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# St. Mary's

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#### NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

11:00 a.m.

SAT. 4:00 p.m. Health & Blessings of Parishioners

SUN 10:30 a.m Deceased Pastors & Parishioners of St. Mary's

MON. SYNAXIS OF THEOTOKOS & COMMEMORATION

OF DAVID, JOSEPH, & JAMES

Page 294 & 302 +Elizabeth Turjanica by children

TUE. FEAST OF ST. STEPHEN Page 298

> +Mary Puskar by St. Mary's Caterers 11:00 a.m.

WED. 11:00 a.m. No Liturgy

THU. 11:00 a.m. No Liturgy

+Ann Marie Metz by William McNaughton FRI. 11:00 a.m.

SUNDAY BEFORE THEOPHANY & CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD Jan. 1, 2017

+Josephine Hrina by Ron & Ellan Wallace SAT. 4:00 p.m.

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St. George

1726 Canfield Road, Youngstown, Ohio 44511 CONFESSIONS 8:30 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.

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SUNDAY BEFORE THEOPHANY & CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD

Jan. 1 9:00 a.m. +Wilma Kopp by Fanny Kasek

### **CHRIST IS BORN! GLORIFY HIM!**

"I bring you Good News of great joy which shall be to all the people, for today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you, who is Christ the Lord." These words of the angel to the shepherds brought joy to their hearts. The same words arouse in our heart the joy that God has visited His people, that God is with us.

Jesus' birth in Bethlehem for our salvation is not a legend of literature, nor a myth of the imagination. It is a real and concrete fact. Because of this, Christmas will never lose its real meaning. As often as the word is pronounced, it will proclaim the birth of our Savior.

Christmas, the birthday of the Light of the World, will always reveal God's infinite goodness and love, a love that opened the closed heavens to the mystery of the inner life of God. St. Paul tells us, "God's grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible for the whole human race."

Our Lord's coming on earth is God's plan of salvation, a sign of His love and mercy. It is a plan that triumphs over misfortunes, sufferings, and even death itself. "God so loved the world that He gave His only son." No other person in history has touched the lives of so many people as the Infant Child of Bethlehem. No other event has changed the course of history as the event of that first Christmas Day.

#### PARADOX OF CHRISTMAS



Christmas is the mystery of God in a manger. Eternally begotten of the Father without a mother, He is born in time of a mother without a father. Divine, He is human. Omnipotent, He is bound in swaddling clothes. Filling the universe, He is contained in a crib. Creator of the world, He can find no room in the inn. King of Kings, He is welcomed to His earth by poor shepherds.

May heaven and earth rejoice prophetically this day. May angels and people spiritually celebrate, for God appeared in the flesh to those groping in the darkness and resting in a shadow. Having been born of a Virgin, a cave and a manger received Him. Shepherds relate a miracle; the Magi from the East bring gifts to Bethlehem; while we, with unworthy lips, render Him angelic praise: "Glory to God in the highest and peace on earth, for the hope of nations has arrived."

A Joyous and Peaceful Season St. Mary's... Dec. 18, 2016 Offertory....\$895.00 Christmas...\$150.00

St. George. Dec. 18, 2016 Donation amount will be in next week's bulletin

NO SOCIAL GAMES TODAY...Merry Christmas to all of our cherished and dedicated workers and of course to all those that attend our Games.

Games are played every Sun & Wed. at 6:45 p.m. WE ARE PLAYING A PROGRESSIVE PIGGY GAME AS WELL AS THE HOG GAME.... Come check us out!!! WE WILL have Bingo on New Year's Day...Come ring in the NEW YEAR with a Great Group of people!!!

CHRISTMAS LITURGY
PLEASE NOTE....Since
Christmas falls on Sunday our
regular Sat. & Sun. schedule
will be followed. This is being
done this year only since
Christmas falls on Sunday.
We will revert back to our
regular Christmas schedule
next year unless you prefer it
this way.

## **CALENDARS**

The 2017 calendars are in the vestibule. Please take one and check it regularly they are a wealth of information. We are truly

grateful to George & Tom Kinnick and Michael Kirila for sponsoring these calendars every year for our Parishioners.

## ANOINTING with BLESSED OIL...MIROVANIJE & RECEPTION OF BLESSED BREAD

Anointing of foreheads with blessed oil will take place after the final blessing on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. As Father anoints you he will say "Christ is born! Your response, "Glorify Him!" This is a beautiful way of greeting one another during this holy season. Let us not forget our heritage.

## CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS

Fr. Richard, Linda, Bill and Dan would like to wish each member of our Spiritual Family and St. George a Very Merry & Blessed Christmas. Never has one Life touched so many.....May He touch our lives this Christmas with awe and wonder for His precious gift of Life. May you and your loved ones have a Blessed and joyous Christmas and a Happy New Year!

CHRIST IS BORN! GLORIFY HIM! CHRISTOS RAZDAJETSJA! SLAVITE JEHO!

> KRISZTUS MEGSZULETETT! DICSOITSUK OT!