



The Byzantine Catholic Churches
Of Youngstown's West Side

St. Mary's

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ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Aug. 4, 2013

SAT. 5:00 p.m. +Eugene Leson by wife, Ann & Family
SUN. 10:30 a.m. Health & Blessings of Parishioners

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MON. 11:00 a.m. No Liturgy

TUE. **TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD** *Blessing of fruit*

11:00 a.m. +Margaret Hanigosky by G.C.U. Lodge #164 **Page 346**

WED 11:00 a.m. +Agnes Malinyak Karabin by sister, Ann Sinko

THU. 11:00 a.m. No Liturgy

FRI. 11:00 a.m. +Sandra Zatchok by Mary Ann & Vlad

Aug. 11, 2013

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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SAT. 5:00 p.m. +John & Patricia Hallock by son, Michael & Susan Hallock & Family
SUN. 10:30 a.m. +Health & Blessings of Parishioners

St. George

1726 Canfield Road, Youngstown, Ohio 44511

Aug. 4 9:00 a.m. +Andrew & Steve Ilko by Martha Ilko

Aug. 6 9:00 a.m. +Andrew & Steve Ilko by Mr. Mrs. Tomaino
(blessing of fruit)

Aug. 11 9:00 a.m. +Jeanette Ilko Czyrnik by Elsie Kostyo



FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION...

On the sixth of August we celebrate the solemn feast of The Holy Transfiguration in commemoration of the glorious change in appearance of our Lord Jesus Christ on a "high mountain" which, since the fourth century, Christian tradition identifies with Mt. Tabor. The Fathers refer to Christ's transfiguration as to His "second epiphany" or the second manifestation of His divinity. For this reason the Fathers during the Christological disputes adduced the transfiguration of Christ as a certain proof of His divinity. The establishment of the feast then followed.

The feast is celebrated late in summer, at the time of the first fruits, which remind us of God's great goodness and His infinite bounty. To express our recognition and gratitude to God for His generosity we bring some of these fruits to the church for blessing. The custom to bless the first fruits passed to us from the Old Testament, since the Jews at the very beginning of their exodus were ordered by Almighty God: "You must bring the best of the fruits of your soil to the house of the Lord, your God." St. Gregory of Nazianz calls the practice to bless the fruits in church a "just and holy" custom.

The Christian practice to bless the fruits in church can be traced back to Apostolic times. The oldest prayer for the blessing of fruits is registered by the Apostolic Constitutions in the fourth century. But there is also an older Prayer of Thanksgiving for the new fruits in the work of St. Hippolytus, the Apostolic Tradition, composed about 220 AD. St. Hippolytus mentions the following fruits usually blessed: grapes, figs, pomegranates, pears, mulberries, peaches, and almonds. The sixth Ecumenical Council, celebrated in Constantinople (680-681), prescribed that the new "wheat and grapes" were to be blessed in church on the feast of the Holy Transfiguration. For this reason some older books of blessings, called Euchologia, forbid the faithful to eat new fruits of the season before they have been blessed in church.

BIRTHDAYS

Count your garden by the flowers, never by the leaves that fall; count your days by the golden hours, don't remember clouds at all. Count the nights by the stars, not shadows. Count your life by smiles, not tears, and with joy on every birthday, count your age by friends, not years.

FINDING OUR STRENGTH

It is a wonderful thing that when we know our weakness, we find our strength. This discovery does not create weaklings, but people confident that life never takes them to a place where God is not. This is the birth of fortitude in our soul. It is a great moment in life when we no longer have to pretend to be stronger than we know we are. It is a great discovery when we find that we do not have to pretend, but can confess our own inadequacy in the knowledge that God holds us up and guides us through.

SOCIAL GAMES

GAMES are played every Wednesday & Sunday at 6:45 p.m. Come join us for an enjoyable evening with friendly folks. You might be one of the lucky ones that will walk out with **XTRA CASH** in your pocket and you can start planning your destination vacation.

PAY-OUT each session.....
\$4,000.00

Also we are always looking for volunteers to come help out our dedicated bingo workers

CHURCH DONATIONS

St. Mary's.....Offertory
7/28 \$ 918.00

St. George Offertory...
7/28/2013 \$ 228.00

HOLIDAY CRAFT SHOW



St. Mary's Second Craft Show is planned for Nov. 2nd. To ensure we have another **GREAT SHOW** we are asking for your help to reach out to your friends and family and let them know about our show and if they would be interested in renting a table.

ALSO.....All parishioners that wish to volunteer their services in any way to make this Craft Show a huge success are asked to call the office 792-1578.

48TH ANNUAL ASSUMPTION PILGRIMAGE

This years Pilgrimage is planned for Aug. 13-15th at The National Shrine of Our Lady of Lebanon on Lipkey Road. A Byzantine Divine Liturgy will be

celebrated on Wed. Aug. 14th at 7:00 p.m. Celebrant will be Archbishop William Skurla assisted by local clergy and response by Archeparchial Choir of Pittsburgh.

CHURCH PICNIC

MARK YOUR CALENDARS....

Our Annual Church picnic is planned for Aug. 15th the Feast of The Dormition of the Theotokos. Divine Liturgy will be held at St. George at 11:00 a.m. and at St. Mary's at 5:00p.m. The Picnic will be held following the Liturgy. We will once again have our Caterers prepare the delicious meal which will be Beef, Pork, Chicken, Macaroni Salad, Tossed Salad, corn on the cob, fresh fruit, cake and beverage.

Adults...\$10.00 children age 6-12 \$5.00.

If you forgot to drop your form in the basket and plan on attending please call the office **TOMORROW MORNING 792-1578.**

ALSO.....We would like to invite all St. George Parishioners to join us.

HUNGARIAN DAY FESTIVAL

The annual Festival will be held Aug. 11th at The Hungarian Club on Donald Ave. Events begin at 1:00 and conclude at 6:00 p.m There will be Hungarian Music, Ethnic foods, pastries, and beverages for sale. A donation will be asked for at the gate.

FEAST DAYS

On **Tuesday** we celebrate the feast of the **Transfiguration of Our Lord**. We will bless fruit on that day. Bring a basket of fruit to the Liturgy to have it blessed and take home for your enjoyment. Last **Thursday** we began the **Fast of the Dormition** which continues to the Feast on August 15.

Peace is seeing a sunset and knowing whom to thank.