

SUNDAY OF CHEESEFARE



Icon of Christ the Bridegroom

“As long as they have the bridegroom with them they cannot fast.” (Mark 2:19)

This evening, Forgiveness Vespers begins the Great Fast. Texts from the propers of Vespers include the following:

Entering into the arena of the Holy Fast, let us make every effort to humble our flesh by abstinence; in prayer and with tears let us seek the Lord our Savior, and, that we might turn away from our evil deeds, let us say to Him: we have sinned against You, O Christ our King, save us as You saved the Ninevites of old, and in Your goodness, grant us a share in the kingdom of heaven.

When I see my deeds that deserve such punishment, I am without hope, O Lord; for I have disobeyed Your holy commandments, and I have led a foolish

life. Therefore, I beseech You: purify me in the waters of repentance by fasting and prayer, O Savior, full of goodness; do not reject me, O Benefactor of the Universe.

Let us begin the time of this bright fast, giving ourselves over to spiritual struggle. Let us sanctify our soul and purify our flesh. Let us not fast only from food; let us also abstain from every passion and cultivate spiritual virtues. And let us faithfully preserve in this, so that we may be worthy to see the holy passion of Christ our God and the joy of His holy Resurrection.

*Text from the Lenten Triodion,
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Glory to Jesus Christ!
Slava Isusu khristoo!

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THIS WEEKEND we plan on livestreaming the Holy liturgy on Saturday, the 26th, at 6 pm. And next weekend we will send out on livestream via YOUTUBE the Holy Liturgy on Sunday, March 6 at 9 am. Please tell all your neighbors and freinds, near and far, about this unique chance to sing and pray with us.

WE WILL PRAY FOR OUR Brothers and Sisters in Ukraine at the Liturgies this weekend. We will pray for peace and security in Ukraine, for the health and welfare of our Ukrainian People, that they might live in peace and freedom and self-rule. May the Lord Jesus bless Ukraine.

WE HAVE PREPARED a financial report of our parish for the year 2021 and copies of this report have been printed for your perusal. We thank Dr. John Solar and Ch. Zenny Martyniuk for preparing this report, which is a quite rosy one in spite of all the social problems in 2021.

FINANCIAL REPORTS for individuals' donations in 2021 can now be obtained from the parish office. Simply give your name(s) to the ushers and Father Pastor will prepare a report for you by the following week.

ON THURSDAY we celebrated the requiem service for +Earl Church, 71, husband of Halyna and father of Allysia. The family live in West Chester, PA. Earl was buried in our Phoenixville Cemetery.

OUR TERRIFIC SUNDAY SCHOOL is now preparing our students for all the spring holydays, such as Palm Sunday, Easter Sunday, Mothers' Day and Firts Solemn Communion. Be sure that your children or grandchildren don't miss out on this wonderful program of teaching our young ones about our Lord and His Holy Church.

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR PARISH ELDERLY AND SICKLY FOLKS, SUCH AS Tommy Newmaster, Dottie Dolgash, Pat Pasquale, Lidia Dychdala, Alex and Vira Fedorkiw, Alice Machita, Fr. Dan Gurovich in Bethlehem. Perhaps a prayer, a kind word, a card or note...?

DIVINE SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

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| Saturday, Feb. 26, 6 pm | +Thomas J. Hunt (The Plush Fam.) |
| Sunday, Feb. 27, 9 am | +Fedoryshyn Family (Oksana) |
| Saturday, March 5, 6 pm | +Lois Kovack (Joanne, Joseph) |
| Sunday, March 6, 9 am | +Fonock, Bednar, Maruszczak Family (Bridget, Bill) |

TODAY'S TROPAR:

By Your Cross You destroyed death and opened Paradise to the Good Thief. You stopped the sighs of the Myrrh-Bearing Women and told them to announce to the Apostles that You rose from the dead, O Christ God, Glory to You!

GLORY TO THE FATHER AND THE SON...

TODAY'S KONTAK:

O Teacher of Wisdom, Giver of knowledge, Protector of the poor, strengthen my heart, O Master. Give me the words of Wisdom, O Word of the Father, as I continue to cry out: "O Merciful One, have mercy on me, amen."

TODAY'S PROKIMEN:

Pray and give glory to the Lord, Our God.

Pray for Peace!
J.B. Ronald