



The Byzantine Catholic Churches
Of Youngstown's West side

St. Mary's

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BIRTH OF THE THEOTOKOS

- SAT. 5:00 p.m. +Josephine Hrina by Ron & Ellan Wallace
- SUN. 10:30 a.m. Health & Blessings of Parishioners
- MON. 11:00 a.m. No Liturgy
- TUE. 11:00 a.m. In Memory of Sept. 11th Victims
- WED. 11:00 a.m. No Liturgy
- THU. 11:00 a.m. +Thomas & Helen Novak by Mike & Mary Novak

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11:00 a.m. +Peppy Hripko by daughter Ellie Luchansky

SUNDAY AFTER THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS

- SAT. 5:00 p.m. +Katherine Marie Brown by 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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Sept. 9 9:00 a.m. +Steven Ilko by Jeanne & Michael Essad

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Sept. 16 9:00 a.m. +Michael Kovach Sr. by sister, Jean & Family



EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

This week we commemorate the search for and finding of the Cross upon which Christ was crucified. The relic hunters were the Emperor of the Eastern part of the Roman Empire...Byzantium...Constantine, and Helen, his mother, in the year 326. As well we mark the later dedication of Patriarch Makarios of the church built over the site. Often we get bogged down noting only historical elements in the context of the observance of the feast and fail to realize that by placing the Cross in front of us, a much more important aspect of faith comes to light: we must look at the Cross with the expectation of letting it lead us to Heaven. It may have been elevated ...or in other terms, praised and exiled at a particular point in time, and subsequently venerated to what it is physically, but that moment of history is irrelevant and immaterial to us as Christians if all we do is to commemorate the fact. We must act as if we have just found the meaning of the Cross; for why else would it be such an important symbol? It is old and it is new.



MEET ME IN THE STAIRWELL

You say you will never forget where you were when you head the news on Sept. 11, 2001. Neither will I.

I was on the 110th floor in a smoke filled room with a man who called his wife to say Good-Bye, I held his fingers steady as he dialed. I gave him the peace to say, Honey I am not going to make it, but it is OK...*I am ready to go.* I was with his wife when he called as she fed breakfast to their children. I held her up as she tried to understand his words and as she realized he wasn't coming home that night. I was in the stairwell of the 23rd floor when a woman cried out to Me for help. "I have been knocking on the door of your heart for 50 years! I said. 'Of course I will show you the way home...only believe in Me now.' I was at the base of the building with the Priest ministering to the injured and devastated souls. I took him home to tend to his flock in Heaven. He heard my voice and answered. I was on all four of those planes, in every seat, with every prayer. I was with the crew as they were overtaken. I was in the very hearts of the believers there, comforting and assuring them that their faith has saved them. I was in Texas, Virginia, California, Michigan, Afghanistan. I was standing next to you when you heard the terrible news. Did you sense Me? I want you to know that I saw every face. I knew every name...though not all knew me. Some met Me for the first time on the 86th floor. Some sought Me with their last breath. Some couldn't hear Me calling to them through the smoke and flames; Come to Me...this way...take my hand.' Some chose, for the final time, to ignore Me. But, I was there. I did not place you in the Tower that day. You may not know why, but I do. However, if you were there in that explosive moment in time, would you have reached for Me? Sept. 11, 2001, was not the end of the journey for you. But someday your journey will end. And I will be there for you as well. Seek Me now while I may be found. Then, at any moment, you know you are '*ready to go*'. I will be in the stairwell for your final moments. **GOD.**

St. Mary's...9/2 /2018
Offertory.....\$ 1,492.00
Cemetery.....\$ 600.00

St. George....9/2/2018
Offertory.....\$ 1,112.00

SOCIAL GAMES

Games are played every Wednesday and Sunday at 6:45 p.m. You do not want to miss out on all the **Great Prizes!**

ALSO.....If you have any free time on Wed. or Sun. evenings please consider coming down to our Center and giving our dedicated workers a helping hand.

CHURCH HISTORY NEWS

Our July/August photo collection after every Liturgy has concluded. **THANK YOU** to all our families who offered their photo keepsakes to be included in our church's digital library. Those photo images are now preserved for the future! It's not too late to lend us your photos for digital scanning. See or call Dave Ragan 614-370-0221 for any questions. For your convenience, we hope to do another photo collection this October. Watch for details.

"VATRA" BONFIRE FEST

Planned for THIS SAT., Sept. 15, 2018 at Infant Jesus of Prague Church, South Ave. Eat, Drink and listen to ethnic music like your Ancestors did

in the Carpathian Mountains. Festivities will be held from 12: Noon - 8:00 p.m.

CCD CLASSES 2018-2019

Registration will be held at The Byzantine Center at The Grove Sept. 25th at 6:30 p.m.

We encourage parents and students grades 1-12 to attend and receive a greater knowledge and understanding of our Faith.

PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY RALLY

To celebrate 101st Anniversary of The Apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima a Procession will be held Oct. 13, 2018 beginning at 11:20 a.m. at St. Columba Cathedral making its way to our Lady of Mt. Carmel Basilica. Liturgy will be held at Noon at The Basilica.

ST. MACRINA HOUSE OF PRAYER

Is offering some New Programs you might enjoy. Oct 6th, **TAKING THINGS IN STRIDE....**This presentation will help you not to sweat the small stuff. Oct. 27th **REFUSE TO BE A VICTIM....**will help you have a personal safety strategy and tactics to avoid becoming a victim. Oct. 30, Nov. 6, 13, 20 **HALLOWED BE THIS HOUSE...** how to find signs of Heaven in your home.

For further info or to register for these programs call 724-438-7149.