



Luke 8: 41-56

I know some of you have been recently confronted with the death of someone close to you. I know some of you have questions regarding what happens to the soul after death. Perhaps some of you have even faced up to your own mortality. In any case, I want to look at today's Gospel lesson, to offer you some observations on death and how we can joyfully and fearlessly face our strongest enemy.

Jesus treats death as a sleep, a temporary condition, which life is not snuffed out, but in which the soul is at rest. St. Basil the Great said that for us faithful, death is the blessed rest that God has promised us from our labors, and we can enter it joyfully and not fearfully, because of God's love.

Believe and trust in God, the dead are asleep for a while, but Christ will call them back to life as easily as he called that little girl. He will call you, he will awake your mother, grandfather, daughter, friend. So do not be afraid of death.

St. John of Kronstadt says it is those who make idols of their lives, of their food, of their money and possessions and egos who find death so hard to accept. When we overcome these thoughts through repentance and the spiritual life, we find we can trust Christ, and not weep or fear death. In Christ, we overcome death with eternal life.

Schedule of Divine Services: November 3rd, 2024

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

- Sat. 4:30 p.m.** +Raymond Osipchak by Wife, Donna & Family
- Sun. 10:30 a.m.** Health and Blessings of Parishioners Page 156
- Mon. 10:30 a.m.** +Charles Turjanaica by Sister, Mary Ann
- Tue. 10:30 a.m.** No Liturgy
- Wed. 10:30 a.m.** No Liturgy
- Thu. 10:30 a.m.** No Liturgy
- Fri. 10:30 a.m.** ARCHANGEL MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS

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TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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- Sat. 4:30 p.m.** +Veronica Kovach by John & Carolyn Kolesar
- Sun. 10:30 a.m.** Health and Blessings of Parishioners

You have destroyed death by Your Cross; You opened paradise to the thief. The sorrow of the myrrh-bearers You turned to joy, You commanded Your apostles to proclaim: Christ our God, You have risen, granting great mercy to the world.

Home chefs and bakers --- We are collecting recipes to create a cookbook to celebrate the 125th Anniversary of St. Mary's Church.

We are looking for (4-6) of your tried-and-true family recipes, like appetizers, casseroles, desserts, holiday favorites, etc. and especially traditional ethnic dishes. You can drop a copy of your recipe(s) in the basket marked "RECIPES" in the church vestibule or mail them to: St. Mary's Byzantine Church, "Recipes" 356 S. Belle Vista Ave. Youngstown OH 44509

If you have any questions, call Martie Tomaino @ (330) 727-2913 or Fr. John @ (330) 799-8163.
Thank you, Cookbook Committee

ST. MARY'S 125TH ANNIVERSARY APRONS AVAILABLE FOR SALE IN THE BACK OF THE CHURCH \$10.00

[St. Mary's Church History Collection Drive](#)

In preparation for St. Mary's 125th Anniversary in 2025, we're looking for more historical photos, documents, and memorabilia. If any current or former parishioner would like to participate, please contact Dave Ragan at 614-370-0221, to schedule an individual appointment for digital scanning and information. Feel free to call with any questions!

St. Brendan's Parish Council: Join us for Thanksgiving Dinner

Made by Chef Christopher Bonacci

Drive Thru or Eat in: St. Brendan's Hall 144 N Schenley Ave West Side of Youngtown

Menu includes Turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes & gravy, sweet potatoes, corn, dessert

Sunday, November 3rd, 2024, 10:30am to 1pm or until sold out

Free donations accepted

G.C.U. ST. NICHOLAS PARY

All GCU Members are invited to join in the Festivities on Dec 8th at 12 NOON in our Social Center. A luncheon will be served. Reservations are required. Please call 330-792-1578 (office) by November 26th.

November-December Events and Meetings

BINGO NIGHT – SPONSERED BY THE GCU

November 10th, 2024

Doors open at 4:30 Bingo starts at 6:30

**All proceeds will go to the St. Mary's Restoration Project
Please come out and support the church for this night of fun!
(Proceeds from Bingo will be matched by the GCU)**

IRON AND STEEL THANKSGIVING TRAIN SHOW

WELCOME COLLECTORS, BUYERS, SELLERS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER. 23RD 2024

10AM – 3PM - \$7.00 ADMISSION

ST. MARY'S ASSUMPTION SOCIAL CENTER

TO RESERVE A TABLE FOR VENDERS CALL

DENNIS MAMONE @ 330-503-5510 BY NOVEMBER 15TH 2024

COME JOIN US FOR A FUN AFTERNOON

The Annual Saint Nicolas Celebration

for the benefit of the Byzantine Catholic Seminary of Saints Cyril & Methodius is planned for Sunday, December 8th.

***Please support our future priest by buying a ticket (\$10.00) for the event
As in the past, a raffle ticket with all-cash prizes totaling \$2000.00 is being distributed to parishes in the Archeparchy. We are promoting the raffle tickets as a way for our parish to support the seminary. The winning numbers will be based on the PA Lottery Evening Pick 3 Number drawn on Monday-Wednesday, December 9,10,11, 2024
For tickets, please call the office 330-799-8163
Or see Fr. John after Divine Liturgy***