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FEAST OF THE HOLY RESURRECTION

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SAT.	5:00 p.m.	Resurrection Matins & Divine Liturgy Health & Blessings of Parishioners	<i>Blessing of Baskets</i>
SUN.	10:30 a.m.	+Bishops, Clergy, Deacons, & Religious of our Metropolia	<i>Blessing of Baskets</i>
MON.	11:00 a.m.	+Harold Turjanica by children, Chuck & MaryAnn	
TUE.	11:00 a.m.	Funeral Liturgy...Mr. Paul Giba	
WED.	11:00 a.m.	No Liturgy	
THU.	11:00 a.m.	No Liturgy	
FRI.	11:00 a.m.	+Elizabeth Turjanica by children, Chuck & MaryAnn	

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SAT.	5:00 p.m.	+Robert Kovacs by Lisa D'Amico
SUN.	10:30 a.m.	Health & Blessings of Parishioners

St. George

1726 Canfield Road, Youngstown, Ohio 44511

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CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!

Early in the morning on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away, so she ran to Simon Peter and the other disciples and told them, "The Lord has been taken from the tomb. We do not know where they have put Him!"

How good it is to have Mary Magdalene with us on this Easter Sunday! The story of Mary's past is well-known: the woman with a soiled identity meets the man from Galilee who makes straight the crooked lines of our lives. She is not condemned, rejected, or given a basic course in Morality. Jesus accepts her and loves her unconditionally. Jesus' love is nonjudgmental and a totally free gift. Jesus is not soft on sin but firm on loving in such a way that death gives way to life. That's the kind of love we need. And that's the kind of love that leads us from Good Friday to Easter Sunday. Love is stronger than death. Death does not have the last word. Hope wins out over despair. On this Easter Sunday, Mary Magdalene is with us again saying those things so human and so much like we would say. Mary, whose life has been transformed by love, comes to the tomb to minister to Jesus. However, the stone has been rolled away and Jesus is nowhere to be found.

What has happened? Somebody stole Jesus' Body! In the words of Mary, "The Lord has been taken from the tomb! We don't know where they have put Him!" Mary's statement can be a profound question for us: where has Jesus been put? Where is Jesus to be found in our world and in our lives?

We are some two thousand years removed from that Easter morning. We easily proclaim that Jesus is risen. Why didn't Mary and the others know He was alive?

John offers an answer: The Spirit had not yet been given, so their understanding of Jesus was inadequate. However, we pride ourselves on having the Spirit. We claim to be enlightened about the things above. Such claims of knowledge also bring claims of greater responsibility. Hence, we turn to Mary's statement: The Lord is not in the tomb. Where is Jesus to be found?

The risen Lord is found in our homes through the quiet heroism and saintliness of families who share God's love with each other. He is found in schools and workplaces where countless individuals do all with courage for the greater glory of God and the love of their neighbors. In these and innumerable other ways, the risen Lord becomes present once again in our history and heart. Easter's basic message is one of hope. Peter says, "everyone who believes in Him has forgiveness of sins through his Name." Paul says, "When Christ our life appears, then you shall appear with Him in glory." For now we are aware of the reality of death. We know that many suffer and are wounded by injustice and indifference.

We all fall short of God's glory. Yet we have been given permission to hope and believe in love. This permission comes from the One Who is not to be found among the dead. We can hope because the tomb is empty and Jesus is found among the living.

***CHRISTOS VOSKRESE!
VOISTINNU VOSKRESE!***

***FELTA'MADT KRISZTUS!
VALO'BAN FELTA'MADT!***

St. Mary's...3/25/2018
Offertory... \$1,660.00
Easter.....\$ 60.00

St. George....3/25/2018
Offertory.... \$556.00

SOCIAL GAMES
NO BINGO TODAY
We would like to take this time to wish our lovely patrons and our dedicated workers a Very Happy & Blessed Easter..... Games resume Wed. and are played every Wednesday and Sunday at 6:45 p.m. We are also now **PLAYING THE NEWEST GAME IN TOWN "High Horse."** You do not want to miss out on all the Great Prizes !

GCU LODGE #164 NEWS
2nd Quarterly meeting is planned for April 8th following the 10:30 a.m. Liturgy. All members are urged to attend.

CHURCH HISTORY
This week we are looking for anyone related to, or friends with **George & Anna Melnik** Please call Dave Ragan at 614-370-0221 or Linda 792-1578.

BLESSING OF FOOD BASKETS
Baskets will be blessed in our Center following the 5:00 p.m. Matins & Divine Liturgy Saturday

and also after the 9:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Liturgies on Easter Sunday. **ALSO...**Chocolate Crosses will be passed out to the children after the Blessing of Baskets.

GRANT HIM ETERNAL REST
Please remember in your prayers Mr. Paul Giba who passed on to his eternal reward. Divine Liturgy with Christian burial Service for the repose of his soul will be held this Tuesday at 11:00 a.m. Interment will be at our cemetery. Grant eternal Rest O Lord to your servant, Paul and remember him forever. **CHRIST IS RISEN!**

BRIGHT WEEK
Please Note...NO FASTING DURING BRIGHT WEEK.

BLESSED & HAPPY EASTER
The prayer of Easter asks that we may express in our lives the love we celebrate this joyous Day. The Great Easter themes are newness of life, unity, joy & peace. The Resurrection of Christ is our rising to a new life. Light has banished darkness. The Risen Christ shows us the death is but the way to a new life. The joy of Easter should permeate our lives and lead us to be glad in God. May the Risen Lord grant His radiant blessings to each of you today and always.

CHRIST IS RISEN!