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# St. Mary's

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## FIFTHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SAT. 5:00 p.m. Health & Blessings of Parishioners  
 SUN. 10:30 a.m. +Kathie Kirkland by brother, Dave Muransky  
  
 MON. 11:00 a.m. No Liturgy  
 TUE. 11:00 a.m. +Ivan Lambert by son, Fr. Richard  
 WED. 11:00 a.m. No Liturgy  
 THU. 11:00 a.m. Health & Blessings of MaryAnn Turjanica by brother, Chuck  
 FRI. 11:00 a.m. Health & Blessings of Rosary Society Members

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## SUNDAY BEFORE THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS & BIRTH OF THE THEOTOKOS

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

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# St. George

1726 Canfield Road, Youngstown, Ohio 44511

## FIFTHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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## SUNDAY BEFORE THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS & BIRTH OF THE THEOTOKOS

Sept. 9 9:00 a.m. +Steven Ilko Jr. by Jeanne & Michael Essad

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## NATIVITY OF THE MOTHER OF GOD

One of the great feasts we celebrate at the beginning of the Liturgical Year is the feast of the Nativity of the most Holy Mother of God. As is evident from the words of the troparion of this festival, it is a joyful and significant feast. It is joyful because it is the birthday of the Mother of God, the Queen of Heaven and earth.



The Gospel records very few incidents in the life of the most Pure Virgin Mary. It says nothing about her nativity, her parentage, her childhood or youth, or her holy assumption into heaven. What is the source of our information about all these things? All this information comes from the tradition of the Church and the apocryphal writings. The Apocrypha are those writings which relate certain events from the life of Jesus Christ

or his most Holy Mother that are not included in the Holy Gospel. Although the Church does not acknowledge the Apocrypha as authentic writings nor as trustworthy historical sources, nevertheless, much of what they relate belongs to the authentic tradition and belief of the primitive church.

The chief source of information on the life of Mary is the Apocryphal book written around the year 170-180 called the Proto-evangelium of James. In the Proto-evangelium of James we learn that the most Pure Virgin Mary was descended on her father's side from the royal house of David, and on her mother's side from the priestly line of Aaron. Her parents lived in Nazareth and were fairly well-off. They were also distinguished for the great holiness of their lives and their great love of God and neighbor. Joachim was accustomed to dividing the fruits of his labor into three parts: one part he gave to God as a sacrifice, the second part he distributed among the poor, and the third part he kept for himself. Their one great sorrow was that they had no children. Among the Jews, childlessness was looked upon as not only as an absence of God's blessings, but as a punishment from God. Because of their childlessness, Joachim and Anna had to suffer much. Therefore, it is not surprising that they should unceasingly implore God for a child. This was the main purpose of their prayers, fasting, and alms. Finally, the Lord blessed them in their old age with a child who was destined to become the Mother of God.

The day of the Nativity of the Mother of God is a day of universal joy for, through the Mother of God, the entire human race was renewed and the sorrow of the first mother, Eve, was transformed into joy.

*Your birth, O Virgin Theotokos, heralded joy to the universe; for from you arose the Sun of Justice, Christ our God. Removing the curse, He gave the blessing, and by destroying death, He granted us eternal life.*

**St. Mary's...8/26 /2018**

**Offertory.....\$ 873.00**

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**St. George....8/26/2018**

**Offertory.....\$ 431.00**

### **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 drive one weekend this October. Watch for details in an upcoming bulletin.

### **COMMUNITY TRUNK SALE**

Sponsored by Immaculate Heart of Mary, 4490 Norquest Blvd. Sept. 15, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Call 330-506-9081 if interested.

### **84<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE UNIONTOWN, PA.**

Sisters of St. Basil invite everyone to join them in honoring the Mother of God at her Shrine on Mt. St. Macrina. Pilgrimage begins Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> at 8:00 a.m. and concludes Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup> with candlelight procession at 7:30 p.m.

### **“ VATRA” BONFIRE FEST**

Planned for 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. 25<sup>th</sup> 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 101<sup>st</sup> 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.