



The Byzantine Catholic Churches  
Of Youngstown's West side

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### SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sept. 24, 2017

SAT.	5:00 p.m.	Health & Blessings of Parishioners
SUN.	10:30 a.m.	+John Hrebovcin by The Andrew Ragan Family
MON.	11:00 a.m.	No Liturgy
TUE.	11:00 a.m.	+Ronnie Wallace by Aunt Karen Muransky
WED.	11:00 a.m.	+Michael & Mary Roman by children
THU.	11:00 a.m.	No Liturgy
FRI.	11:00 a.m.	+Robert Hnat Sr. by Jerome & Glenda Blasko



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### SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

## St. George

1726 Canfield Road, Youngstown, Ohio 44511

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Sept. 24	9:00 a.m.	+Michael Kovach Sr. by Mrs. Martha Ilko
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### & PROTECTION OF THE THEOTOKOS

Oct. 1	9:00 a.m.	+Irene Kisel by Mr. Mrs. John Haydu
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Today we begin our Pilgrim Vocation Icon Program. This program is beginning today in every Byzantine Catholic Parish in the United States. Everyone in the parish is invited to pray for and encourage others within the Church that they might respond generously to God's call in their lives. We need generous men and women to minister among us as priests, deacons, monastics, and sisters. We need people like you to pray for and encourage them. Sign up today to have the Pilgrim Vocation Icon in your home. You will be greatly blessed. Please sign up on the sheet that is posted *In Vestibule* . For more information or to volunteer to help, please contact our parish coordinator

Vocation is what makes us happy, allows us to fulfill the mission of our life, becomes our way to God, by serving him and other people.

Cardinal Newman nicely put it when he said: "God has created me to do Him some definite service; He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have my mission – I may never know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next. I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons. He has not created me for naught. I shall do good. I shall do His work. I shall be an angel of peace, a preacher of truth in my own place while not intending it – if I do but keep His Commandments. Whatever, wherever, I am I can never be thrown away. If I am in sickness, my sickness may serve Him; in perplexity, my perplexity may serve Him; if I am in sorrow, my sorrow may serve Him. He does nothing in vain. He knows what He is about. He may take away my friends, He may throw me among strangers, He may make me feel desolate, make my spirits sink, hide my future from me – still He knows what He is about. Therefore I will trust Him."

The Virgin Mary is a great example of how to accept the vocation from God. She had a complete trust in God. Even though she was not able to understand completely what God was inviting her to do, she responded: "I am the servant of the Lord, let it be done to

me according to your word." Mary could have refused, for she was not a passive instrument, but an active participant with a free and positive part to play in God's plan for our salvation. In the feast of Annunciation we see that God not only chose her but also she herself chose to follow His will. And by doing so, something far greater than she imagined for her life happened in her life and in the life of us all, in the whole history of our salvation.

You and I have a vocation God wants us to fulfill. He places a call into our hearts hoping for our response. We may feel unprepared, scared, unqualified, we may not understand it at first, but let us pray that God gives us His grace to say: "Yes!" to his initiatives, and He will guide us on the way of our vocation. Today God needs us to become His apostles, He needs our feet to go to those who are in most need, He needs our hands to continue to do the acts of mercy, He needs our hearts to love those He sends into our lives.

In I Samuel, 3:2-10, we read the story of God calling Samuel. We can learn and discover so much about our own vocation meditating on this episode from the Bible. Let us answer together with Samuel, "Speak, for your servant is listening" and let our whole life be the answer to God's call: "Come, follow me." **ECL**

## SPECIAL PRAYERS

O Lord, Jesus Christ, our High Priest, we your humble servants thank you for your loving concern in giving us priests for our spiritual welfare and salvation. We, your people, recognize it is our responsibility to cooperate with You by example and prayer to encourage our youth to consider Holy Priesthood.

We now offer our sincere prayers that our youth be attentive to your voice and respond in love to dedicate their lives in priestly ministry so that the Gospel be preached and the Holy Mysteries be administered to us on our earthly pilgrimage from generation to generation.

O Lord Jesus Christ, our Savior and Redeemer, we know of your great love for your priests since it is You who have called them to participate in your Holy Priesthood. Because of the many pressures that affect the lives of priests today, we pray that You renew them in faith and hope, enkindle in them a burning love which will ever increase in the course of their priestly lives. Assist and comfort them in their loneliness and, in their difficulties, grant them the spiritual and physical strength to continue in their dedication and love for the salvation of souls. We earnestly pray to You to hear us and have mercy.

**St. Mary's... 9/17/17**  
**Offertory...\$658.00**

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**St. George....9/17/17**  
**Offertory.... \$ 355.00**

### **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.

### **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

### **HURRICANE RELIEF**

There will be **SPECIAL COLLECTION** Sept. 16, 17, 23, 24 to help those affected by the **HURRICANE**. Please make checks payable to St. Mary's with **HURRICANE** written on memo line or Cash in envelope marked **HURRICANE**.

### **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 Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> in their Social Hall. Tickets are \$6.00 which includes chance for Door Prize, one Bingo Card, & Box Lunch.

### **ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS**

Mark your calendars...Divine Liturgy and Annual Breakfast is planned for Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>. All members are urged to attend the 10:30 a.m. Liturgy and pray the Rosary as a Group. Rosary will begin at 10:05 a.m. Breakfast will follow in our Center. All members and their families are invited.

*We are not human beings on a spiritual journey. We are spiritual beings on a human journey.*