sacred celebration of light, love, and resilience,” says **Olya Petrakova**, Executive Co-director of the Devon Ukrainian Association. “We open our hearts and doors to all who wish to honour Easter with us—whether as participants or supporters of our community.”

All are welcome.

Event Details:

- **Dates:** Saturday 19 April & Sunday 20 April 2025
- **Time:** 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM
- **Venue:** St. Michael and All Angels Church, Mount Dinham, Exeter, EX4 4EB
- **Admission:** Free
- **Contact:** welcome@dua.org.uk | www.dua.org.uk

Celebrate light, faith, and community this Easter with us.

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