



The Byzantine Catholic Churches  
Of Youngstown's West side

# St. Mary's

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## SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST & PROTECTION OF THE THEOTOKOS

Oct. 1, 2017  
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- SAT. 5:00 p.m. +Helen Novak by Family
- SUN. 10:30 a.m. Health & Blessings of Parishioners
- MON. 11:00 a.m. Retreat
- TUE. 11:00 a.m. Retreat
- WED. 11:00 a.m. Retreat
- THU. 11:00 a.m. Retreat
- FRI. 11:00 a.m. Health & Blessings of Rosary Society Members
- SAT. 4:30 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation until 4:45 p.m



## EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Oct. 8, 2017

- SAT. 5:00 p.m. +Patricia Kovachik by Son, Dan & Family
- SUN. 10:30 a.m. Health & Blessings of Parishioners

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# St. George

1726 Canfield Road, Youngstown, Ohio 44511

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- Oct. 1 9:00 a.m. +Irene Kisel by Mr. Mrs. John Haydu

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- Oct. 8 9:00 a.m. +Steve & Barbara Haluska by Mrs. Martha Ilko



## THE PROTECTING VEIL OF THE THEOTOKOS



The church has always glorified the most holy Mother of God as the Protectress and Defender of the Christian people, entreating, by her intercession, God's loving kindness towards us sinners. The Mother of God's aid has been clearly shown times without number, both to individuals and to peoples, both in peace and in war, both in monastic deserts and in crowded cities. The event that the Church commemorates and celebrates this week proves this constant protection of the Christian people by the Mother of God. On October 1st, 911 in the time of the Emperor Leo the Wise (or the Philosopher), there was an all night vigil at

the Blachernae church of the Mother of God in Constantinople. The church was crowded. St. Andrew the Fool for Christ was standing at the back of the church with his disciple Epiphanius. At four o'clock in the morning, the most holy Mother of God appeared above the people with a veil spread over her outstretched hands, as though to protect them with this covering. She was clad in gold-encrusted purple and shone with an unspeakable radiance, surrounded by apostles, saints, martyrs and virgin. Seeing this vision, St. Andrew gestured towards it and asked Epiphanius: 'Do you see how the Queen and Lady of all is praying for the whole world?' Epiphanius replied: 'Yes, Father, I see it and stand in dread.' As a result, this commemoration was instituted to remind us both of this event and of the Mother of God's constant protection whenever we prayerfully seek that protection, that shelter, in distress.

*The veil became the symbol of the protection and intercession of the Blessed Virgin.*

## LEARNING LIFE'S LESSONS

Sooner or later, a man or woman discovers that life is a mixture of good days and bad, victory, and defeat, give and take.

They learn that it doesn't pay to be a sensitive soul, that they should let some things go over their head, like water off a duck's back.

They learn that he who loses his temper loses out.

They learn that carrying a chip on your shoulder is the easiest way to get back into a fight.

They learn that buck-passing always turns out to be a boomerang, and that it never pays.

They learn that getting along with folks depends about 98% on your own behavior.

*Religion is meant to be the bread for daily use....*

*Not the cake for only special occasions.*

**St. Mary's... 9/24/17**  
**Offertory...\$944.00**  
**Cemetery...\$400.00**  
**Hurricane Fund...\$375.00**

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**St. George....9/24/17**  
**Offertory.... \$ 1,457.00**  
**Hurricane Fund...\$170.00**

### **SOCIAL GAMES**

**Games are played every SUNDAY & WEDNESDAY at 6:45 p.m** Plan to stop by for an evening of **FUN**. ...Come on down and support our Church; and better yet come on down and lend a hand!! **Also...** Great Prizes \$\$\$\$\$\$ to be had and Great people to make sure you have a **GREAT EVENING**

### **CHINESE AUCTION**

The 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Chinese Auction will be held at St. Michael Church, 2140 Highland Rd. Hermitage, PA. **TODAY** Doors open 1:00 p.m. Admission & Lunch \$5.00 which includes 1 **FREE** Tear Sheet. Wheel chair accessible.

### **CCD CLASSES**

Registration for classes began **Sept. 26, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.** at Byzantine Center at the Grove. We encourage parents and students grades 1-12 to attend and receive a greater knowledge and understanding of our Faith. **It is not too late to sign up**

### **ST. NICHOLAS ANNUAL CELEBRATION**

Is planned for Dec. 3, 2017. They are once again selling "**Dinner Out For Year**" **Raffle Tickets**. Winner based on PA Lottery Pick 3 drawn Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>. Call our office to purchase a ticket

### **BINGO/CARD PARTY**

Ladies Guild of Sts. Peter & Paul Church, Warren, Ohio will hold a Bingo/Card Party from 1:00 -4:00 p.m **TODAY** in their Social Hall. Tickets are \$6.00 which includes chance for Door Prize, one Bingo Card, & Box Lunch.

### **ST. MARY'S NEWS**

Over the last year or so, we have begun to digitize our church and cemetery paper records. This will safeguard very important historical information and provide easier access to it now and into the future. All death records have been "**backed up**" to the computer and a new cemetery map has been created to show the placement of all existing, reserved, and available grave plots.

We'll be working on baptismal and matrimony records next. Photos, event programs, and other materials that have documented our church family's history will be added to our new digital library in the future. If you have any questions about this church history project, would like to contribute any historical items, **OR** would like to get involved in preserving these records please contact Dave Ragan at (614) 370-0221