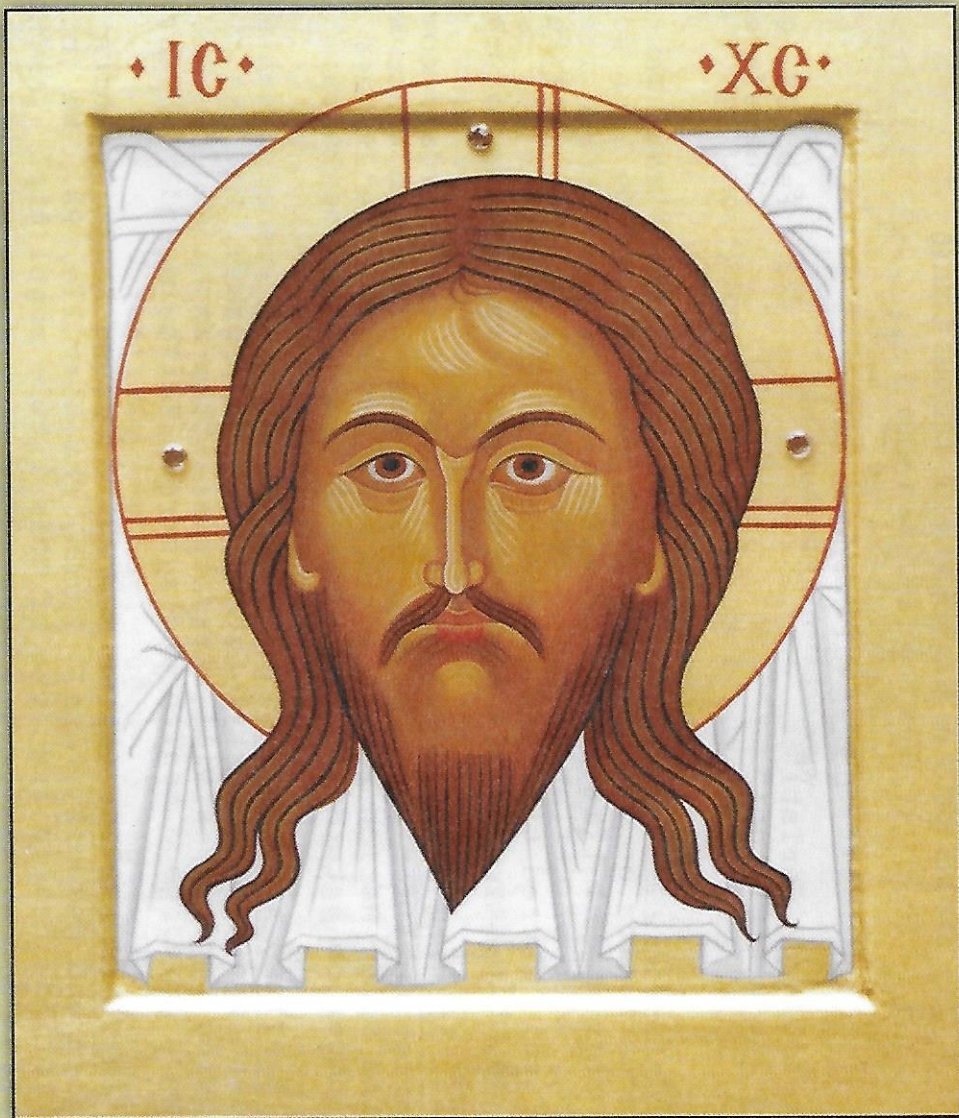


SUNDAY OF CHEESEFARE



Icon of the Holy Napkin

Forgiveness Sunday

A wise old monk once said, "There are two parts of the Gospel. The first part is the believing part, and the second part is the behaving part." The Gospel readings over the past few Sundays were intended to prepare us for our journey through the Great Fast and to challenge us, if necessary, to adjust our behavior accordingly.

First, the Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee reminds us of the need for true humility in confessing our sins before God and honestly admitting them to ourselves. Next, the Sunday of the Prodigal Son reminds us of God's abundant mercy and constant willingness to forgive. On the Sunday of Meatfare, we hear the Gospel reading about the final judgment and are reminded that there will come a time in each of our lives when we will be held accountable for every thought, word and deed.

Today, on the Sunday of Cheesefare, we are reminded that we must pass on forgiveness to others as we wish God to forgive us. The Gospel reading tells us clearly, "if you forgive the faults of others, your Heavenly Father will forgive yours; but, if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive you." (Matthew 6:14)

Let us, therefore, make every deliberate effort to be humble, merciful and forgiving during the forty days of the Great Fast because "now is the season for repentance. Let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light." (Stichera from Vespers of Forgiveness)

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"Glory to Jesus Christ!"

"Slava Isusu Khristoo!"

Feb. 23, 2020

Cheesefare Sun.

THE PRE-EASTER PERIOD of preparation is called the "Great Fast", a time of concentration on our spiritual life, our conscience, our souls. We begin this annual time of preparation by focusing on three items: Prayer, Fasting, Acts of Christian Love. This Monday, the 24th, is the first day of this sacred time and we are obliged to fast from all meat and dairy on this day, as well as from all meat every Friday of the Fast.

WE THANK ALL the fellows and folks who helped us Saturday to prepare the Parish Hall for the upcoming events this month and next. We will host the Upper Merion rowing folks next Saturday, the 29, and the Knights of Columbus on Saturday, March 7, with a Night at the Races.

TO BE BAPTIZED AND CHRISMATED SATURDAY: Jessica Irene, neonate daughter of Joseph and Katie (Dykty) Saboe, King of prussia, PA. We pray that the All-Loving Lord Jesus will bless this little angel and all her family with much love, good health and a strong Faith in God "for many years".

TO BE BAPTIZED AND CHRISMATED SUNDAY: Deanna Zenia, newborn daughter of Adrian and Melanie (Popel) Pyrih, Phoenixville, PA. We join in prayer today for the health and love of this little angel girl - MNOHAYA Leeta!

CHURCH DONATION STATEMENTS for 2019 can now be obtained from the office. Simply give your name to the ushers for this purpose and Father will prepare a confidential form for you by the following week.

ALL OUR-PARISHIONERS are expected to have and use our church envelopes for their church donations. If you cannot find your own envelope box in the church basement, please inform the ushers and Father will be happy to prepare a set for you.

Anne Bryngelevich, 100, PIONEER PARISHIONER DIED Thursday and will be buried with Divine Liturgy probably on Wednesday morning at 10 am. We all join in prayer today so that +Anne can soon join her late husband Joseph in heaven to rest with the angels - Eternal Memory!

DIVINE SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, 6 pm +Helen Guman (Tom and Marilyn)
Sunday, 9 am +Barbara Breitbarth (Kathy, Ted and Children)
Thursday, 7 am +Billy Homa (The Plush Family)
Friday, 7 pm +Filip Zolondek (Bill and Bridget)
Saturday, 8 am +John, Anna, Joseph, George (Joanna, Lori, Andrew)
Saturday, 6 pm +George and Mary Halas (The Strouse Family)
Sunday, 9 am Health of the Khromyak & Krotiak Fam. (Maruszczak Fam.)

TODAY'S TROPAR: When the women disciples of the Lord learned the glad tidings of the Resurrection, and had cast aside the curse of their Forefathers, they called out to the Apostles: "Death is overthrown, Christ God is Risen, granting great mercy to all the world.

GLORY TO THE FATHER AND THE...

TODAY'S KONTAK: O Teacher of wisdom, Giver of knowledge, Patron of the poor, strengthen my heart and soul, O Lord, Give me the words of wisdom, O Incarnate Word of the Father, as I cry out today to You: "O Merciful One, have mercy on me."

TODAY'S PROKIMEN: Pray and give glory to the Lord, our God and Savior.

*See you in Church Friday
Evening for Presancti-
fied Liturgy!
— M. Roman —*