



The Byzantine Catholic Churches  
Of Youngstown's West side

# St. Mary's

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## SUNDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS & ANCESTORS

Dec. 24, 2017

SAT. 4:00 p.m. Health & Blessings of Parishioners  
SUN. 10:30 a.m. +Louis Wallace by Mr. Mrs. Tod Beno

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SUN. 4:00 p.m. Health & Blessings of Parishioners  
MON. 11:00 a.m. Deceased Pastors & Parishioners of St. Mary's

## TUE. SYNAXIS OF THE THEOTOKOS

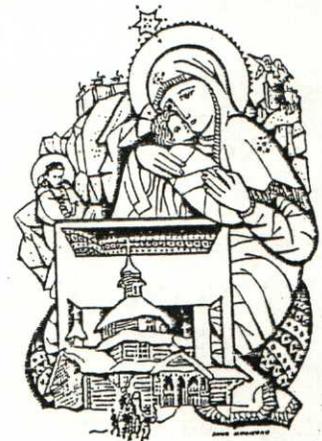
11:00 a.m. +Elizabeth Turjanica by Charles & MaryAnn

## WED. FEAST OF ST. STEPHEN

11:00 a.m. +Michael Leonard Sopkovich by children

THU. 11:00 a.m. No Liturgy

FRI. 11:00 a.m. No Liturgy



## SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

Dec 31, 2017

SAT. 4:00 p.m. +Peggy Hripko by Mr. Mrs. Paul Giba  
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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Dec. 24 9:00 a.m. +Michael Kovach Sr. by wife, Veronica

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Dec. 25 9:00 a.m. Health & Blessings of Parishioners

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Dec. 31 9:00 a.m. +Steve & Margaret Haluska by Mrs. Martha Ilko



### **CHRIST THE 'NEW LIGHT'**

*From the darkness of the cave, the newly-born Jesus, wrapped in swaddling clothes, shines forth. The cave is dark because of the sins of the world. Jesus is the Sun of Justice, who came to lead us out of darkness into the light. Rays of light also come from the Star of Bethlehem, high above, to the One Who broke the chains of darkness.*



With the celebration of the Nativity of Christ, we commemorate the beginning of man's salvation. This salvation brings to all of us peace and joy, because through the birth of Christ, the "loving kindness" of God has come to us. This theme of peace and joy is repeated over and over as we celebrate Christ's birth, "Today all creation rejoices greatly and makes glad, for Christ is born of a Virgin."

We express some of this joy in the traditional Christmas Eve Supper, known by some as "Velia". A family gathering to partake of a meal symbolizes the sharing of life and the union of joy that exists within a family. This event becomes a sacred time in which all members can show their belief that God is the source of the life and the joy which binds them together as a family. Dinner together is an opportunity to thank God for all the blessings He has given us. It is a time when we show our courtesy and hospitality, not only to the members of our family but even to strangers. The custom, in some traditions, of leaving an empty chair at the table, signifies this hospitality that should be shown to all.

The feast of the Nativity of our Lord is a great and wonderful mystery- heaven and earth are joined. The One who is not able to be contained is present in a humble manger. God has become human and has called for humanity to grow in Godliness. In order for us to accomplish this, we must love one another, care for one another, and give peace to one another. Let this time of year be the beginning for all of us to change our behavior if we are hurting one another, not caring for one another, and if we are not following the Gospel to the best of our ability.

Hopefully we have made our life His life by caring and loving each other this past year. Let this Holy Season of the Nativity of our Lord be a time of compassion and forgiveness. Hopefully we have all grown closer, not only to each other, but to God. Realistically, for some of us, this past year was not very happy or prosperous. For some of us this Christmas is without a loved one that shared our Christmas last year. However, no matter where we find ourselves, we know that because God became one of us, our loved ones and we too, will be with God.

**CHRIST IS BORN!**

**CHRISTOS RAZDAJETSJA!**

**GLORIFY HIM**

**SLAVITE JEHO!**

**KRISZTUS MEGSZULETETT!**

**DICSOITSUK OT!**

*St. Mary's... 12/17//2017*  
*Offertory...\$1,007.00*  
*Christmas...\$250.00*

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*St. George....12/17/20/17*  
*Offertory.... \$ 429.00*  
*Christmas ....\$ 210.00*  
*Flowers.....\$ 15.00*

**NO SOCIAL GAMES  
TODAY  
MERRY**

***CHRISTMAS to all  
of our cherished and  
dedicated workers and also  
to all our dedicated  
patrons who attend our  
games.***

Games are played every  
Sunday and Wednesday at 6:45  
p.m.

Come out and play Our  
Progressive Piggy Pull Tab  
game, The Hog game is at its  
Max \$2,000.00, and The Pig  
game is also at its Max  
\$1,000.00.

**STOP BY ON WEDNESDAY**  
you do not want to miss out  
on all these Great Prizes !

***ALSO...WE will have Bingo***  
on New Year's Eve come  
bring in the New Year with us  
and start the year off right  
and maybe go home with *some*  
***EXTRA CASH in your***  
***pockets.***

**ANOINTING WITH  
BLESSED OIL...MIROVANIJE  
AND RECEPTION OF  
BLESSED BREAD**

Anointing of foreheads will take  
place after the final blessing on  
Christmas Eve & 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.

**LITURGIES**

Keep in mind that this Saturday  
4:00 p.m. Liturgy and the two  
Liturgies on Sunday morning are  
for our Sunday obligation; and  
***This Sunday 4:00 p.m. Liturgy  
and the two Liturgies on Monday  
are for the Feast of The Birth of  
Christ. AND THE TWO SHALL  
NOT BE BLESSED BY ONLY  
ATTENDING ONE OF THE  
SIX!***

**CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS**

Fr. Richard, Linda, Bill and Dan  
would like to wish each of you a  
Very Merry & Blessed Christmas.  
May the spirit of Christmas  
always be with you not only now  
but throughout the coming year.  
May the Feast of our Lord's birth  
bring you rich blessings from  
above to fill you and enrich you  
with peace, health and happiness.  
May you and your loved ones  
have a blessed and joyous  
Christmas.

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