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# St. Mary's

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## FIFTH SUNDAY OF GREAT FAST

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| SAT. | 5:00 p.m.  | Health & Blessings of Parishioners          |                |
| SUN. | 10:30 a.m. | +Elizabeth Muransky by son, David           |                |
| MON. | 11:00 a.m. | Lenten Hours                                |                |
| TUE. | 11:00 a.m. | No Service                                  |                |
| WED. | 11:00 a.m. | Presanctified Liturgy                       | <i>No Meat</i> |
| THU. | 11:00 a.m. | Akathist Hymn to Mary                       |                |
| FRI. | 4:00 p.m.  | Presanctified Liturgy                       | <i>No Meat</i> |
| SAT. | 4:30 p.m.  | Sacrament of Reconciliation until 4:45 p.m. |                |

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## PALM SUNDAY & ANNUNCIATION OF THEOTOKOS

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| SAT. | 5:00 p.m.  | Health & Blessings of Parishioners  |  |
| SUN. | 10:30 a.m. | +Mary Hudak by daughter, Joni Edgar |  |

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# St. George

1726 Canfield Road, Youngstown, Ohio 44511

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF GREAT FAST

March 18 9:00 a.m. +George Sheppa by Godson/nephew Bob & Kathy Sheppa

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## PALM SUNDAY & ANNUNCIATION OF THEOTOKOS

March 25 9:00 a.m. +Michael Kovach Sr. by wife, Veronica

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## FIFTH SUNDAY OF GREAT FAST

*“If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.... When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman... He said ‘Woman where are they? Has no one condemned you?’ ‘No one Sir,’ she replied. Neither do I condemn you,’ Jesus said, ‘Go away and sin no more.’”*

An anonymous author once said, “Others will judge your God by the way you present Him.” And how right he is. Reflecting upon our own lives, we can testify to the fact that the good Samaritan’s who crossed our path and radiated the spirit of joyfulness, understanding, kindness, generosity, and especially mercy and forgiveness, made an imprint upon our hearts and minds forever.

The Gospels present Jesus as that type of individual. As the Second Person of the Most Holy Trinity, Jesus presented God as He really is. For example, to the woman caught in the act of adultery, as He witnessed her repentive disposition, He was merciful and forgiving, exhorting her to go and sin no more.

No one is beyond the reach of God no matter how serious we may have offended Him throughout our life. He forgives all who approach Him especially through the Mystery of Reconciliation and anoints their soul with healing.

On this Fifth Sunday of The Great Fast, our Byzantine Catholic tradition brings to our attention the life of an Egyptian woman who after living a very immoral and degrading existence, found how compassionate and loving God is. Mary the Egyptian (522 A.D.), according to her biographer Saint Sophronios, stands as the exemplar of genuine penance. After experiencing a great change of heart, she turned away from her evil ways and approached the merciful Savior with extreme sorrow. She then experienced a heavy burden lifted from her heart by reconciling herself to God. With a grateful disposition, she continually gave herself to Christ in love and devotion for the rest of her life.

During this sacred season of the Holy Fast, we are challenged to show mercy to others. Saint John Chrysostom tells us, “Do you wish to receive mercy? Show Mercy!”

Just as Mary the Egyptian committed her life to Jesus, witnessing to God’s mercy and forgiveness, so must we lead others during our generation to Him by our witness and devotion. Remember, *“Others will judge your God by the way you present Him.”*

*Having suffered the passion for us, Jesus Christ,  
Son of God, have mercy on us.*



**St. Mary's...3/11/2018**  
**Offertory... \$,1597.00**  
**Easter.....\$110.00**

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**St. George....3/11/2018**  
**Offertory.... \$1,559.00**  
**Easter Flowers...\$250.00**

## SOCIAL GAMES



Games played every Wednesday and Sunday at 6:45 p.m. We are also now **PLAYING THE NEWEST GAME IN TOWN** "High Horse." You do not want to miss out on all the Great Prize!

**ALSO...** If you have a little free time on Wed or Sun. evening please consider coming down and lend your fellow parishioners a hand.... Your help will be **GREATLY APPRECIATED!!**  
**ALSO.... NO BINGO EASTER SUNDAY**

## SOUP & SANDWICH

We are once again having soup/sandwich every Wednesday following Presanctified Liturgy. Donations are accepted and all proceeds go to Sisters of St. Basil and will be matched by GCU.

## CHURCH HISTORY

This week we are looking for anyone related to, or friends with **Mary Bistarkey** Please call

Dave Ragan at 614-370-0221 or Linda 792-1578.

## SACRAMENT RECONCILIATION

Father will hear confessions at 4:30 p.m. Saturdays until Holy Week in preparation for Easter.

## PASCHA EASTER BREAD

Infant Jesus of Prague is taking orders for Pascha \$8.00 with or without raisins. Deadline is March 23<sup>rd</sup>....Pick up March 28<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. and 7:30 to 8:00 p.m (before & after Presanctified Liturgy) Call 330-758-6019

## CEMETERY CLEAN-UP

Just a reminder...**Easter** is a few weeks away so please remove all Christmas wreaths. Our maintenance men will be up there this week cleaning up debris and if your wreaths are still there they will assume you do not want them. And dispose of them for you.

## SPAGHETTI DINNER TODAY

At St. Christine's Parish Center on S. Schenley from 11:00 a.m to 6:00 p.m. \$10.00 Adult, \$5.00 children (age 3-10) Also...Chinese Auction, Silent Auction, & 50/50 raffle. All proceeds benefit Mary (Bugzavich) Hughes.