



The Byzantine Catholic Churches  
Of Youngstown's West side

# St. Mary's

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## THIRD SUNDAY OF GREAT FAST...VENERATION OF CROSS

March 19, 2017

SAT. 5:00 p.m. +Angie Trella by husband, John & Family  
SUN. 10:30 a.m. Health & Blessings of Parishioners

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MON. 11:00 a.m. Lenten Hours  
TUE. 11:00 a.m. No Service  
WED. 11:00 a.m. Presanctified Liturgy  
THU. 11:00 a.m. Akathist  
FRI. 4:00 p.m. Presanctified Liturgy &  
*Fourth All Souls Commemoration*  
SAT 4:30 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation until 4:45 p.m.



## FOURTH SUNDAY OF GREAT FAST

March 26, 2017

SAT. 5:00 p.m. +Harold Turjanica by children, Charles & Mary Ann  
SUN 10:30 a.m. +John & Mary Hudak by Family

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# St. George

1726 Canfield Road, Youngstown, Ohio 44511  
CONFESSIONS 8:30 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.

## THIRD SUNDAY OF GREAT FAST & VENERATION OF CROSS

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March 19 9:00 a.m. +Margaret Hladun by Peter Hladun

March 25 ANNUNCIATION OF THE THEOTOKOS Page 325  
9:00 a.m. +Margaret & Charles Builder by Mother, Margaret Maty

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF GREAT FAST

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March 26 9:00 a.m. Health & Blessings of Parishioners



## VENERATION OF HOLY CROSS

The season of the Great Fast is a special time for mortification and penance, both internal and external. Because this spiritual struggle lasts a longer time, it often happens that we begin the first days or weeks of fasting with great zeal and resolution, but then gradually we become physically and spiritually exhausted, weakened and discouraged. Holy Church knowing well the weakness and instability of our human nature, places before our eyes the holy Cross in the middle of the fast...an extraordinarily powerful incentive to motivate us to persevere in our spiritual struggle.

On the third Sunday, or mid-Lent, holy Church encourages us to venerate the Cross of our Lord in a very special manner, so that we may be strengthened in spirit. This Sunday, therefore, is called the Sunday of the Veneration of the Holy Cross.

The Holy Cross is designed to remind us of God's infinite love for us, Christ's suffering for our sake and our obligation to carry our daily cross courageously. Jesus Christ addressed these words to all of us, "If anyone wishes to come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily, and follow me...He who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my disciple."

The Sunday of the Veneration of the Holy Cross reminds us that Christians employ a powerful weapon in their battle with the enemies of his salvation...the Holy Cross. Particularly on this Sunday, the cross is raised before us as a sign of strength, salvation, victory and triumph.

The service of this Sunday almost make no mention of the Cross as being a symbol of suffering, penance, or humiliation, but rather extol the Holy Cross as a symbol of joy, victory and triumph, which are brought to fullness through the glorious Resurrection.

The dominant hymn for this Sunday is: "*We bow to Your Cross, Lord, and we glorify your holy Resurrection.*" This hymn is taken from the Matins service of Easter Sunday. To arouse ourselves to a greater veneration and love for the holy Cross, let us make the sign of this Life-Giving Cross. Let us not leave the cross even for one moment, and let us not do anything without it.

## ANNUNCIATION OF THE THEOTOKOS

The celebration of the feast of the Annunciation began in the Eastern Church at the end of the fourth century. The date, March 25th, was selected for this feast because it occurs nine months before the feast of the Nativity of our Lord on December 25. In addition to this there existed a tradition that March 25th marked not only the incarnation of Son of God, but also the creation of the world and the death of Christ on the cross.

The liturgy of this feast is filled with glorious and joyful hymns. The well known greeting of the angel is repeated numerous times; "*Rejoice!*" The reason for this unearthly joy is the incarnation of the Son of God, the privilege of the Divine Motherhood and Virginity of Mary, and the redemption of mankind.

The chief source of this joy is the incarnation of the Son of God and our salvation. Through the universal will, reconciliation is effected for all. Let us, who have been saved in it and through it, sing with Gabriel to the Virgin: *Rejoice, O full of Grace.* For our salvation, Christ our God took our human nature from you and joined it to Himself. Therefore, implore Him to save our souls.

**St. Mary's... March, 12**  
**Offertory ...\$939.00**  
**Cemetery...\$500.00**  
**Chapel Donation \$100.00**  
**in memory of Dorothy**  
**Tranovich & Dr. Robert**  
**Hritz**

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**St. George March 12**  
**Offertory..... \$298.00**  
**Easter Flowers \$80.00**

### **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.

### **LENTEN SERVICES**

Presanctified Liturgy is 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.

**ALSO...** The Psalms we recite during Lenten Services are

antiphonal, therefore when Danny is reciting people on right should recite with him and people on left with Linda.

### **WEDNESDAY SOUP & SANDWICH**

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

### **SPIRITUALITY DAY**

The Benedictine Sisters at Queen of Heaven Monastery, Warren, are offering a Day of Spirituality April 1 from 1:00 p.m. -4:30 p.m. in preparation for The Feast of The Resurrection. It will be held at SS. Peter & Paul Parish Center 180 Belvedere NE. Warren, Ohio Please call 330-856-1813 to register.

### **GRANT HIM ETERNAL REST**

Please remember in your prayers Mr. Steven Ilko who passed on to his eternal reward. Divine Liturgy with Christian burial Service for the repose of his soul was held Thursday. Interment being at Lake Park Cemetery. Grant eternal rest O Lord to your servant, Steven and remember him forever.

### **PASTA FAGIOLI**

Our Caterers are selling Pasta Fagioli \$6.00 qt. Call 792-1578 to place an order. Pick up March 24<sup>th</sup>  
12 Noon - 3:00 p.m.