

**ST. MARY'S  
BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT ... ST. JOHN CLIMACUS**

**March 19, 2023**

**SAT. 4:30 p.m. +Harold Turjanica by Daughter, MaryAnn**

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**SUN. 10:30 a.m. Health & Blessings of Parishioners  
Sacraments of Initiation...Charles Lengyel**

**MON. 10:30 a.m. No Service**

**TUE. 10:30: a.m. No Service**

**WED. 10:30 a.m. Presanctified Liturgy  
+Annette Ragan by Robert Lesigonich**

**THU. 10:30 a.m. No Service**

**FRI. 10:30 a.m. Presanctified Liturgy  
+Sister Regina Maria by Sister Mary Teresa**



**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT.. . SYNAXIS ARCHANGEL GABRIEL  
ANNUNCIATION OF THE THEOTOKOS**

**March 26, 2023**

**SAT. 4:30 p.m. +John & Mary Hudak by Daughter, Joan**

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**SUN. 10:30 a.m. Health & Blessings of Parishioners**

*O Venerable John, we have found your Godly deeds to be a divine ladder leading us to heaven for you were a model of virtue. Therefore, beg Christ our God to save our souls.*

**CHURCH DONATIONS March 12 , 2023**  
**Sisters of St. Basil \$195.00 Candles \$132.00**  
**Monthly Dues \$147.00 Lent/Holy Week \$300.00**  
**Easter Flowers \$50.00 Maintenance \$25.00**  
**Offertory \$ 1,198.00**

### **LENT FUND RAISER FOR SISTERS**

**We are asking for donations during Lent that will be sent to our Sisters at St. Mt. Macrina. Envelopes are at both entrances .**

### **PASTA FAGIOLI SALE**

**Our Caterers will be making Pasta Fagioli. Please call 330 792-1578 to place your order by March 22nd. Pick up March 24th....Drive-thru from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at front doors of the hall. \$9.00 qt.**

### **SHUT-IN VISITS.....ANOINTING**

**Father will bring the Holy Eucharist as well as the annual Anointing during Holy Week to his regular shut-ins. If you are not on his list and would like him to visit with you please call the office 330 792-1578**

### **BCW ...NEWS**

**If you do not want to receive the BCW and have not been sending in your donation, please let us know so we can remove your name.**

### **CONGRATULATIONS**

**We Congratulate Charles & Chelsea (Leson) Lengyel on the birth of their son, Charles Nathan, who will be received into our Spiritual Family today when he receives the sacraments of Baptism, Chrismation, & Holy Eucharist. God grant The Charles Lengyel Family Health & Happiness for many blessed years!**

### **SPAGHETTI DINNER**

**Will be held at St. Michael Church, Robinson Rd. Campbell on Palm Sunday from 12 NOON -2:30 p.m. Dine in or Take out. \$12.00 per dinner....Children under 10 \$6.00. Call 330-770 9213 to place order.**

## CHRIST OUR MODEL

When you ask Christ to be your friend, you ask the aid of one who has traveled many roads! Does your path lead over dark and difficult trails? He went that way! Are you burdened with trials, heartaches, and cares as you walk? He went that way! Are you lonely, criticized, misunderstood, and gossiped about? He went that way! Have intimate friends failed you and even pierced you by stark betrayals? He went that way! The difficult burdens that we know daily fell on His shoulders, too. Thus, He walks beside us, an understanding, sympathetic Friend!

*"In this season of abstinence, O Christ, You have shone as a Light on those who walk in the darkness of sin. Bring us to the holy day of your Passion, that we may cry to you: 'Arise, O God, and have mercy on us!'"*

## A LIST OF GIVE-UPS

- Give up complaining; focus on gratitude. Give up pessimism; become an optimist.
- Give up anger; be more patient. Give up negativism; be positive.
- Give up harsh judgment; think kindly. Give up worry; trust Divine providence.
- Give up discouragement; be full of hope. Give up hatred; return good for evil.
- Give up gloom; enjoy beauty around you. Give up jealousy; pray for trust.
- Give up gossiping; control your tongue. Give up sin; turn to virtue.
- Give up pettiness; become more mature.

## ANNUNCIATION OF THE THEOTOKOS

The account of the Annunciation occurs solely in the Gospel of Luke 1:26-38. The event can be divided into four distinct moments: *Moment one, the Greeting*: "In the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. Upon arriving, the angel said to her: 'Rejoice, O highly favored daughter! The Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women.'"

*Moment two, fear of the Lord*: "She was deeply troubled by his words, and wondered what his greeting meant. The angel went on to say to her: 'Do not fear, Mary. You have found favor with God. You shall conceive and bear a son and give him the name Jesus. Great will be his dignity and he will be called Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of David his father. He will rule over the house of Jacob forever and his reign will be without end.'"

*Moment three, announcement of the conception*: "Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be since I do not know man?' The angel answered her: 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; hence, the holy offspring to be born will be called Son of God. Know that Elizabeth your kinswoman has conceived a son in her old age; she who was thought to be sterile is now in her sixth month, for nothing is impossible with God.'"

*Moment four, the consent*: "Mary said: 'I am the servant of the Lord. Let it be done to me as you say.' With that the angel left her."

Already in the fourth century there is evidence of the celebration of the Annunciation on March 25th. Also commemorated on this date was the Passion of Our Lord. The council of Trullo (692) fixed the celebration of the feast of the Annunciation on March 25th. The feast of the conception and Incarnation of Jesus by the Virgin Mary was observed on this date because it is exactly nine months before the Birth of Christ on December 25th. The feast of the Annunciation is linked with the Spring equinox of March 21st. Many church fathers maintained that Good Friday, the day on which Christ died on the cross occurred on March 25th. In the Lucan account, the Annunciation to the Virgin Mary is preceded by the Announcement of the Conception of Saint John the Baptist. Four momentous events are connected with the four seasons: the conception of John the Baptist at the autumnal equinox (September 24th) and his birth at the summer solstice (June 24th), the conception of the Savior at the vernal equinox (March 25th) and His birth at the winter solstice (December 25th)