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WEEKEND LITURGIES: Sat eve: 6:00 p.m. Sun: 11:00 a.m. HOLYDAYS: 6:00 p.m.

Confession, the Forgiveness of Sins

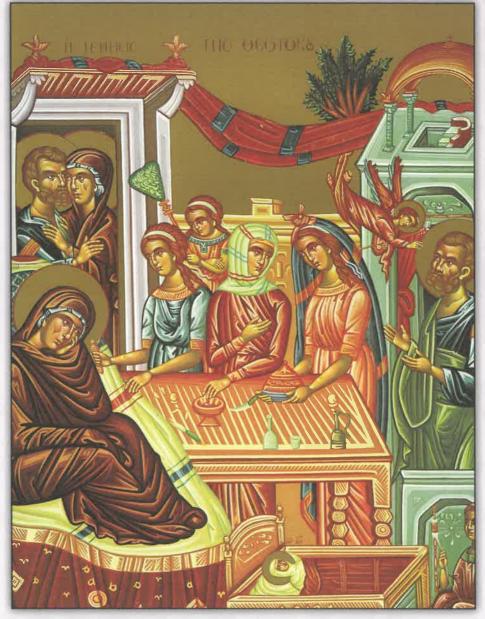
"On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. [Jesus] said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.'" (John 20:19-23)

There, the risen Christ gives to His disciples the power of binding and loosing sins – a juridical power. This task of binding and loosing was transmitted from the apostles to their successors, the bishops. In the early church, the

administration of penance was something public; it didn't involve the private giving of counsel or advice. It was something exceptional. You hoped, by God's mercy, that you wouldn't have to be involved in penance. Indeed, the penances that were imposed were by our standards extremely severe. It often requires a leap of the imagination on our part to think of how life was in the ancient church. For example, for fornication - I mean, sex outside of marriage - St. Gregory of Nyssa assigns a penance of nine years without communion. St. Basil is a little more merciful, he says seven years without communion. Finally, in the sixth and seventh century, in the canonical legislation of St. John the Faster, it's been reduced to two years. Even so, by our standard, that may well seem severe.

Metropolitan Kallistos (Ware)

SUNDAY BEFORE THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS



Icon of the Birth of the Theotokos -- September 8th

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever! Slava Isusu Christu! Slava Na Viki!





SAT., SEPT 6

(Vigil Sunday Divine Liturgy)

6:00 p.m.

+Margaret A. Hudak (3rd anniversary of passing 8.23 & remembrance of 91st birthday 9.10)

requested by: Daughter: Regina Rovnyak

SUN., SEPT 7

THE SUNDAY BEFORE THE UNIVERSAL ELEVATION OF THE CROSS - Grandparents Dav

11:00 a.m.

Health & God's Blessings Upon All Grandparents



MON., SEPT 8

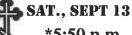
The Feast Of The Holy Nativity Of

The Theotokos — Solemn Holy Day — Mirovanije

6:00 p.m.

+Jerry Arendas

requested by: Karen Penwell & Marge Shabella



(Vigil Sunday Holyday Divine Liturgy) - Mirovanije

*5:50 p.m.

+Carmen Lanzo (40th anniversary of passing 8.26)

requested by: Family



THE UNIVERSAL ELEVATION OF THE HOLY CROSS - Mirovanije

*10:50 a.m.

+Anna Drotar

requested by: Family

(17th anniversary of passing 9.9 & remembrance of birthday 9.16)





September 9 – Vernie Payne September 13 – Gregory Stanko

Church Attendance

Saturday 8/30 – **45** (6:00 pm) Sunday 8/31 – **42** (11:00 am)

Pray For The Homebound, Sick, Hospitalized, & In Recovery updated: Sept. 5, 2025

RESIDING AT HOME – Andy Arendas, Ken Beraduce, Bonnie Cohn, Michael Drotar, Geraldine Dubos, Greta Marks, Frank Phillips, Ed Puhak, Martha Swantek, Ed Tirpack.

The Inn at Ironwood (6699 Ironwood Blvd., Canfield, OH 44406) — Dorothy Leone.

Windsor House at St. Mary's (1899 W. Garfield Rd., Columbiana, OH 44408) — Anne Thomas.

Church offerings from August 30 & 31, 2025

Sunday Offering....\$3,360.00 Loose Currency....\$21.00 Candles....\$83.00

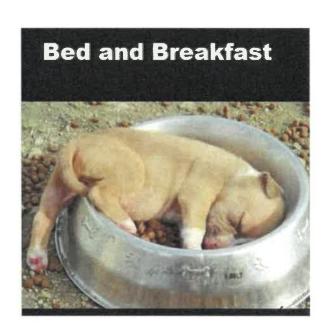
Holydays....\$195.00

TOTAL: \$3,659.00



August 31st TOTAL: \$390.00

Weekly Requirement to Meet Yearly Expenses			
Date	Collection	Required	Overage (Shortage)
Aug 31	\$3,659	\$2,850	\$809
YTD	\$83,731	\$99,750	(\$16,019)



Quote of the Week

"What you are is God's gift to you, what you become is your gift to God."

-Hans Urs von Balthasar

September Word Search

Find the September words below.

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- JACKET
- TRACTORS
- SUNSET
- FRIENDS



The Birth of the Theotokos Holyday

Monday, September 8th, we celebrate a birthday: we commemorate the birth of the Mother of God. This Holy Day is not recorded in the Bible, but information about the event is



found in the apocryphal writings especially "Protoevengelium of James." How then do we know the day on which she was born? The date was chosen to coincide with the anniversary of the dedication of a church in Jerusalem that was built, according to tradition, over the home of St. Anne, Mary's mother. It is symbolic that the Church year begins (the Church new year begins on September 1st) with her Birth/Nativity (September 8th) and ends with her Dormition (August 15th).

Joachim and Anna, the parents of the Mother of God, lived in the town of Nazareth. They were Godfearing people. Her father, Joachim, was of the tribe of David, and her mother, Anna of the tribe of Aaron.

The child inherited royal blood from her father and priestly blood from her mother. Her parents were old and childless. This grieved them, as at that time it was believed by the Hebrews that anyone who did not have children had offended God in some way and was being punished by Him. Joachim and Anna, being God-fearing people, were greatly distressed by this. They prayed to God for a child and promised Him that, should they have a child, they would dedicate the child to the service of God. God heard their prayers, and a child, Mary, was born to them. They were to have only this one child, Mary full of grace, to become blessed among women, the temple of the Holy Spirit, and mother to the Savior of the world.

The hymns for the day tell the whole story. The Kondak says: Joachim and Anna were delivered from the reproach of childlessness, and Adam and Eve (all mankind) from corruption of death at your holy nativity, O All-Pure One. This do your people celebrate, being redeemed from the guilt of transgression (were saved from sin by the death on the Cross and Resurrection of her Son, Jesus, who she was to bear) when they cry to You: the barren give birth to the birth-giver of God and the Nourisher of our life."

The Tropar gives us another vivid picture for the celebration of this day. It reminds us: "Your holy nativity, O Virgin Birth-giver of God, has proclaimed joy to all the universe; for from thee is risen the Sun of righteousness (Malachi 4:2 "But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing") even Christ our God, and having destroyed the curse (of Adam and Eve), He has bestowed a blessing; and having brought death to naught (Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.) He has given unto us life eternal.

As we remember this feast today, let us think about our own role in our faith lives. May we aspire, like Mary, to follow God and be true to our own callings in life. We offer our prayers and intentions today as we work to set aside what "we" want in life and accept God's plan of salvation for each of us!

Join us the holyday Divine Liturgy this Monday at 6:00 p.m.



Prayer for Grandparents

Loving God, you have given us the wondrous gift of grandmothers and grandfathers. Your gracious love is reflected in their love and care for us. We thank you, Lord, for the surprises grandmas bring, and for the mending they do. We thank you, Lord, for the toys that grandpas fix and the stories they read to us. We thank you, Lord, for the ways that

our grandparents spoil us, for the celebrations they never forget, and for all the cuddles they give. We thank you for giving us grandparents to share their wisdom, to listen to us, to be there loving us. We thank you, Lord. Amen.

3-Tier Auction TODAY

The 8th 3-Tier Chinese Auction is TODAY at our church social hall. Over 300 fabulous prizes waiting to be won such as 70" & 55" TVs, Apple watch, Geneva get-a-way weekend, smart watch, appliances, electronics, kitchenware, boys & girls toys, things for your pets, jewelry, and lots more! Doors open at 12 noon and drawing begins at 2:15 p.m. \$10 admission with free 25 tier 1 tickets & lunch. Winners don't have to be present but it's so much fun to stay and cheer and take your prize home! Don't miss it!



Take-out spaghetti dinner TODAY in conjunction with auction



TODAY, September 7th, our St. Michael Church is sponsoring a Pasta Dinner in conjunction with the 3-Tier Auction. It includes pasta, meatballs, bread/butter, salad, and dessert. <u>\$12.00 per dinner</u>. Go to the hall for orders.

Sign-up for Irons Mill Farmstead outing in 2 weeks

The annual ECF parish outing to Irons Mill Farmstead is being planned for **Sunday**, **September 21st**. Sign-ups are in the narthex. Any parishioner may attend (admission cost on your own).



Civic Club soon to start new season

submitted by: Nick DuBos

"The Civic Club will have its first meeting of the year on **Sunday, September 21st at 12:15 p.m.** in the church hall. The club had an excellent year in 2024-25 and hopes to keep the momentum going. The club is open to any parishioner who wants to make a positive difference in the church and in the community. If this sounds like you, please join us on the 21st!"

Sympathy extended

+VERA M. OROSZ, 76, of Canfield, fell asleep in the Lord on Saturday, August 23, 2025. She is the wife of parishioner Gary Orosz. May God grant to His departed handmaid, +Vera, blessed repose and eternal memory, vicnaja jej pamjat.





Reverse Raffle - October 4th

<u>Ticket Numbers Available as of the morning of September 6th</u> 40,45,46,48,49,89,98,

124,128,129,130,131,132,133,134,135,139,146,149,159, 175,177,181,182,183,188,189,190,191,197,198,199

Bottles still needed for R.R.

There will be a card game at the Reverse Raffle with wine and liquor bottles. This was super popular last year and it sold out quick. Your help is needed. Donations of wine or liquor should be of better quality, but all donations will be gratefully accepted. Place donations in the back of the church in the marked bin. Please bring them in soon...bottles are coming in slowly.

Seminary year has begun - pray for our future priests

The Archeparchy of Pittsburgh has 6 candidates who are studying for the priesthood. Please remember in your prayers our seminarians as they journey to the altar of Christ as future ordained priests:

Deacon Mark Le Roy (last year)
Seminarian Chad Durante (2nd Theology)
Seminarian Adam Marquart (2nd Aspirincy)

Deacon Nicholas Krivacs (last year) Seminarian Alex Broussard (2nd Theology) Seminarian Harrison Otto (2nd Aspirincy)

Designer purse bingo night in Hermitage

On Saturday, September 27th at St. Michael's Social Center in Hermitage will be a "Designer Purse Bingo"; Doors open 5PM and Bingo begins 6PM. Admission is \$30 (ages 18 & up); includes 13 Game Bingo Packet plus free dauber. Call or text your reservation to Megan @ 724-699-0613 or Donna @ 724-877-6736.



