

**ST. MARY'S
BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 23, 2024

SAT. 4:30 p.m. Health & Blessings of Parishioners Page 141
SUN. 10:30 a.m. +Dr. Nicholas & Catherine Sopkovich by
Dr. Tom & Patricia Sopkovich

MON. BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

10:30 a.m. +Harold & Elizabeth Turjanica by Daughter, MaryAnn

TUE. 10:30 a.m. No Liturgy

WED. 10:30 a.m. +Marilyn Bailey by Anthony & Beverly Chearno

THU. 10:30 a.m. No Liturgy

FRI. 10:30 a.m. No Liturgy

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST...PETER & PAUL APOSTLES

June 30, 2024

SAT. 4:30 pm. Health & Blessings of Parishioners Page 146, 338
SUN. 10:30 a.m. +Peter C. Dubos by Brother, Bill & Family

The joyful message of the Resurrection was heard by the women disciples from the angel, and being freed from the ancestral curse. They boasted to the Apostles; death is despoiled; Christ our God is risen giving great mercy to the world.



CHURCH DONATIONS June 16, 2024
Candles \$62..00 Monthly Dues \$ 1200.
Offertory \$ 847.00

GRANT HIM ETERNAL REST

Please remember in your prayers former Parishioner, Mr. Michael Sopkovich who passed on to his eternal reward. A Memorial Liturgy with Panachida was held Saturday morning. Grant eternal rest O Lord to your servant, Michael and remember Him forever. Vicnaja Pamjat!

***125th ANNIVERSARY.....PLANNING COMMITTEE
FORMING***

In 2025, our Parish of St. Mary's will be celebrating its 125th Anniversary! With just a year away, a committee is needed to start planning some key initiatives along with a Liturgy and banquet, if you have interest in being a part of the planning, please call or text Fr. John (330-647 0503)or Linda 330 792-1578. first meeting is Saturday, July 13, 3:00 - 4:15 p.m. in the Bar Room at our Center. If you want to help in any way but cannot attend the first meeting, call Fr. John or Linda and we will keep you in the loop!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for Volunteers to help clean out our Bus Garage and our Storage building behind our Hall. We hope to get started early part of July, date to be announced .Please call the office 330 792 1578 if you would like to help out.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

will be held at St. Michael's in Campbell..Robinson rd.. July22-26 from 9:00 a.m -12:30 Register at www.stmichaelcampbell.org

NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST



Among all the saints whom the Eastern Church venerates, St. John the Baptist holds a unique place. He alone, of all the Saints, except for the Mother of God, has a feast honoring his Conception, and another honoring his Nativity. The great esteem he enjoys in the Eastern Church is evident from the fact that during the Church Year as many as six feasts are celebrated in his honor: the feasts of his Conception, Nativity, Beheading, the First, Second and Third Finding of his head, and the Synaxis following the feast of Theophany.

St. John the Baptist is outstanding because he stands on the border of two testaments: the Old and the New. He closes the doors on the prophets and opens them to the Apostles. He is not only a prophet, but also a precursor of Christ, a baptizer and a martyr. John, already cleansed of original sin while still in his mother's womb, is the only person given the privilege of baptizing Him Whose coming the other prophets had foretold but did not live to see.

SWEETENED LIFE

The people who find life to be good and who live with joy and confidence are not necessarily the ones who are favored by luck and an easy life.

In fact, often quite the opposite is true; those who have had to struggle against the winds of misfortune, sorrow and defeat often emerge with a strengthened character and faith.

This happens if we live from day to day with a deep trust in the goodness of the creator and the world He has given us.

MIND YOUR MANNERS

Take time to be friendly...it is the road to happiness. Take time to dream....it is like hitching your wagon to a star.....Take time to love and to be loved.....it is a privilege.....Take time to look aroundit is too short a day to be selfish.....Take time to laugh...it is the music of the soul.

BE GIVERS

Getters generally don't get happiness; givers get it. You simply give to others a bit of yourself, ... a thoughtful act, a helpful idea, a word of appreciation, a lift over a rough spot, a sense of real understanding or a timely suggestion. You take something out of your mind, garnished in kindness out of your heart, and put it in another person's mind and heart.

LIFE IS A JOURNEY

LIFE is a journey.....not a home; a road, not a habitation. And the enjoyments and blessings we have along the way are but little inns on the roadside, where we may be refreshed for a moment that we may with new strength press on to the goal.

You will meet today ten men and women; perhaps twenty, or perhaps a hundred. Every one of them will have his or her day brightened or darkened by the tone and manner of your greeting.

You can put a little more spring into the step and a little more joy into the heart of every one of them by a cheerful, confident salutation.

Every worthwhile accomplishment, big or little, has its stages of drudgery and triumph; a beginning, a struggle, and a victory. A few wise friends with whom to counsel, a few good books to read and absorb, and with courage and faith we are well-equipped for the facing of life's difficulties and disappointments, as well as its pleasures and successes.

Lives are made of chapters. After one is written it cannot be revised, but we can write a new chapter with each new day.