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TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 12, 2018

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| SAT. | 5:00 p.m. | +Ann Leson by Mrs. Alice Giba & Family | Page 135 & 346 |
| SUN. | 10:30 a.m. | Health & Blessings of Parishioners | |
| MON. | 11:00 a.m. | No Liturgy | |
| TUE. | 11:00 a.m. | +Michael & Mary Roman by children | Page 351 |
| WED. | DORMITION OF THEOTOKOS | | Page 352 |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Health & Blessings of Parishioners | <i>Holy Day of obligation</i>
<i>Blessing of flowers</i> |
| THU. | 11:00 a.m. | +Peg Bresko by daughter, Peggy | |
| FRI. | 11:00 a.m. | No Liturgy | |



THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Aug. 19, 2018

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| SAT. | 5:00 p.m. | Health & Blessings of Parishioners | Page 141 & 352 |
| SUN. | 10:30 a.m. | +Harry Simko by Edward & Kathy Price | |

St. George

1726 Canfield Road, Youngstown, Ohio 44511

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Aug. 12 9:00 a.m. +Andrew & Steven Jr. Ilko by Martha Ilko

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Aug. 19 9:00 a.m. +Steven Ilko Jr, by Mr. Mrs. Thomas Stefanish



DORMITION OF THE MOST HOLY THEOTOKOS

One of the most tender love songs in all literature can be found in the Old Testament. It is called the Canticle of Canticles or the Song of Songs. It contains in exquisite poetic form the sublime portrayal and praise of the mutual love of God and His people. The text uses very human expressions of tenderness universally understandable. In the context of salvation history, the Song allegorically symbolizes our Lord as the Bridegroom and His Church as the Bride, characteristic of the covenant between the Lord and ancient Israel as a marriage. The author represents the Lord speaking to Israel's heart changing it into a new, spiritual people, the ideal leading them not only in the Old Testament but especially in the New to an exalted spiritual union in the bond of perfect love. We as members of that new, spiritual people the Church have been bonded into holy baptism with Christ Whom God had sent into the world so loved by Him that "whoever believes in Him will not perish but have everlasting life"

This love of Christ for his Church is especially mirrored in His love for His holy mother, Mary, Mother of the Church. In the second chapter of the Canticle, Jesus reminds her.. "the winter is past; the rains are over and gone. Flowers appear on the earth...and the song of the dove is heard in our land." He then calls out to her: "Arise, my beloved, my beautiful one, and come to me!" It is His call to her to join Him in heaven body and soul. Currently on our liturgical calendar we are celebrating that beautiful truth that Mary was taken body and soul into heaven when her earthly course ended.

Our Church has always taught and believes that the body will rise on the last day to be reunited with the soul. We proclaim that truth at every Divine Liturgy in the Creed: "I expect the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come." Mary's Dormition restates this age-old teaching and presents it for us clearly and graphically through her. This event in her life is a dramatic instruction on our own last end.

We believe that the soul is immortal and will live forever either in heaven or hell, but our imagination bogs down at the thought of a heaven of disembodied spirits. Indeed, it seems vague and unreal; so the Church shows us Mary, a human being like ourselves, in heaven body and soul. Thus, as Mary exists today with her glorified body, our Church shows us how we ourselves will someday exist.

Her holy Dormition underscores the sublime promise of our Lord: "This is the will of My Father Who sent Me, that whoever beholds the Son, and believes in Him, shall have everlasting life, and I will raise him up on the last day." In anticipation of that event, Jesus has taken His Mother from her tomb and placed her as a star in the heavens to be a sign to all of us that the great things promised by God will be accomplished if we believe as she believed, and if we serve Him as she served Him.

Mary gave her body in love of God to conceive and hold His Son. That gift is rewarded by bringing her body to heaven. Our church reminds us of this with this prayer at Matins for Holy Dormition: "You have given birth to Life, and now by your holy Dormition, you have crossed the borders into eternal life. The Angels, The Principalities, and the Virtues, the prophets, the apostles and all creation form a procession, and your Son receives your pure soul into His immaculate hands, O Virgin Mother and Bride of God."

St. Mary's...8/6 /2018
Offertory.....\$ 1,218.00
Cemetery....\$ 50.00

St. George....8/6/2018
Offertory....\$ 386.00

SOCIAL GAMES

Games are played every Wednesday and Sunday at 6:45 p.m. You do not want to miss out on all the **Great Prizes!** **ALSO.....**If you have any free time on Wed. or Sun. evenings please consider coming down to our Center and giving our dedicated workers a helping hand.

CHURCH HISTORY NEWS

Thanks to everyone who has contributed their family photos or who are digging through their closets to find them. Dave Ragan will be at the church's main entrance after each Liturgy through the end of August to accept your portraits and answer any questions. The collection of these photos will make our church's new digital library very robust. And why is that important? We parishioners and all our relatives before us give evidence to the joys and struggles of the people who make up this community and worship in the Byzantine Catholic tradition. Please consider adding your family's milestones to this collection.

ASSEMBLY 2018

The Archeparchy of Pittsburgh is initiating a program to address the needs of the church, develop an action plan, to take an active roll to strengthen our parishes and to spread the message of Christ to our communities. This assembly will take place Sept. 16-18 at the Cathedral Center in Munhall. Anyone interested in representing our parishes are asked to contact our office 330-792-1578.

FEAST OF THE DORMITION

Is this Wednesday and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Liturgy will be held at St. Mary's at 11:00 a.m. There will also be blessing of flowers. Fast Began Aug. 1st and continues until Aug. 14th.

COMMUNITY TRUNK SALE

Sponsored by Immaculate Heart of Mary, 4490 Norquest Blvd. Sept. 15, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. One parking spot is \$10.00. Call 330-506-9081 if interested.

84th ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP UNIONTOWN, PA.

Sisters of St. Basil invite everyone to join them in honoring the Mother of God at her Shrine on Mt. St. Macrina. Pilgrimage begins Sept. 1st at 8:00 a.m. and concludes Sept. 2nd with candlelight procession at 7:30 p.m.