



The Byzantine Catholic Churches  
Of Youngstown's West side

# St. Mary's

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## FIFTH SUNDAY OF GREAT FAST

April 2, 2017

- SAT. 5:00 p.m. +Health & Blessings of Parishioners
- SUN. 10:30 a.m. +Delores Moliterno by Mr. Mrs. William Bailey
- MON. 11:00 a.m. Lenten Hours
- TUE. 11:00 a.m. No Service
- WED. 11:00 a.m. Presanctified Liturgy
- THU. 11:00 a.m. Akathist
- FRI. 4:00 p.m. Presanctified Liturgy
- SAT 4:30 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation until 4:45 p.m.

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## PALM SUNDAY

April 9, 2017

- SAT. 5:00 p.m. +Elizabeth Turjanica by children, Charles & MaryAnn
- SUN 10:30 a.m. Health & Blessings of Parishioners

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# St. George

1726 Canfield Road, Youngstown, Ohio 44511  
CONFESSIONS 8:30 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF GREAT FAST

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- April 2 9:00 a.m. +Steve & Anna Ilko by Mrs. Martha Ilko

## PALM SUNDAY

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- April 9 9:00 a.m. +John Kostyo Jr. by Mrs. Elsie Kostyo





## The Fifth Sunday of the Great Fast Commemoration of Saint Mary the Egyptian

*"If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.'... When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman.... He said 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one Sir,' she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,' Jesus said, 'Go away and sin no more.' "*

John 8:7-11

An anonymous author once said, "Others will judge your God by the way you present Him." And how right he is. Reflecting upon our own lives, we can testify to the fact that the good Samaritans who crossed our path and radiated the spirit of joyfulness, understanding, kindness, generosity, and especially mercy and forgiveness, made an imprint upon our hearts and minds forever.

The Gospels present Jesus as that type of individual. As the Second Person of the Most Holy Trinity, Jesus presented God as He really is. For example, to the woman caught in the act of adultery, as He witnessed her repentive disposition, He was merciful and forgiving, exhorting her to go and sin no more.

No one is beyond the reach of God no matter how serious we may have offended Him throughout life. He forgives all who approach Him especially through the Mystery of Reconciliation and anoints their soul with healing.

On this fifth Sunday of the Great Fast, our Byzantine Catholic tradition brings to our attention the life of an Egyptian woman who after living a very immoral and degrading existence, found how compassionate and loving God is. Mary the Egyptian (522 A.D.), according to her biographer Saint Sophronios, stands as the exemplar of genuine penance. After experiencing a great change of heart, she turned away from her evil ways and approached the merciful Savior with extreme sorrow. She then experienced a heavy burden lifted from her heart by reconciling herself to God. With a grateful disposition, she continually gave herself to Christ in love and devotion for the rest of her life.

During this sacred season of the Holy Fast, we are challenged to show mercy to others. Saint John Chrysostom tells us, "Do you wish to receive mercy? Show mercy to your neighbor."

We, as God's saints of the militant church, by virtue of our holy baptism, must continually strive to bring out Christ's likeness within us. Just as Mary the Egyptian committed her life to Jesus, witnessing to God's mercy and forgiveness, so must we lead others during our generation to Him by our witness and devotion. Remember, "Others will judge your God by the way you present Him."

**SCRIPTURE READINGS:** Hebrews 9:11-14  
Mark 10:32-45



**St. Mary's... March, 26**  
**Offertory ...\$1,096.00**  
**Shrine donation \$90.00**  
**in memory of Helen Rinko**

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**St. George March 26**  
**Offertory..... \$376.00**  
**Easter Flowers \$35.00**

### **SOCIAL GAMES**

With Easter only a few weeks away we would like to help you with your Holiday expenses and maybe you can even get a new Easter bonnet. We will give out **TEN \$15.00 PACKS ON APRIL 9<sup>TH</sup> AND 12<sup>TH</sup>. Don't miss out!!!** Games are played **every Sun & Wed. at 6:45 p.m. WE ARE PLAYING A PROGRESSIVE PIGGY GAME AS WELL AS THE HOG GAME....**

### **LENTEN SERVICES**

Presanctified Liturgy is held every Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. and Fridays at 4:00 p.m. A meatless lunch will be served in our Center every Wednesday following liturgy.

**ALSO....**During the other days of the week the services that are scheduled are the approved services for our Byzantine Rite.

### **WEDNESDAY SOUP & SANDWICH**

Donations are accepted and will be matched by GCU. All proceeds go to Our Sisters of St. Basil.

### **PRESANCTIFIED**

### **LITURGY/ CONFESSION**

Holy Tuesday there will be a Liturgy at 6:30. p.m. at St. Michael's Church, Robinson Rd., Campbell, Oh. followed by Confessions. All are invited to attend. All local priests will be there to hear Confessions.

### **GCU LODGE # 164**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarterly Meeting is planned for **TODAY** following the 10:30 a.m. Liturgy. A Continental Breakfast will be served in our Center.

### **CEMETERY CLEAN UP**

Just a reminder ...Easter is only a few weeks away so please remove all Christmas wreaths from the cemetery

### **SPAGHETTI DINNER**

St. Michael's on Robinson Rd. Campbell, Oh will hold their Annual Palm Sunday Spaghetti dinner Apr. 9 12:00 Noon - 3:00 p.m. \$9.00 Adults & \$4.00 children. Take out available.

### **GRANT HER ETERNAL REST**

Please remember in your prayers Mrs. Mary Roman who passed on to her eternal reward. Divine Liturgy for the repose of her soul was held Saturday morning. Interment being at Calvary Cemetery. Grant eternal rest O Lord to your servant Mary and remember her forever. Vicnaja Pamjat!