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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SAT. 5:00 p.m. Health & Blessings of Parishioners
 SUN. 10:30 a.m. +Ivan Lambert by son, Fr. Richard

MON. 11:00 a.m. No Liturgy

TUE. 11:00 a.m. +Patricia Kovachik by St. Mary's Caterers

WED. 11:00 a.m. +Brian Joseph Ward by Linda Wibly

THU. 11:00 a.m. No Liturgy

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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

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sept. 3 9:00 a.m. +Andrew Ilko by Mrs. Martha Ilko

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

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NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS



On Sept. 8th we celebrate the birth of the Theotokos (the Mother of God.) The record of the birth of Mary is not found in the Bible. The traditional account of the event is taken from the apocryphal writings which are not a part of the New Testament Scriptures. The traditional teaching which is celebrated in the hymns and versus of the Festal Liturgy is that Joachim and Anna were a pious Jewish couple who were among the small and faithful remnant... "the poor and the needy"...who were awaiting the promised Messiah. The couple was old and childless.

They prayed earnestly to the Lord for a child, since among the Jews, barrenness was a sign of God's disfavor. In answer to their unwavering fidelity to God, the elderly couple was blessed with a child who was destined, because of her own personal goodness and holiness, to become the Mother of the Messiah...Christ. The Feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos, therefore, is the glorification of Mary's birth, of Mary herself, and of her righteous parents. It is a celebration as well of the very first preparation of the salvation of the world. For the "Vessel of light", the "Book of the Word of Life", the "Door to the Orient", the "Throne of Wisdom" is being prepared on earth by God Himself in the birth of the Holy girl-child Mary.

THE TRAGEDY OF GOSSIP

My name is gossip. I have no respect for justice. I maim without killing. I break hearts and ruin lives. I am cunning and malicious and gather strength with age. The more I am quoted the more I am believed. My victims are helpless. They cannot protect themselves against me because I have no name and no face. To track me down is impossible. The harder you try, the more elusive I become. I am nobody's friend. Once I tarnish a reputation, it is never the same. I topple governments and wreck marriages. I ruin careers and cause sleepless nights, heartaches and indigestion. I make innocent people cry in their pillows. Even my name hisses. I am called Gossip. Before you repeat a story, ask yourself: Is it true? Is it harmless? Is it necessary? If it isn't, don't repeat it. People are indignant if they are denied the right of freedom of speech, but sometimes they overlook the duty to use this right responsibly. We need to be on our guard and practice restraint in our speech. May it be used for praise and not destruction.

LAUGH IN LIFE

Have you ever noticed that the things which bring us closer to the Infinite have a laugh in them? Behold the sunshine, the birds, the flowers, children...all laughing! Wherever you look, and find goodness and beauty, you find laughter. In the dark and stormy seasons of life, our days are better lightened by kindly smiles than by sun, better brightened by the kindly word than by the light of the day.

***A REAL FRIEND IS ONE WHO WALKS IN
WHEN EVERYONE ELSE WALKS OUT.***

St. Mary's... 8/27/17
Offertory...\$744.00

St. George.... 8/27/17
Offertory.... \$ 1,832.25

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**

83rd ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE

The Sisters of St. Basil invite you to the Pilgrimage in honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help at Mt. St. Macrina, Uniontown, PA. on Sept. 2 & 3, 2017 beginning at 8:00 a.m. Sept 2nd and closing at 7:30 p.m. on the 3rd. You will be able to participate in Divine Liturgy, Reconciliation, Children's procession, Adult Enrichment session, Icon Shrine walk, and

Candlelight Vigil. For more info call 724-438-8644.

PASTA DINNER

St. Michael Church, 2140 Highland Rd., Hermitage, PA is holding a Spaghetti **Dinner Sept. 9th** from 4:00 p.m – 7:00 p.m. Adult Tickets \$11.00

CHINESE AUCTION

The 41st 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 100th Anniversary of The Apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima there will be a Procession on Oct. 14th 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.)



*"You shall obtain
all you ask of me
by the recitation
of the Rosary."
The Mother of God*