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TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

Blessing of Fruit

Aug. 6, 2017

SAT. 5:00 p.m. Mrs. Mary Puskar by Mr. Mrs. George Lutza
SUN. 10:30 a.m. +Joseph Gerek by wife, Ann & Family

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MON. 11:00 a.m. No Liturgy

TUE. 11:00 a.m. No Liturgy

WED. 11:00 a.m. No Liturgy

THU. 11:00 a.m. Health & Blessings of GCU Members

FRI. 11:00 a.m. Health & Blessings of Rosary Society Members



TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Aug 13, 2017

SAT. 5:00 p.m. +Robert Brown by children
SUN. 10:30 a.m. Health & Blessings of Parishioners

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St. George

1726 Canfield Road, Youngstown, Ohio 44511

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Aug. 6 9:00 a.m. +Andrew & Steve Ilko by Mr. Mrs. James Tomaino

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Aug. 13 9:00 a.m. +Andrew & Steve Ilko by Martha Ilko



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.

St. Mary's... 7/30/17
Offertory...\$856.00

St. George.... 7/30/17
Offertory.... \$416.00

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!!

FATIMA CENTENNIAL TOUR

The United Nations Pilgrim Virgin Statue will be at St. Mary's **Aug. 16th** 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.

CHURCH FEAST DAY CELEBRATION

Will be held Aug. 15th on The Feast Day following the 4:00 p.m. Liturgy. Cocktails at 5:00 p.m. & Dinner at 6:00 p.m. **Menu:** Chicken, & Roasted Pork, Potatoes, Tomato Salad, Tossed Salad, Fresh Fruit, Corn, bread/butter, beer, wine, pop, and Cake... all for \$13.00... children under 10yrs of age \$5.00. All parishioners and Family

members are welcome. Please Call 792-1578 to RSVP by **Aug. 7th.**

PLEASE NOTE...We will also be celebrating Sister Bernarda & Sister Leocadia, on their many years of service in The Religious Life.

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.

SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF LEBANON

The 52nd Annual Pilgrimage will be held Aug. 13 -Aug. 15 at 2759 Lipkey Rd. North Jackson. Call 330-538-3351 for further info.

THANK YOU

We thank Fr. Dave for celebrating the Divine Liturgy this weekend while Fr. Richard was out of town.