



The Byzantine Catholic Churches
Of Youngstown's West side

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TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Aug. 27, 2017

SAT. 5:00 p.m. Health & Blessings of Parishioners
SUN. 10:30 a.m. Health & 80th Birthday Blessings of Donald Danko
By children and grand-children

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MON. 11:00 a.m. No Liturgy

TUE. BEHEADING OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

11:00 a.m. +Dorothy Byers by St. Joe's Ambulatory
Care Unit



WED. 11:00 a.m. No Liturgy

THU. 11:00 a.m. +George Simko by wife, Millie

FRI. 11:00 a.m. +Rosary Society Members

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sept. 3, 2017

SAT. 5:00 p.m. Health & Blessings of Parishioners
SUN. 10:30 a.m. +Ivan Lambert by son, Fr. Richard

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St. George

1726 Canfield Road, Youngstown, Ohio 44511

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Aug. 27 9:00 a.m. +Jack & Margaret Conlan by Elsie Kostyo

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Sept. 3 9:00 a.m. +Andrew Ilko by Martha Ilko



BEHEADING OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

St. John the Baptist is an important person and plays a key role in the New Testament. He is the forerunner, the individual who was sent to prepare the way of the Lord. His teachings and holiness turned many of the hearts of Israelites to repentance and accepting baptism of repentance in the river Jordan. Aug. 29th we celebrate the beheading of the Baptist. In this particular icon of St. John the Baptist is represented with two large wings to signify his role as the messenger of the Messiah. *"I send my messenger ahead of you to prepare the way before you" (Matt. 11:10)*

In the icon, John gestures like a preacher with his right hand; in his left hand he holds open a scroll which proclaims the message of his preaching: "Reform your lives. The reign of God is at hand" (Matt. 3:2). John is shown clothed in a camel's hair garment, symbolic of a man in the desert. The rocks behind him represent the wilderness. He is holding his head to recall the termination of his life in martyrdom. Herodias took revenge on him in a foul manner, by inducing Herod to have him beheaded. A pious legend relates that the severed head of John the Baptist on the platter spoke, saying: "You cannot have your brother's wife." As a result Herodias was believed to have pierced John's tongue with a needle. Fearing, lest he rise from the dead and his head join his body, she buried the head on the premises of the palace.

PERSONAL HOLINESS AND THE KINGDOM OF GOD

Because we tend to compartmentalize our lives, I wonder how many of us consider ourselves evangelists or ministers of the Word of God. And yet, each baptized Christian becomes the newest disciple, that is, follower of Jesus Christ, and then an apostle, that is, one who is sent out to find other disciples. This is especially true in our personal lives. The greater Church has always taught that the home is the little church. In marriage, the partners become evangelists and ministers to one another and to their children. We do this by praying together, by reading Holy Scripture, by observing holy day customs, by keeping days of fast, by being kind to one another, and by teaching morality. We have plenty of examples of people in our society who have not had a good family life or who have lost that positive influence. What is the story in our own lives?

SEPTEMBER FIRST....BEGINNING OF CHURCH YEAR

Can you believe it! Summer is almost gone and the signs of Fall are in the air. Vacation days are over, and school has begun. September is, in a way, a time of beginnings. It is also *The Beginning of The Church Year*. Every month, every day, is a time of new beginnings. Every day we tell ourselves that today, will be better than yesterday. We are going to go out of our way at work or at school to be nice to those who can be irritable and seemingly unlovable. We are going to keep reminding ourselves that God loves them. Because of human condition we will fail. We will not measure up. But we will not let this discourage us. The Holy Spirit is all-powerful! With God all things are possible. Plan to join in celebrating our Feast Days as we journey through this New Liturgical Year and make it a **VERY HAPPY LITURGICAL YEAR!**

St. Mary's... 8/20/17
Offertory...\$1,418.00
Cemetery Chapel in memory
of Virginia Popovec
\$ 260.00

St. George.... 8/20/17
Offertory.... \$ 378.00

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!! Also... Great Prizes \$\$\$\$\$\$ to be had and Great people!!

83rd 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 2nd and closing at 7:30 p.m. on the 3rd. 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.

PASTA DINNER

St. Michael Church, 2140 Highland Rd., Hermitage, PA is holding a Spaghetti Dinner Sept. 9th from 4:00 p.m – 7:00 p.m. Adult Tickets \$11.00

CHINESE AUCTION

The 41st Annual Chinese Auction will be held at St. Michael Church, 2140 Highland Rd. Hermitage, PA on Oct. 1, 2017. Doors open 1:00 p.m. Admission & Lunch \$5.00 which includes 1 **FREE** Tear Sheet. Wheel chair accessible.

CCD CLASSES

Registration for classes will be Sept. 26, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at Byzantine Center at the Grove. We encourage parents and students grades 1-12 to attend and receive a greater knowledge and understanding of our Faith.

THANK YOU

Sister Bernarda & Sister Leocadia wish to express their gratitude to Fr. Richard and St. Mary's Parish for preparing the beautiful celebration to commemorate our Jubilees. Thank you, all, for the lovely cards and gift donations.. We will assure you of our remembrance in our prayers. God bless each of you abundantly.

GOD GRANT HIM ETERNAL REST

Please remember in your prayers Mr. William Bailey who passed on to his eternal reward. Divine Liturgy with Christian burial Service for the repose of his soul was held Saturday. Interment being at Calvary. Grant eternal rest O Lord to your servant, William and remember him forever. Vicnaja Pamjat!