



The Byzantine Catholic Churches  
Of Youngstown's West side

# St. Mary's

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## TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

- SAT. 5:00 p.m. +Robert Brown by children  
 SUN. 10:30 a.m. Health & Blessings of Parishioners
- MON. 11:00 a.m. Funeral Liturgy...Mrs. Virginia Popovec
- TUE. **DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS**  
 4:00 p.m. Health & Blessings of Sister Bernarda &  
 Sister Leocadia
- WED. 11:00 a.m. Special Intention  
*Visitation of of Our Lady of Fatima*
- THU. 11:00 a.m. No Liturgy
- FRI. 11:00 a.m. +Josephine Hrina by Ray & Karen Skerkavich

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## ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

- SAT. 5:00 p.m. +John Hrebovcin by Dorothy Brown Family  
 SUN. 10:30 a.m. +John & Patricia Hallock by son Mike & Susan Hallock

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# St. George

1726 Canfield Road, Youngstown, Ohio 44511

## TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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Aug. 20 9:00 a.m. Health & Blessings of Parishioners

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## THE FALLING ASLEEP

It seems to be true that the world is getting more complicated. For example, the Holy Day which is celebrated on August 15 had one name when Slavonic was used and that was *Uspenije*. Now this same Holy Day is identified as the Falling Asleep, Dormition or Assumption. The same is true for the Virgin Mary. She was known as the Bohoroditza. Now a choice of names is the Mother of God, Theotokos or Ever-Virgin Mary.

Whatever terms you choose, the Holy Day is the same. It is one of the main Holy Days to be found on the Byzantine Calendar. It is preceded by a two week Lent, which begins on August 1 on the day of the Procession of the Holy Cross. It was customary in Constantinople to start a procession on this day carrying the Holy Cross to a specified destination. The Cross remained there until the following day, when it was taken to another specified destination. This continued for the entire Lent until the fifteenth day when the final stop was made on the Holy Day of the Falling Asleep of the Mother of God.

There is nothing in the Bible which tells us what happened to the Mother of God after Jesus, while hanging on the Cross, entrusted her to St. John, who recorded this in his gospel chapter 19 versed 25-27.

According to documents, she was about 70 years old when she fell asleep. She had spent the years from Jesus' death until her own death preaching and teaching the Word of God; and ministering to the sick and the poor. On many occasions she was found praying at sites where Jesus had lived, suffered and died.

Three days before her death she was visited by Archangel Gabriel, the same angel who brought the news that she might see the apostles before she died. They were scattered all over the known world preaching and teaching and it was some time since she had seen some of them. Her request was fulfilled and all of them came to Jerusalem for a final earthly farewell except St. Thomas. He arrived three days after she was buried. When the other disciples took him to the tomb, where they had buried her, they found that her body was missing. They were discussing this all day and continued until the evening, when they were eating their supper. At this time they saw the Virgin Mary appearing to hover in the air above them. She said: "Rejoice, I am with you always." They held up the bread and said: "Most Holy Birth giver of God, save us." This established a custom which they continued at all their meals.

Her blessings and help are still available to us. Many people get great solace when they appeal to her for assistance, especially in time of sorrow or need.

The Kondak for the day gives us much direction in how we should view her. Paraphrased it reads: "Neither death nor the grave could hold the Mother of God. She is always ready to intercede for us and does not disappoint us when we ask for her protection. Since she is also the Mother of Life (Jesus), as she bore Him in her virginal womb, He lifted her up to life."

*O Theotokos, in giving birth you preserved virginity; and in falling asleep you did not forsake the world. You are the Mother of life and have been transferred to life, and through your prayers you deliver our souls from death.*

**St. Mary's... 8/6/17**  
**Offertory...\$1,575.00**

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**St. George.... 8/6/17**  
**Offertory.... \$352.45**

### **SOCIAL GAMES**

**Games are played every Sun & Wed. at 6:45 p.m** Plan to stop by for an evening of **FUN.** ...Come on down and support our Church; and better yet come on down and lend a hand!!

### **OUR LADY OF FATIMA TOUR**

Our Lady of Fatima statue will be at St. Mary's **Wednesday....Aug. 16<sup>th</sup>** from 11:00 a.m. -7:00 p.m. Liturgy at 11:00 a.m. There is a plenary indulgence to all who venerate this statue during the visitation.

### **83<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE**

The Sisters of St. Basil invite you to the Pilgrimage in honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help at Mt. St. Macrina, Uniontown, PA. on Sept. 2 & 3, 2017 beginning at 8:00 a.m. Sept 2<sup>nd</sup> and closing at 7:30 p.m. on the 3<sup>rd</sup>. You will be able to participate in Divine Liturgy, Reconciliation, Children's procession, Adult Enrichment session, Icon

Shrine walk, and Candlelight Vigil. For more info call 724-438-8644.

### **5<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL VATRA PICNIC**

Will be held Aug. 26<sup>th</sup> at Infant Jesus of Prague, 7754 South Ave. Kitchen opens at 12:00 Noon until 8:00 p.m. This picnic features cultural events, Eastern Europe music, and great ethnic foods... All are invited ..Rain or Shine.. **FREE ADMISSION.** Divine Liturgy will be held at 6:00 p.m.

### **BLESSING OF FLOWERS**

Remember to bring flowers to the Liturgy this Tuesday as we will be blessing them, as this is our custom for the Feast Day.

### **GRANT HER ETERNAL REST**

Please remember in your prayers Mrs. Virginia Popovec who passed on to her eternal reward. Divine Liturgy with Christian burial service for the repose of her soul will held tomorrow, Aug. 14<sup>th</sup>. Interment being at our Cemetery.

Grant eternal rest O Lord to your servant, Virginia and remember her forever.  
Vicnaja Pamjat.