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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Lenten Series to study The Shroud of Turin

THE Shroud of Turin – a relic many Christians believe to be the cloth in which Jesus was wrapped after being taken down from the cross – has long fascinated both believers and disbelievers alike.

It has been embroiled in controversy ever since the late 1970s when for the first time it was subject to scientific scrutiny. Images discovered on the reverse of the shroud are bound to intensify the debate.

Why not come to this year's Lenten Series and discover what the experts are talking about?

The first study will take place after Evening Prayer at 6.15 PM on Wednesday, March 12th and the series will continue through March 19th, March 26th, and April 2nd, concluding on Wednesday, April 9th.

As usual, we will be providing beverages, hearty winter soup and the best bread in Baltimore. If you think you'll be hungrier than that, just bring a sandwich.

The Holy Shroud of Turin might aptly be described as a divine joke at the expense of skeptics. It is one of those rare objects that would be even more miraculous if it were a fake than if it was genuine.

The shroud is a piece of linen some 4.8 yards long and 1.2 yards wide. Its first recorded appearance was in the small town of Lirey in 14th century France. It has been held in the Italian city of Turin since 1578.

On its front can be seen the image of a tall, bearded man bearing the marks of crucifixion. Experts, over the years, have detected traces of blood, as well and pollen and soil typical of

Jerusalem.

Skeptics were cock-a-hoop, however, when, in 1988, three separate laboratories announced that Carbon 14 tests conducted on small pieces of the shroud proved the artifact dated from the 14th century – indicating it, thus, was a fake.

This still left the doubters with problems on their hands – not least explaining, how, if the shroud is a forgery, the forgers had intimate knowledge of scientific discoveries and technologies that did not come into being until many centuries later.

For example, the shroud – which bears the image of a crucified man -- is a high quality photographic negative. Yet the principles of photography were not discovered until the 19th Century.

Some skeptics advance the theory that Leonardo da Vinci painted the shroud using a projection method known as *camera obscura*. Aside from the fact Leonardo was born long after the shroud was first exhibited, it still isn't a satisfactory explanation for the contention it is a "fake."

The shroud appears to bear a conventional, two-dimensional image. But scientific studies show that it is, in fact, a precise, undistorted three-dimensional image.

Scientists, however, have been unable satisfactorily to reproduce the three-dimensional image of the crucified man because the computer technology so far available has not been sufficiently advanced to decipher the huge volume of data encrypted in the shroud.

Be that as it may, the latest findings of Shroud scholars has further pulled out the rug from under the skeptics feet.

For starters, doubts have been cast on the Carbon 14 tests. It seems that fabric for the tests was taken from portions of the shroud heavily contaminated by centuries of human handling or from a piece of Holland cloth sewn on to the shroud by nuns in the 16th century to cover up fire

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

March 4th, 2014

5.00 pm to 7.30 pm
in the Parish Hall

Ash Wednesday Services

March 5th, 2014

12.00 noon Holy Communion
at Union Memorial Hospital
10.00 am & 7.00 pm
Holy Communion
at The Parish Church

Lenten Studies

Wednesdays, March 12th through
April 9th, 2014
6.15 pm
(Following 6.00 pm Evening Prayer)
"The Shroud of Turin"

Calendar of Events

Weekly Activities at St Stephen's

Tuesdays, 7.00 AM: Breakfast Fellowship at the Nautilus Diner

Thursdays, 10.00 AM: Knitting Circle meets in Quimby Hall

Wednesdays, 6.30 PM: Bridge Group meets in Quimby Hall

Fridays, 10.30 AM: Bible Study in the Cadwalader Room

Special Events

Sunday, March 2nd, 6.00 PM: Choral Evensong

Tuesday, March 4th, 5.00 PM - 7.30 PM: Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Sunday, March 9th, 11.00 AM: New time for Matins Service begins

Wednesday, March 12th, 6.15 PM: Lenten Studies begin in Quimby Hall.

Thursday, March 13th, 2.00 PM: Afternoon Tea in Quimby Hall

damage.

Testimony in support of the shroud's authenticity has come from Swedish textile expert Dr. Mechthilde Fluryemberg, who discovered a seam on the back of the cloth apparently sewn in the first century AD.

"There have been attempts to date the shroud from looking at the age of the material," she said, "But the style of sewing is the biggest clue. It belongs firmly to a style seen in the first century AD or before."

On top of all this, Italian scientists have just announced they have found images on the back of the shroud that match the face and possibly the hands on the front. **GPH**

FROM CAROLYN KEROUAC

Fr. Mike Update

AFTER 4 days in the hospital and 11 days in rehab, Mike is able to move from his bed to a wheelchair and do the physical therapy needed to come home some time in the near future. At this juncture, this means upper body and cardio, and keeping his strong leg in good shape! His follow-up visit with his surgeon on Wednesday will tell us alot.

His spirits are great, he is working from his room at Powerback, albeit he tires easily, which is to be expected. The pain is subsiding somewhat, swelling not as bad. Specific prayers are needed for his leg to heal and the bone to reconstitute itself around the rod that was inserted in his thigh, as well as strength to do the rehab that is in his future. God willing, he will be able to deliver sermons again at St. Stephen's in a week or so, from his wheelchair!

New time for Sunday Matins Service: 11.00 AM beginning March 9th.

**THE SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR
QUINQUAGESIMA SUNDAY**

March 2nd, 2014

**8.00 AM, 9.15 AM & 11.15 AM HOLY
COMMUNION**

The Epistle: I Corinthians 13:1-13

The Gospel: St. Luke 18:31-43

For your MORNING PRAYER

The Psalter: Psalm 19, 23

The First Lesson: Deuteronomy 10:12-15, 17-11:1

The Second Lesson: I Corinthians 13:1-13

We appreciate all of the prayers, love and concern from St. Stephen's since Mike's fall on the ice.

Lots of change coming March 9th

SUNDAY, March 9th, has the potential for being a very confusing day. Not only do we "spring forward" for the beginning of

daylight savings time, but our current 11.15 AM Matins service will be moving to its new time of 11.00 AM.

So whether you do it the old fashioned way with a string tied around your finger or the high tech way of setting a calendar alert, remind yourself of these changes so you can make it to church on time.

✠ PARISH PRAYER LIST ✠

OUR Prayer Chain offers prayer daily for people on the Prayer List as well as the guests of the Joseph Richey Hospice & Dr. Bob's Place. To add a name to the prayer list, or to the visiting list, or to join the Prayer Chain, call the parish office at 410 560 6776.

RECOVERY: Fr Guy, Donna, Aida, Eunice, Cherry, Ruth, Carolyn, Hilarie, Vivian, Jack, Suzie, John, Charlene, Rodney, Hamilton, Jane, Donald, Annie, Cynthia, Evelyn, Cal, Finton, Fran, Tracey, Linda Lou, Edie, John, Beth, Adele, Melba, Lydia, Chandra, Brady, Nina, Baby Charlie, Maryann, Angie, Oona, John, Ann, Cary, Janna, Martina, Leela, Bobby Sally, Isabelle.

LIGHT, STRENGTH & GUIDANCE: Connie, Azalea, Stephen, Ann, Lydia, Remi, Melba, Donna, Josh, Kim, Shane, Susan

ON ACTIVE SERVICE: Lt. Benjamin Schramm, USMC; Lt. Alex Bursi, Capt. Charles Bursi, Lt Nicholas Clouse, USN. Lt. Col. Harry Hughes.

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SUNDAY SERVICES

8.00 am: Said Eucharist

9.15 am: Sung Eucharist (*with Nursery & Church School*)

11.15 am: Choral Mattins (*1st Sunday: Choral Eucharist*)

6.00 pm: Choral Evensong (*1st Sunday only*)

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Wednesday, 6.00 pm: Evening Prayer

Friday Noon: Healing Eucharist

Saturday, 5.00 pm: Family Eucharist.

COLLECT FOR SEXAGESIMA SUNDAY AND ST. DAVID, BISHOP OF WALES

O LORD God, who seest that we put not our trust in any thing that we do; Mercifully grant that by thy power we may be defended against all adversity; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

AMEN

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ALMIGHTY God, who didst call thy servant David to be a faithful and wise steward of thy mysteries for the people of Wales: Mercifully grant that, following his purity of life and zeal for the Gospel of Christ, we may with him receive our heavenly reward; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

AMEN

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