



# HOLY WEEK

The Byzantine Catholic Churches  
Of Youngstown's West side

## St. Mary's

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### PALM SUNDAY & ANNUNCIATION OF THEOTOKOS

March 25, 2018

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

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MON. 11:00 a.m. Lenten Hours

TUE. 6:30 p.m. Presancitified Liturgy at St. Michael Church, Campbell  
*Followed by confession*

WED. 11:00 a.m. Presanctified Liturgy & Anointing of sick *No Meat*

THU. 5:00 p.m. +Louis Wallace by Mr. Mrs. Bill Klingensmith

FRI. 5:00 p.m. Vespers & Procession with Holy Shroud *No Meat & Dairy Products*  
*Followed by confession*



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SAT. 5:00 p.m. Resurrection Matins & Divine Liturgy *Blessing of baskets*  
Health & Blessings of Parishioners

SUN. 10:30 a.m. +Bishops, Clergy, Deacons, & Religious of our Metropolia  
*Blessing of baskets*

## St. George

1726 Canfield Road, Youngstown, Ohio 44511

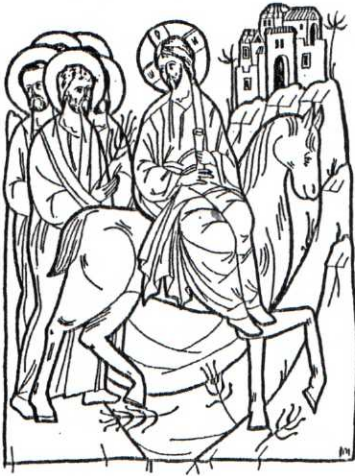
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March 25 9:00 a.m. +Michael Kovach Sr. by wife, Veronica

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April 1 9:00 a.m. Resurrection Matins & Divine Liturgy for the People  
*Blessing of Baskets*





## THE SPIRITUAL MEANING OF PALM SUNDAY

The Jews wanted to see their messiah in power and glory. Accordingly, Jesus Christ, by raising Lazarus from the dead and by His triumphal entry into Jerusalem, gave them clear proof of His power and glory. He demonstrated, publicly, that He is not only the Lord of living and dead nature, but also Lord of hearts of men. Such a triumphal procession Jerusalem had not witnessed for a long time.

St. Matthew the Evangelist confirmed this: "And when He entered Jerusalem, all the city was thrown into commotion, saying: 'Who is this?' but the crowds kept on saying: 'This is Jesus the prophet from Nazareth of Galilee.'" The honor given to Jesus Christ lasted for only a brief moment, for His betrayal by Judas, His rejection by the people, His condemnation by the Jewish leaders, His passion, the way of the cross and crucifixion followed in quick succession. These very same people who, on Sunday cried out, "Hosanna", within a few days would be crying out: "Crucify Him." Palm Sunday teaches us the instability of worldly glory and the vanity of earthly happiness. Joy and sadness here on earth are two inseparable sisters. Therefore, if we wish one day to have a share in the triumph of Christ in heaven, we must first undergo a Passion week and a Golgotha with Him here on earth. Only then, will we be able, like Him, to enter into everlasting triumph and resurrection.

*"Like the children, we, too, bear symbols of victory, and cry out to You, the Conqueror of death: "Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord."*

## GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY

*Recollections of Holy Friday*...for some reason the sky always seemed gray....You wouldn't turn on a radio or T.V.....some stores would close from noon to three..and we would always go to church. How do we meditate now on this most solemn day? We should plan to attend The Burial Vespers Service. This will help us travel through time to that First Great & Holy Friday. We can identify with His disciples, not staying alert spiritually in prayer, or in real life situations by not attending to those around us who are in need. We may not be sleeping, but our e-mails, voice mails, call-waiting and other distractions are pulling us away from prayer and prayerful activity. The disciples were not alone. "Joseph, with Nicodemus, took You down from the cross, your body clothed in glory as with a robe; but seeing You lifeless, naked and unburied, began to weep and lament...." There were others, too, Simon of Cyrene, the myrrh-bearing women and the unnamed bystanders...all speechless because their leader, their Savior, was swallowed by death. With them we wonder how He who performed miracles, raised Lazarus and cured the sick is now treated as a criminal and condemned to death. God's plan is a mystery. As we grow in maturity, our understanding of this plan is no clearer now than when we were children. Our only understanding is through faith, faith in Jesus Christ, today in the tomb, but only fully understood as our Risen Lord.

**St. Mary's...3/18/2018**  
**Offertory... \$1,633.00**

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**St. George....3/18/2018**  
**Offertory.... \$316.00**  
**Easter Flowers...\$5.00**

### **SOCIAL GAMES**

Games are 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 Prizes!

**ALSO....PLEASE NOTE.....**  
**NO BINGO EASTER SUNDAY**

### **FINAL SOUP & SANDWICH**

This Wednesday is the final lunch. We would like to thank Jackie Leson, Diana Danko, & Kathy & Bob Sheppa for preparing the **DELICIOUS** soup & sandwiches. They did a **GREAT** job!! All proceeds from these lunches will be matched by GCU and will be given to The Sisters of St. Basil. Thank you for all the time and effort you put into preparing these lunches. **GOD BLESS YOU!!!**

**ALSO...**If you would like to make a donation please drop in collection basket marked **SISTERS.**

**GCU LODGE #164 NEWS**  
**2<sup>nd</sup>** Quarterly meeting is planned

for April 8<sup>th</sup> following the 10:30 a.m. Liturgy. All members are urged to attend.

### **CHURCH HISTORY**

This week we are looking for anyone related to, or friends with **JOHN PIPA** Please call Dave Ragan at 614-370-0221 or Linda 792-1578.

### **SACRAMENT RECONCILIATION**

Father will hear confessions following Vespers on Good Friday.

### **PRESANCTIFIED LITURGY & CONFESSION**

Holy Tuesday at St. Michael's Church, Robinson Rd. Campbell. Liturgy 6:30 p.m. followed by Confession. All are invited to attend. All local priests will be there to hear Confessions.

### **BLESSING OF FOOD BASKETS**

Baskets will be blessed in our Center following the 5:00 p.m. Matins & Divine Liturgy Saturday and also after the 9:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Liturgies on Easter Sunday. **ALSO...**Chocolate Crosses will be passed out to the children after the Blessing of Baskets.

### **SPAGHETTI DINNER TODAY**

from 12:00 Noon – 3:00 p.m. at St. Michael Byzantine Church, Robinson Rd. \$9.00 Adults, \$4.00 children. Eat in/take out.