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CONFERENCE

**RESCUING THE ROMANOVS:
Crimea - Malta - Great Britain.
1919 – 2019**

**Oxford, St Gregory's House,
12th October 2019, 10.30 – 17.00
1 Canterbury Road, Oxford OX2 6LU**

EXHIBITION

Last Days of the Romanovs

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11th- 13th October 2019
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**Dedicated to the Centenary of the British Operation in Crimea to Rescue
the Dowager Empress Maria Feodorovna and other Members of the Romanov Family**

The topic of the forthcoming Conference will appeal to anyone with an interest in the legacy of the Russian Imperial House in the 20th century and its relationship with the British Royal House.

It will be dedicated to the centenary of the departure from Crimea of the Dowager Empress and her daughter, Grand Duchess Xenia Alexandrovna, together with other prominent members of the Romanov family.

The past three years have seen centenaries of various tragic events associated with the Romanov dynasty. In 2017 historians faced difficult questions about the Russian revolution & the abdication of Tsar Nicholas. In 2018 we recalled the tragic end of the Tsar's Family, of the Grand Duchess Elizabeth and other victims of the Bolshevik regime.

In 2019 we have remembered the Romanovs who were ruthlessly shot in St. Petersburg (a total of 18 representatives of the Romanov dynasty died), and those who managed to escape by leaving Russia.

The Conference in Oxford will be dedicated to the story of the Romanov family's rescue, its exodus and finding refuge in a foreign land.

Our speakers will focus on Great Britain and its role in these events and on the British – Russian relationship. Tribute will be paid to the Tsar's Family, Holy Martyr Grand Duchess Elizabeth and other members of the Romanov Imperial House who were savagely killed in Russia and who are venerated by Orthodox Christians as Holy Martyrs.

Tickets for the Conference are available from the Secretary of the Society, David Gilchrist

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PROGRAMME

EXHIBITION Last Days of the Romanovs,

The House of St Gregory & St Macrina, 1 Canterbury Road, Oxford OX2 6LU

Opening time:

11th October 10.30 - 19.00 13th October 10.00 - 12.30 and 14.30 -17.00

Reception: Friday 11th 19.00 - 21.00 Tickets £10

**Moleben to Holy Martyr Grand Duchess Elizabeth and Holy Royal Martyrs of Russia
Concert of Russian Choral Music: “Religious Hymns, and Songs of the Great War”**

CONFERENCE Rescuing the Romanovs: Crimea-Malta-Great Britain. 1919-2019

The House of St Gregory & St Macrina, 1 Canterbury Road, Oxford OX2 6LU

12th October, Saturday, 10.30 - 17.00 Tickets will cost £30. Numbers are limited to 30.

Introduction and Greetings (20 min)

His Grace Bishop of London & Western Europe Irenei, Russian Orthodox Church outside Russia

Archpriest Stephen Platt, Parish of St Nicholas, Oxford, Russian Orthodox Church

David Gilchrist, Secretary of GDERS

Maria Harwood, Chairman of GDERS

Bishop Irenei of London and Western Europe will present the talk *On Royal Martyrdom* explaining to us the meaning of Martyrdom in connection with the Russian Imperial Family (20 min)

1. Relationship between the British Royal Family & the Romanov Imperial Family 1914-1919

Petr Multatuly (PhD), well known historian, author of many books dedicated to Tsar Nicholas II and his time. He will present a very important topic *Emperor Nicholas II and Great Britain: from Hostility to the Military Collaboration*, which will draw the historical context for the Crimean operation to rescue the Dowager Empress Maria Feodorovna and other Romanovs in 1919. (20 min)

Coryne Hall, well known royal biographer, author of many books and publications on the Romanov Imperial Family, will speak on the topic of her recent book *“To Free the Romanovs: Royal Kinship and Betrayal”*. (20 min)

2. Romanov Descendants: Family Memories and History

Princess Olga Andreevna Romanoff, granddaughter of Grand Duchess Xenia Alexandrovna and chairman of the Romanov Family Association will represent the descendants of those who took refuge in the UK and other countries. Olga Andreevna has recently published her memoirs and agreed to participate in the symposium as a living witness of history. (10 min)

Paul Kulilovsky, great grandson of Grand Duchess Olga Alexandrovna, well known in Russia as a Romanov public speaker, educator and editor of the *Romanov News* web-journal will talk about the story of Grand Duchess Olga’s rescue.

His topic will be *Grand Duchess Olga in Crimea and after her Departure. 1918-1920* (20 min)

Lunch break 12.45 - 14.30 (+ showing a documentary on Tsar Nicholas II)

3. The Romanov Rescue from Crimea

Robert Jarman (MA, University of Cambridge, Honorary Doctorate at the Rustaveli State university, Georgia) former Consultant on Archives to the Bahrain National Museum, and research editor of many volumes of archival material published by Cambridge University Press on the history of various European and Asian states, including Russia, will present his paper on ***British Government policy towards the Romanov refugees - theory and practice.*** (20 min)

Frances Welch, author of recent books on the Romanovs, the latest being *The Romanov Court at Sea*, 2011 and *The Imperial Tea Party*, 2018, will speak about the ***Marlborough Officers' Memoirs and Letters as a Source for the Reconstruction of the Events and Public attitude towards the Romanovs*** (20 min by video).

Dmitry Grishin (PhD), a biographer of Grand Duke Sergei Alexandrovich and Grand Duchess Elizabeth, an Honorary member of the Russian Academy of Arts, Chairman of the GD Sergei Alexandrovich Foundation, will speak about the ***Romanov and Yusupov Treasures on board the Marlborough and their fate in Europe.*** (20 min by video) TBC

4. Martyrdom. Tsar Nicholas II, Grand Duchess Elizabeth and other Romanovs.

David Gilchrist (MA, Oxford University) a historian and public speaker with special interest in Tsar Nicholas's personality, a contributor to the Cross of the Romanovs exhibition and the conference on the Isle of Wight, July 2018, will summarise the latest publications on the ***Last Days of the Russian Imperial Family in Ekaterinburg and Alapaevsk: British Witnesses.*** (20 min)

John Harwood (MA, London University: LSE, SOAS) an historian and author of many articles for the Dictionary of Christian Biography, contributor to Orthodox journals and web-sites, a consultant for the recent Romanov Exhibitions, will speak on the topic ***The Fate of the Grand Duke Michael and his Family.*** (15 min)

Conclusion and discussion. Ending 16.30-17.00

During the weekend we also plan to visit the grave of Father Nicholas Gibbes, English tutor to the Tsarevich, and to serve a Panikhida there.