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Of Youngstown's West side

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ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 5, 2018

SAT. 5:00 p.m. +Margaret Lukas by God-son Fr. Richard
SUN. 10:30 a.m. Health & Blessings of Parishioners

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MON. TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

Blessing of Fruit

11:00 a.m. +Steven Jr. & Andrew Ilko by The Tomaino Family

TUE. 11:00 a.m. No Liturgy

WED. 11:00 a.m. +Helen Rinko by Rich & Linda Keshock

THU. 11:00 a.m. +Mary Puskar by Mrs. Eleanor Hnat

FRI. 11:00 a.m. No Liturgy

SAT. 2:00 p.m. Crowning Ceremony of
Mark Rosine & Heather Talkington



TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Aug. 12, 2018

SAT. 5:00 p.m. +Ann Leson by Mrs. Alice Giba & Family
SUN. 10:30 a.m. Health & Blessings of Parishioners

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St. George

1726 Canfield Road, Youngstown, Ohio 44511

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Aug. 5 9:00 a.m. +Michelle Nicholas by Jeanne Essad

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TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

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FEAST OF TRANSFIGURATION

Approximately 2000 years ago, man saw God. This is what we will be celebrating on The Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord, God's revelation of Himself to man. God has chosen to reveal Himself throughout human history in many and varied ways. In the beginning, Adam and Eve, spoke with God and enjoyed the pleasure of His conversation with them, but they never saw Him, or at least did not see Him as He truly is. He was hidden from their view, more so for their sake, than for His. They were something other than what God was, and therefore, they could not behold His Majesty and Greatness with their human eyes. Noah too spoke with God, before and after the flood, but was denied the privilege of seeing Him. God however chose to reveal himself to Abraham and Sarah by the terebinth in Mamre, not as He truly is, but in the form of angels as the Book of Genesis describes. Now keep in mind this book was written at least a thousand years before the Christian understanding of God as Trinity came into being with the birth of Jesus Christ and the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles. "The Lord appeared to Abraham by the terebinth of Mamre, looking up, he saw three men standing nearby, these three men, angels or messengers of the Lord, symbolic of the three persons of the Holy Trinity were to announce to Abraham and Sarah that they were to give birth to a multitude of generations which would be as numerous as the sands by the seashore, even though they were both well-beyond the years of childbearing. They were to give birth to a son Isaac who would be the father of Jacob, the father of the nation of Israel. From Israel would come the Savior, the Messiah, who would draw all nations and all peoples together. Moses, likewise, whom we hear about in today's gospel reading, also had a vision of God in the burning bush which he encountered in the land of Midian and from which God spoke to Him. He was also privileged to be allowed to see the back of God when God passed by Him at Mount Horeb in Israel. But as God warns Moses at Mt. Horeb before He passes by him, "I will make all my beauty pass before you, and in your presence I will pronounce my name, 'Lord' but my face you cannot see, for no man sees me and still lives" (Ex. 33:19-20). Elijah also had an encounter with God on Mt. Horeb as described in the First Book of Kings. God told Elijah, "Go outside and stand on the mountain before the Lord; the Lord will be passing by. A strong and heavy wind was rending the mountains and crushing rocks before the Lord - but the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake - but the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake there was fire - but the Lord was not in the fire. After the fire there was a tiny whispering sound. When he heard this, Elijah hid his face in his cloak and went and stood at the entrance of the cave. A voice [the Lord's voice] said to him, 'Elijah, why are you here?' Yet Elijah did not see God, he only heard Him. It was to a band of three lowly fisherman, that God chose to reveal His glory and His majesty, and to the poor people of Israel, His face. God revealed Himself to us, human beings, that we might come to believe in Him and place our complete faith, hope, and trust in Him. Jesus Christ was transfigured on the mount that the world may come to know that there was something more here than just a human being who taught good teachings in ancient Israel, there was the infinite, immortal, uncontainable Son of God who became man to show us God. But if God chose to reveal Himself to us 2000 years ago, how come He doesn't do it today. If God wants us to believe in Him, why doesn't He simply come down out of Heaven and reveal Himself to us. He did, He has, and He still does. But we're looking for Him in all the wrong places. He's closer to us now than He's ever been in human history. God is not out there somewhere. He's right here, in our hearts. The Holy Spirit of God dwells in each of us who have been baptized and chrismated. He brings Jesus to us who brings us to the Father. To find God we need to look inside, not outside.

Church History Project:

PHOTO COLLECTING

July-August 2018

What's This Project All About?

Since June 2016, a preservation project has been underway at our church. All of our paper records are being scanned or photographed digitally so there will be easier access to our history by computer. This also helps to ensure that our records of parishioners, events, and properties are preserved for well into the future.

What Are We Looking For?

In addition to creating a digital library of our Sacramental records and Church anniversary booklets, photographs and other historical documents (such as obituaries, newspaper articles, certificates, and other memorabilia) provide a richer and deeper understanding of who our church is and how we got to where we are. At the heart of this history are parishioners and clergy—all of our ancestors, together with all of us here today! Please help us collect single and group images of the following “milestones”—Baptisms, First Holy Communions, Graduations, Military Service, and Weddings. And to round out these moments of honor, we're also looking

for favorite portraits taken later in life. What a treasure it will be to have as many of these images captured over a lifetime preserved for our church's history and your own family's genealogical searches for decades to come.



BAPTISM



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



GRADUATION



MILITARY SERVICE



WEDDING



SENIOR

How To Submit Your Photos

With your help, we will take great care with collecting, scanning, and returning your photos. Please provide a separate sheet of paper with each photo and mark all known names and dates. Place all materials in an envelope marked with your name and phone number. Bring (DO NOT MAIL) your submissions to Linda at the office or to Dave Ragan at the main church entrance following each weekend Liturgy in July and August 2018. We will notify you when the documents are done and arrange for their return to you.

Please contact Dave at 614-370-0221 with any questions.

St. Mary's...7/29 /2018

Offertory.....\$ 798.00

St. George....7/29/2018

Offertory.....\$ 633.00

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.

PLEASE NOTE...Dave Ragan

will be out of town this weekend. He will accept all pictures Aug. 11th & 12th. Thank you.

CHURCH PICNIC

Our Annual Church picnic is planned for **Aug. 16th** at 6:00 p.m. Menu : Chicken & Pulled Pork, buttered parsley potato, Tomato Salad, corn on the cob, fresh fruit salad, beer, wine, pop & cake for \$13.00 adults & \$5.00 children under 10 yrs. of age. **All St. Mary's & St. George Parishioners and Families are welcome. Call 330-792-1578 by Aug. 6th.to RSVP.**

GRANT HER ETERNAL REST

Please remember in your prayers Mrs. Helen Leshnack who passed on to her eternal reward. Divine Liturgy with Christian burial service for the repose of her soul was held Friday. Interment being at Calvary. Grant eternal rest O Lord to your servant, Helen and remember her forever. Vicnaja Jey Pamjat!

TRANSFIGURATION

OF OUR LORD

We will be blessing fruit & vegetables tomorrow as is the custom for this Feast. Please bring your basket when you attend Liturgy.

FEAST OF THE DORMITION

Fast Began Aug. 1st and continues until Aug. 14th.