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Of Youngstown's West side

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TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SAT. 4:00 p.m. +George Hrina by Family
SUN. 10:30 a.m. +Ivan Lambert by son, Fr. Richard

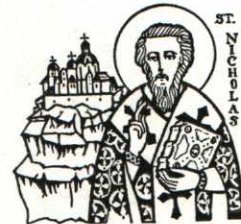
MON. 11:00 a.m. No Liturgy

TUE. 11:00 a.m. No Liturgy

WED. **NICHOLAS OF MYRA ARCHBISHOP** Page 274
11:00 a.m. +Ronnie Wallace by aunt, Karen Muransky

THU. 11:00 a.m. +Lana Popio by daughter, Vicki

FRI. **MATERNITY OF THE HOLY ANNA** Page 277
11:00 a.m. +Helen Lambert by Mike & Mary Novak



TWENTY- SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SAT. 4:00 p.m. +Ann Leson by Irene Lancy
SUN. 10:30 a.m. Health & Blessings of Parishioners

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St. George

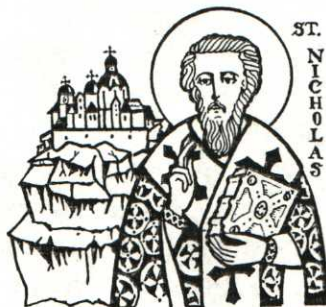
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Dec. 10 9:00 a.m. +Steven Ilko by Mr. Mrs. John Haydu



SAINT NICHOLAS



It is the image of St. Nicholas, more often than that of any others, that is found on Byzantine seals; and he is said to have been represented by Christian artists more frequently than any saint except our Lady. The popularity of St. Nicholas, especially among our people is based on the fact that he embodied that concept of Christianity which has always been taught, lived and practiced by the Eastern Church. There are several virtues attributed to St. Nicholas, among which faith, charity and willingness to help excel

above all.

For our people St. Nicholas is a champion of faith, a "model of faith" as the Troparion calls him. From all virtues ascribed to St. Nicholas, charity is mentioned pre-eminently. It is this example of our patron saint which we must follow today better than ever before. In a world which hates, we must be souls of love. We must teach the world again how to love, by loving. It is always the lack of charity among men which is responsible for the sad condition of humanity. Love is not a spectacular virtue. It manifests itself in little things done.

The charity of St. Nicholas was all-embracing. He made no exceptions nor did he set precedents. Christians of today would do well to imitate this universal charity. If we really love St. Nicholas, let us imitate him in sincerely practicing the virtue of charity as he did. St. Nicholas was a man who helped others. He stands before us as an example and symbol of compassion and willingness to help those in need.

Human nature being what it is, prone to be lazy, unstable and emotional, man requires the promise of reward, or the threat of punishment, in order to help others or, generally, in order to strive for perfection. Children try harder when they know that some reward awaits them as compensation for their efforts. In this respect, we are as children, of a second growth. Charity must be completely disinterested.

According to a Latin Proverb, the Saints are to be admired rather than imitated. Spiritually we cannot profit by mere admiration of Saints; we must imitate them. And the one who should be particularly imitated in our time is St. Nicholas.

"We praise you, O bishop of Christ, Nicholas, and we venerate your memory, for you pray for us to Christ our God."

FEAST OF THE CONCEPTION OF ST. ANN

Our Ancient Slavonic Prologue contains the following for the Feast of St. Ann: "Beloved, today is the beginning of our salvation." In the womb of Ann, after the Annunciation of the Angel, the granddaughter of Just Jesse is conceived, and know that today we are celebrating the Conception of our Lady, the most Pure Queen...Mother of God. Let us celebrate devoutly and with joy for She unceasingly prays to her Son for us.



St. Mary's... 11/26//2017
Offertory...\$1,185.00
Thanksgiving donations
\$76.00

St. George....11/26/20/17
Offertory....\$665.00
Flowers...105.00

SOCIAL GAMES



are played every
SUNDAY & WEDNESDAY
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 With Thanksgiving
under our belts it is now time to
start making a list and checking it
twice and when you see how much
XTRA CASH you will need you
might want to join us at our Social
Games. On *Dec. 17th & 20th* we
will be giving out **TEN \$15.00**
Cash Prizes. **ALSO...Our**
Piggy Pull Tab game is
currently at \$6,250.00, The
Hog game is at its Max
\$2,000.00, and The Pig game
is also at its Max \$1,000.00.
STOP BY TONITE OR

WEDNESDAY you do not
want to miss out on the
chance to win some of this
BIG CASH!!

VOCATION ICON PROGRAM
Began Sept. 24th in all Byzantine
Catholic Churches. Each Family
should plan to take The Icon into
their home and pray for vocations
for the week.

SACRAMENT RECONCILIATION

Father will hear confessions
ONLY on the following days
before Christmas *Dec. 9th, 16th, &*
23rd. from 3:15 – 3:45 p.m.

GCU CHRISTMAS PARTY.
Party is planned for
TODAY..Dec. 3rd in our Center
following the 10:30 a.m. Liturgy.
All members are invited to attend.

LITURGY REQUEST

Please call the office if you would
like to schedule liturgies for the
new year.

CALENDARS

The calendars for the new year
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. God
bless them.

Friendship is a cozy shelter
from life's rainy days.