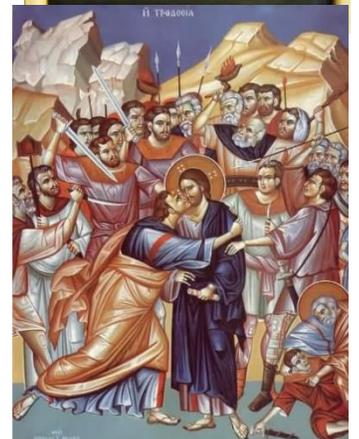
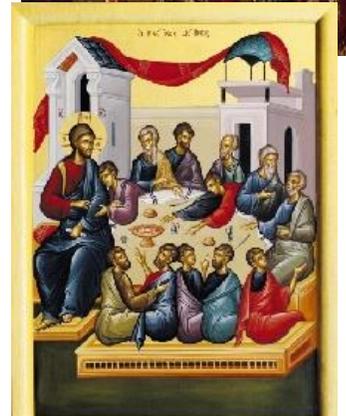
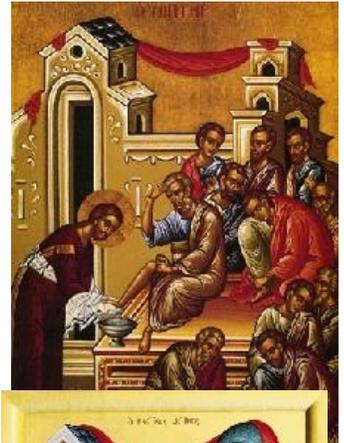


Holy Week Reflections

Holy Week: Thursday

In the readings, three aspects of Holy Thursday are focused: the washing of the feet, the Lord's supper, and Judas's betrayal. Let's explore each briefly.

1. Washing of Feet: Through his example, Jesus teaches us how to treat others. Washing of the feet is not only literal (though it did happen!) but is also a reminder to us to serve one another in love.
2. The central mystery of the upper room lies in the Last Supper. It is particularly important to remember the link which our Lord wanted to establish between the meal in the upper room and the Jewish Passover, and between this same meal and the Passion. Every Eucharist is a sacrificial meal. Each time that we make our communion with the body of Christ that has been broken and with his blood that has been shed, we are in communion with his Passion, and take part in his sacrifice.
3. Holy Thursday also makes us contemplate the betrayal by Judas. We should remind ourselves that at times, we too betray Jesus.



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In addition, Holy Thursday is also a commemoration of the Priesthood; a time for us to remember and pray for those who dedicate their lives to a life of service.



Reading for Holy Thursday

- Morning:
 - Luke 22:1-39,

Jeremiah 11:18-12:5,9-11,14-15

- Evening:
 - Exodus 19:10-19,
 - Job 38:1- 21; 42:1-5,
 - Isaiah 50:4-11,
 - Epistle: 1 Corinthians 11:23-32
 - Gospel:
 - Mt 26:2-20,
 - Jn 13:3-17,
 - Mt 26:21-39,
 - Lk 22:43-45,
 - Mt 26:40-27:2

Online services for Holy Thursday: More links available at:

<https://www.skeparchy.org/wordpress/liturgy-live-services-for-holy-week-easter-eparchy-of-saskatoon-and-beyond-including-blessings-booklets-for-services/>)

Place	Time	Online link
St. George Cathedral – Stoon	HOLY THURSDAY, April 9th – 9:00 am Divine Liturgy of St. Basil with Vespers /Літургія св. Василя Великого з Вечірнею (Bilingual)	– Livestream»
Dormition S'toon	Holy Thursday – April 9th 6:30PM: Vespers & Divine Liturgy	– Livestreamed
Ss. Peter & Paul Saskatoon	Holy Thursday Liturgy of St. Basil the Great with Vespers : The services that will be pre-recorded and posted will be:	– YouTube Channel»»
St. Athanasius Regina	Holy Thursday, April 9 th - 7:00 pm – Service of the Holy Passion with 12 Gospels –	– Livestream»»
Sacred Heart Ukr. Church Ituna	Holy Thursday, April 9th 10:30 am – Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great for Holy Thursday 7:30 pm – Reading of the 12 Gospels –	10:30 am –Thursday – Livestream»» 7:30 pm — Livestream»»

To commemorate Holy Thursday, you may wish to say the following prayer:

Accept me today as a partaker of your mystical supper, O Son of God, for I will not reveal your mystery to your enemies, nor will I give you a kiss as did Judas, but like the thief I profess you: Remember me, O Lord, when you come in your kingdom

Then Byzantine Act of Spiritual Communion

O Lord, I believe and profess that you are truly Christ,
The Son of the living God, who came into the world
To save sinners of whom I am the first.
Although I cannot now be a partaker of your mystical supper,
O Son of God,
Come at least spiritually into my heart by your Divine Grace
For the healing of my soul and body.
For I will not reveal your mystery to your enemies.
Nor will I give you a kiss as did Judas, But like the thief I profess to you.
Remember me, O Lord, when you come in your kingdom
Remember me, O Master, when you come in your kingdom
Remember me, O Holy One, when you come in your kingdom.
O Lord, I also believe and profess that this
Which I would receive, and which is now
Here present with us in Mystery
Is truly Your most precious Body, and your life-giving Blood.
May I one day partake of your mystical supper again for the remission of
All my sins and for life everlasting. Amen.
O God, be merciful to be a sinner.
O God, cleanse of my sins and have mercy on me.
O Lord, forgive me for I have sinned without number.



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