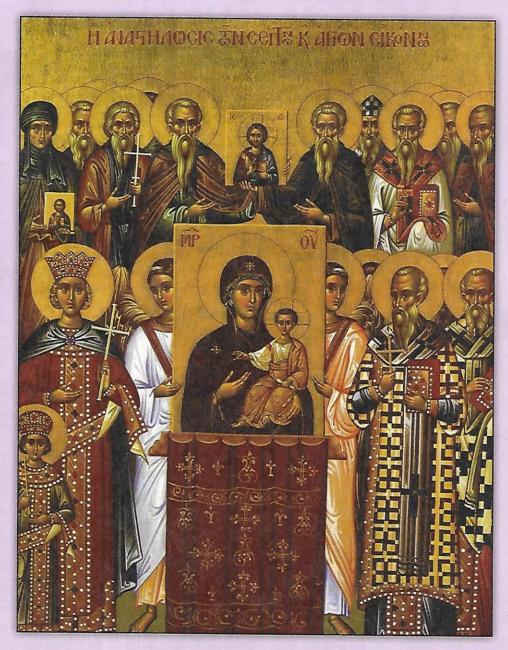
## FIRST SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST SUNDAY OF THE HOLY IMAGES



Icon of Holy Images

## The Image of God Within Us

A story is told that when Leonardo da Vinci painted "The Last Supper" he sought out men who could be living models for Our Lord and the apostles for his painting. Each model had to have a face that expressed da Vinci's vision of the particular man he would represent. One day, da Vinci saw a young man who had the features of love, tenderness, caring, innocence, compassion, and kindness. This man would be his model for Jesus.

However, years went by and the painting was still not complete. Da Vinci could not find the right face for Judas. He was looking for a man whose face was streaked with despair, wickedness, greed, and sin. Ten years after starting the picture, he found a man in prison whose face had all the qualities for which he had been search-

ing. This prisoner, then, would be the model for Judas.

As da Vinci worked, he noticed the prisoner growing more and more uneasy. He asked the prisoner, "What seems to trouble you so much?" The man began sobbing and said, "Don't you remember me? Ten years ago I was your model for Jesus!" The once innocent youth had turned his back on Christ and had begun living a sinful life. The face that had once radiated love, now showed misery. The expression of hope was replaced by despair. The light of Christ within him had grown dim.

On this first Sunday of the Great Fast, let us ask ourselves, "What do others see in our face?" Is ours a face of kindness and love, or of despair and misery?



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March 1, 2020 First Sunday Lent

THE PRE-EASTER PENITENTIAL PERIOD known as the Great Fast is now upon us, as we spend these forty days in practicing our Faith in a most serious way. The Church provides us with three basic principles to follow from today to Easter Sunday. First we are to fast from meat every Friday. Then we are to attend the sacred services every weekend. Finally, we are to spend our efforts in helping the needy in our area.

OUR SPECIAL LENTEN SERVICES include the Presanctified Liturgy on Friday evening. An informal vote indicated that the 7 pm hour is much too late and dark for our faithful, so we will bow to the will of the people and celebrate this service at 6 pm for your convenience. So please come and pray with us this coming Friday, March 6, at 6 pm.

THE SECOND LENTEN SERVICE is the remembrance of our familial deceased on Saturday morning after the 8 am Divine Liturgy. We will pray for your beloved family and friends, if you provide us with a current list of their names. Please give Father a list of these late folks this weekend.

OUR CHURCH OFFICE IS NOW providing official tax statements of your 2019 donations to our Parish. Simply give Father or the ushers your name(s) for this purpose and he will prepare a statement by the following weekend.

OUR ANNUAL PALM SUNDAY FEAST will be celebrate this year on Sunday, April 5 with a beautiful Divine Liturgy at 9 am and a full-service breakfast in our Parish Hall at 10:30 am. Father Ronald will speak at the breakfast about his upcoming 80th birthday and retirement plans, as well assome pressing financial needs of repairs at the Parish. No person will want to miss out on this event. Remember: The breakfast is free for all our faithful, our parish friends and, most especially, all our dear children.

THE UPPER MERION BOOSTERS of the highschool rowers will hold a bingo fund-raiser in our Hall this Saturday, the 27th, We will not be serving food at this event, but check with Joann if any help is needed.

a Night at the Races event. We will serve a meal at this gathering, so come and help if you can next Saturday in our Parish Hall, from 6-10 pm.

PLEASE BE SURE TO HAVE a 2020 Church Calendar and your 2020 church envelopes. You can find these items in the church basement today.

## DIVINE SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

Thursday, 7 am +Anna Bryngelevich (Kristen and Chad Reese)
Friday, 6 pm +Jimmy Davis (Timbario-Francis Family)
Saturday, 8 am +Barbara Breitbarth (Eugene Dychdala)
Saturday, 6 pm +George and Anna Ferenze (The Dudas Family)
Sunday, 9 am +The Newmaster Family (Tom Newmaster)

TODAY'S TROPAR: O Good One Christ, we honor Your most holy image, as we

Sunday, 9 am Health of the Khromyak and Krotyak Family (Bill and Bridget)

Saturday, 6 pm +George and Mary Halas (The Strouse Family)

beg forgiveness for our sins. You ascended the Cross to free Your Faithful from the slavery of Satan. Today we cry out in thanksgiving: By coming to save the world, You filled us all with joy, amen."

GLORY BE TO THE FATHER AND THE...

TODAY'S KONTAK: O Mother of God, the Word of the Father, Jesus Christ, was given birth by you at the Incarnation. Jesus then restored the defiled image of man to its former beauty. We testify to Jesus love for us as we strive for our salvation.

TODAY'S PROKIMEN: O Lord, God of our Fathers, blessed are You. May Your Holy Name be glorified forever by all mankind.

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