



The Byzantine Catholic Churches  
Of Youngstown's West side

# St. Mary's

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## SUNDAY BEFORE EXALTATION OF HOLY CROSS

Sept. 10, 2017

SAT. 5:00 p.m. +Josephine Hrina by Ron & Ellan Wallace  
SUN. 10:30 a.m. Health & Blessings of Parishioners

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MON. 11:00 a.m. No Liturgy

TUE. 11:00 a.m. +Health & Blessings of GCU Members

WED. 11:00 a.m. +Ann Leson by The Rosary Society

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11:00 a.m. +Mary Puskar by Mr. Mrs. Paul Giba



FRI. 11:00 a.m. No Liturgy

## SUNDAY AFTER EXALTATION OF CROSS

Sept. 17, 2017

SAT. 5:00 p.m. Health & Blessings of Parishioners Page 258  
SUN. 10:30 a.m. +Joseph & Ergia Guarnieri by Richard & Barbara Kurty

# St. George

1726 Canfield Road, Youngstown, Ohio 44511

FEAST OF THE BIRTH OF THE THEOTOKOS Pages 146, 243, 247  
& SUNDAY BEFORE THE EXALTATION OF CROSS

Sept. 10 9:00 a.m. +Jeanette Ilko Czymnik by Mrs. Elsie Kostyo

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Sept. 17 9:00 a.m. +Michael Kovach by The Hafely Family





## EXALTATION OF HOLY CROSS

The Feast of the Elevation of the Venerable Cross is a very ancient feast. However, like the history of the finding of the holy Cross of The Lord, the history of the institution of the feast has been obscured by various legends and it is not easy to separate historical fact from pious legend.



One must remember that in celebrating this feast, we are not concerned with the ordinary veneration of the holy Cross, which takes place on the third Sunday of the Great Fast, but with that aspect of the feast which is expressed in the name of the feast itself....**EXALTATION OR ELEVATION**...of the Cross, that is, a special solemn rite connected with the veneration and

glorification of the holy Cross.

The institution of the Feast of Exaltation was first preceded by the discovery or the finding of the sacred wood of the Cross upon which Christ died. Christian tradition has transmitted to us several different legends about the finding of the holy Cross, three of which are attributed to St. Helena, the mother of Emperor Constantine the Great. The finding of the holy Cross is believed to have taken place in 326.

The feast of the Exaltation, by placing the holy Cross before our eyes, reminds us of our obligation to venerate. Love and confess the holy Cross. "Do not be ashamed of the Cross of Christ," admonishes St. Cyril of Jerusalem in his fourth catechists, "even if some hide it, nevertheless, you trace it clearly upon your forehead so that the demons, seeing the royal sign, may tremble and flee far away. Make this sign when you eat and drink, when you sit, lie down, rise or walk, in a word, at every occasion."

St. John Chrysostom, in a sermon on the Cemetery and the Cross, speaks of the significance of the Cross for us: "The Cross is a trophy against the demons, a weapon against sin, a sword with which Christ pierced the serpent. The Cross is the will of the Father, the glory of the Only-begotten One, joy of the Spirit, ornament of the angels, fortress of the church, the glory of Paul, stronghold of the Saints, the light of the whole world."

## PILGRIM VOCATION PROGRAM

Vocations are the result of the Christian Community actively engaged in prayer that *"the master of the harvest will send out laborers for his harvest."* Placing faith and hope in this command of the Lord, all Byzantine Catholic Churches in America will begin a Pilgrim Vocation Icon Program on Sunday, September 24. Each week, the icon will be given to a household in the parish. The family or individual accepting the icon for a week agrees to pray during that time for vocations. Everyone in to the Presbyterate, Diaconate, and consecrated life. Everyone in the parish is invited to have this icon in their home for a week of special prayer for vocations. Please sign up on the sheet that is posted. *In Vestibule* . . . . . For more information or to volunteer to help, please contact our parish coordinator

*Linda*



**St. Mary's... 9/3/17**  
**Offertory...\$1,444.00**  
**Cemetery Chapel...\$605.00**  
**in Memory of Virginia**  
**Popovec**  
**\$200.00 in memory of William**  
**Bailey**

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**St. George....9/3/17**  
**Offertory.... \$ 465.00**

### **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  
on **Oct. 1, 2017**. Doors open 1:00  
p.m. Admission & Lunch \$5.00  
which includes 1 **FREE** Tear  
Sheet. Wheel chair accessible.

### **CCD CLASSES**

Registration for classes will be  
**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.

### **PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY** **RALLY**

To celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
of The Apparitions of Our Lady  
of Fatima there will be a  
Procession on Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> beginning  
at 11:15 a.m at St Columba  
Cathedral making its way to Our  
Lady of Mt. Carmel Basilica.  
Liturgy will be held at 12:30 p.m.  
at The Basilica. (If it is raining  
all will gather at The Basilica.)

### **3 TIER CHINESE AUCTION**

Is planned for Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> at St.  
Michael Church Hall 405  
Robinson Rd., Campbell, Ohio.  
Doors open at **NOON** drawing  
begins at 2:00 p.m. Admission  
\$6.00 and includes **25**  
**"TIER-ONE Tickets** and Pasta  
bowl with meatballs. There will  
also be Great prizes, Gift  
certificates and Theme baskets.

### **SIGN UP TODAY TRAVELING** **PILGRIM VOCATION ICON**

Your prayers will bring about an  
increase of vocations to the  
Priesthood, Diaconate, &  
Religious Life. We all have a  
responsibility to foster future  
leaders of the Church, Priest,  
sisters, deacons, brothers, and laity  
alike, dedicated to serve God's  
people. We cannot all be  
involved in vocation ministry, but  
we can all pray for vocations.  
Sign up to have the Pilgrim  
vocation icon in your home. You  
will be greatly blessed.