



The Byzantine Catholic Churches
Of Youngstown's West side

St. Mary's

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SUNDAY OF CHEESEFARE

Feb. 26, 2017

SAT. 4:00 p.m. +Eugene Leson Sr. by Terri Buehrle & Gene Leson
SUN 10:30 a.m. +Helen Lambert by son, Fr. Richard

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MON. FIRST DAY OF GREAT FAST

11:00 a.m. Lenten Hours *No Meat & Dairy products*

TUE. 11:00 a.m. Akathist

WED. 11:00 a.m. Presanctified Liturgy

THU. 11:00 a.m. Akathist

FRI. 11:00 a.m. GCU Board Meeting.... No Service

SAT. 3:30 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation until 3:45 p.m.



FIRST SUNDAY OF GREAT FAST

March 5, 2017

SAT. 4:00 p.m. +Mary Puskar by Family
SUN 10:30 a.m. +William & Veronica Vicini by Dr. & Mrs. Tom Sopkovich

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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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LENT...A SEASON OF GROWTH

Lent has begun...what memories or expectations does this call forth for you? Do you recall a time of going without some childhood pleasure for a time? Or do you think of it in times of special Church services or quiet personal meditation and reflection. There is much that is good in those memories, some things we may want to continue. What would happen, though, if we started out fresh and looked for new possibilities?

An example of the possible change comes in the contrast between seeing this as a season of "*penitence*" and seeing it as a season of "*growth*". Penitence and a humble review of our habits and priorities provides a foundation for reflection in this season. But what would happen, if we focused more on what personal growth might take place?

The word, Lent, refers to the lengthening of days, as spring approaches. The first day of Lent, symbolizes not only humility and repentance, but the final remains of an old style of life. From that beginning, new life springs forth like the mythological phoenix, that sprang from ashes.

What would this season be like, if we were to see it as a time of transformation, moving from the past into a new kind of future. The forty days of Lent are for finding new possibilities. Jesus spent forty days in the wilderness, preparing for this ministry. We, today, would do well to use this time for preparing ourselves for fuller ministry and fuller life.

The days are already lengthening. The time has come for nurturing growth that is ready to start, deep within us. Call forth your inner resources and look to God for help, that growth may begin.

DAY BY DAY

Tomorrow is one of the beautiful words of the English language. That is, when it is properly pronounced. But in our thinking, tomorrow is not always beautiful. It often is laden with fears. When we come down to the realm, of actuality, we realize that tomorrow does not exist and never will. It is only in our imagination.

There is no tomorrow. There is only today. Tomorrow, if we are privileged to see it, will be another "Today". While we are imagining, let us reflect upon the past...the unfailing goodness of God, at every step and turn of the way. The burdens of this day can be borne. God assures us that with His continual help we can be more than conquerors now.

"Take therefore no thought for the morrow; for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself."

REPENTANCE

is the golden key that opens the palace of eternity.

St. Mary's... Feb. 19, 2017
Offertory \$ 1,002.00
Cemetery...\$ 250.00

St. George. Feb. 19, 2017
Offertory..... \$1,613.00

SOCIAL 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....**

Stop by for an evening of **FUN** and if you are getting the winter blues and would like to visit a warmer climate maybe we can help you out financially so come on down. **ALSO....** If you have a little free time on your hands Wed. or Sun. evenings please consider coming down to the hall and help out.

G.C.U. FOUNDERS DAY

The meeting & Brunch is scheduled for **March 12th** in our Center following the 10:30 a.m. Liturgy. All Members and their guests as well as parishioners that are interested in joining the Lodge are invited.

CEMETERY CHAPEL

Chapel is standing and looks **BEAUTIFUL**. There is still a little more work needed to be done such as the electric, and flooring.

LOCK-IN RETREAT

For teenagers and young adults.....Sat. March 18 & 19 At St. Anne's Ukrainian Church

4310 Kirk Rd. \$25.00 Fee includes presentations, book, meals, T shirt and FUN.

Contact Deacon Myron Spak 412-303-9086 by March 5th

LENTEN SERVICES

Presanctified Liturgy will be held every Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. and Fridays at 4:00 p.m. A meatless lunch will be served in our Center every Wednesday following liturgy.

ALSO.... During the other days of the week the services that are scheduled are the approved services for our Byzantine Rite.

WEDNESDAY SOUP & SANDWICH

Donations are accepted and will be matched by GCU. All proceeds go to Our Sisters of St. Basil.

PIROHI & EASTER PASCHA

Infant Jesus of Prague is taking orders Pirohi \$7.00 doz. & Pascha \$8.00. Please call 330-758-6019 to place your order.

NEW ADDRESS

Rev. James Ragan will now be residing at St. John The Baptist, 24 Fulton St. P.O. Box #2 Hawk Run, PA. 16840. Phone #814-342-4315. He is also still Pastor at St. Mary's in Clarence, Pa. and Administrator at St. Basil The Great Mission in State College, Pa. Best of Luck on your new endeavor, Fr. Jim. God bless you!