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Of Youngstown's West side

St. Mary's

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FIRST SUNDAY OF GREAT FAST

March 5, 2017

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

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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 &
Second All Souls Service
SAT. 3:30 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation until 3:45 p.m.



SECOND SUNDAY OF GREAT FAST

March 12, 2017

SAT. 4:00 p.m. Health & Blessings of Charles Turjanica by sister, Mary Ann
SUN 10:30 a.m. Health & Blessings of GCU Founders & Parishioners

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St. George

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

FIRST SUNDAY OF GREAT FAST

March 5 9:00 a.m. Health & Blessings of Parishioners

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SECOND SUNDAY OF GREAT FAST

March 12 9:00 a.m. +Betty Ilko by Mrs. Elsie Kostyo

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FIRST SUNDAY OF GREAT FAST

“A feast of joy and gladness is revealed to us today. For the teachings of the True Faith shine forth in all their glory. The Church of Christ is bright with splendor, adorned with the holy icons which have now been restored. God has granted to the faithful a unity of mind.”

HOW DOES LENT PREPARE US FOR EASTER?

One only gets out of something what one puts into it. In order to participate in the Lenten Season correctly, it is necessary to understand its meaning and purpose. Lent is a period of forty days of penance and self-denial. It was established by the Church to commemorate the forty days Christ spent fasting in the desert before beginning His public ministry. As Philip's Fast or Advent prepares us for Christmas, the great Feast of Christ's birth, so Lent prepares us for Easter, the glorious feast of the Resurrection. During Lent we are asked to perform acts of penance and self-denial. Why? To atone for our sins and to strengthen our wills so we can resist temptation. Remember what Our Lord Jesus said: “Unless you do penance, you shall all likewise perish.” So you see the idea of penance, fasting, and self-denial is an obligation from God, which not even the Church can exempt us.

How do these deeds of self-denial help us to resist temptation? We yield to temptation chiefly through weakness of the will. By strengthening our wills through denying ourselves lawful pleasures, we will be more capable of denying ourselves of sinful pleasures. If you have a weak muscle in your arm, the doctor will tell you to strengthen it by exercising it. So likewise you strengthen your will by exercising it. Exercise is the law of growth in both the physical and spiritual domains. Unless you exercise a faculty of your body or your mind, it tends to grow weaker and finally decay.

So it is with the practice of exercises to enable us to achieve self-control and self-mastery. If you want to achieve success in your spiritual life (that is your relationship with God) and become a saint, which should be the goal of each of us, enter whole heartedly into the spirit of Lent. How do we do this: For starters, make this season more prayer intensive. Attend the Lenten services offered by your parish, especially the Liturgy of the Pre-sanctified Gifts. Receive the Holy Eucharist at this service and pay particular attention to the prayers and readings at this service. Each Pre-Sanctified Liturgy in the Lenten Season is a stepping stone to Easter Sunday. Our Byzantine Church has designed it this way to help us reach the goal of resurrection through self-denial and penance.

St. Mary's... Feb. 26, 2017
Offertory \$ 901.00
Cemetery...\$ 1,050.00

St. George. Feb. 26, 2017
Offertory..... \$552.00

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.

HALUSKI SALE

Our Caterers are taking orders for Haluski. To place your order please call 792-1578 ..\$5.00 qt. Pick up in our Center **THIS** Fri. March 10th from 12:00 Noon -3:00

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.

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.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS

Begins March 12th.... **spring ahead.** **THEREFORE** Sat. liturgy will return to 5:00 p.m. on March 18th.

ALEX RESTORATION

You may have noticed masonry repairs being done on our Church, Bell Tower, rectory, and garage for the past few weeks. We are happy to say the work is complete. Total cost for this project was \$41,665.00. This was a \$10,000.00 savings to us for doing it all at once.