

**ST. MARY'S
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TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SAT. 4:30 p.m. +George Hrina by Family
SUN. 10:30 a.m. Health & Blessings of Parishioners

MON. 10:30 a.m. No Liturgy

TUE. ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS Page 268
10:30 a.m. +Annette Ragan by Joseph Layshock

WED. 10:30 a.m. No Liturgy

THU. 10:30 a.m. Liturgy of Thanksgiving for God's Blessings Page 271

FRI. 10:30 am. No Liturgy



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TWENTY-SIXTH-SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SAT. 4:30 p.m. Health & Blessings of Parishioners
SUN. 10:30 a.m. +Ivan & Helen Lambert by Son, Fr. Richard

Today is the prelude of God's benevolence and the herald of our salvation; for the Virgin openly appears in the temple of God and fortells Christ to all. Let us also with full voice exclaim to Her: Rejoice, fulfillment of the Cteator's plan.

***LIFE'S FIRST OBLIGATION....
THANKSGIVING!***

*CHURCH DONATIONS Nov. 12, 2023,
Candles \$ 25.00 Monthly Dues \$87.00
Maintenance \$5.00 Thanksgiving \$135.00
Offertory..... \$900.00*

SOCIAL GAMES

Games are played every Sunday...Doors open at 5:00 p.m. Games begin at 6:30 p.m. Don't miss out on our Great Prizes!!

THE ANNUAL ST. NICHOLAS CELEBRATION

to benefit the Byz. Catholic Seminary will be held Dec. 3, 2023. GCU is once again selling Raffle tickets with an ALL CASH PRIZE OF \$2,000.00. Wining number based on PA Lottery evening Pick 3 will be drawn Wednesday, Dec. 6, 2023. Tickets are \$10.00 each and must be turned in by Nov. 28th. Call our office if you would like to purchase one. Thank you in advance for supporting our seminary. (Dinner ticket info will be will be forth-coming. **TICKETS ARE GOING FAST..DON'T MISS OUT** on a chance to win \$2,000.00

CHRISTMAS MARKET

St. Michael's. Robinson Rd., Campbell will hold A Craft Show with Amazing Slavic Food & Baked Goods, & Basket Auction...on Nov. 25th from 9:00 - 4:00 p.m. **FREE ADMISSION.**

G.C.U. SAINT NICHOLAS PARTY

All GCU. Members are invited to join in the festivities on Sunday Dec. 10th at 12:00 Noon. A luncheon will be served. Reservations are required by Dec. 1st. By calling the office 330 792-1578.

PLEASE NOTE

There is no need to bend your knees when receiving Communion, just stand up straight ..Also do not hold on to the rail as it is not that sturdy.

ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS



When Mary was three years of age, Joachim and Anne took their daughter, Mary to the Temple so that she might be consecrated to the service of the Lord. According to legend, they invited the young girls of the town to walk before her with lighted torches. When they reached the Temple, Mary went up the steps of the sanctuary where she remained living in the contemplation of God and miraculously fed by the Archangel Gabriel, until the day she was espoused to Joseph. Theme of this Feast is that Mary, the Immaculate One, Temple of the Living God, is offered to the Almighty in his holy house in Jerusalem. This day witnesses the bond between the Word and The Virgin predestined in eternity; this day is the fountainhead of all her privileges.

THOUGHTFUL THANKSGIVING

How swiftly the year and seasons pass.

Now another Thanksgiving is almost here. This, with the Fourth of July, is the most thoroughly American of all holidays.

It celebrates the very beginnings of this nation. And, when properly observed, it honors the courage and dedication of long gone men and women who faced and conquered dangers and difficulties of unbelievable proportions.

It is the essence of Thanksgiving to "*Praise God Together*", for the first Thanksgiving of our Pilgrim Fathers could point to no great plentitude of food, shelter, clothes, or culture; but they were together and had found freedom and peace of a sort.

This is a year of plenty. Most dinner tables will be piled high with the traditional Thanksgiving dinner. There will be, inevitably, an emphasis on the material aspects of the day. Too many speakers will dwell on the abundance of America.

But abundance is not enough. The strength of peoples and powers given by God lie in the equalities possessed by those who celebrated the first Thanksgiving ...independence, a profound sense of individual responsibility, and deep spiritual belief.

Men are at their best when they are on their knees. The bowed head represents a humble and contrite heart, which is the right frame of heart in which to approach Thanksgiving ...and God. We have much to be thankful for, but we have much to think about too.

TIME OUT FOR THANKS

I thank my God for many things, for all the blessings living brings; I thank Him for the sky so blue, for desert and for mountains, too. I thank Him that these things I see with two good eyes He gave to me. I thank Him for the rainbow, bold, which brings to mind a promise told. I thank Him for the music sweet, and for my ears that hear the beat; I thank Him for the path I walk, with two good feet; for voice to talk. I'm thankful for so many things...but mostly for the help faith brings. We try so much alone to do when faith in God will see us through.

EVERYDAY THANKSGIVING

Not just today, but everyday should be Thanksgiving Day..

Time should be spent in retrospect; there should be time to pray. And thank the Lord for blessings sweet, for His great loving care that overshadows every day; And in that little prayer you should include your thankfulness for family and friends so true, for this great land in which we dwell, for skies so clear and blue, for little birds bursting with song, for babies sweet and small; for blessings such as these we should be thankful for them all.

Thanksgiving Day comes but once a year, and this is why I say...not just today, but everyday should be *THANKSGIVING DAY!*

***GOD HAS TWO DWELLINGS...ONE IN HEAVEN AND THE OTHER
IN A THANKFUL HEART!***