

**Parish Offerings – 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – Oct. 8, 2017**

“Everyone must give according to whatever he has inwardly decided; not sadly, not grudgingly, for God loves a cheerful giver.” (2 Cor 9:7)

**Holy Ghost Church, McKees Rocks**

Regular Offering (\$2,094) YP (\$17) .....	\$2,111.00
Holy Days (\$98) Collection for the Poor (\$5) .....	103.00
Coffee Social (\$30.50) Radio Ministry (\$50) .....	80.50
Votive Candles .....	109.05
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	\$2,403.55

**Holy Ghost Church, Northside**

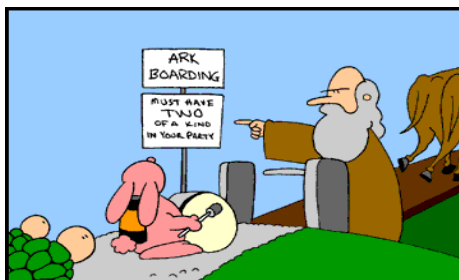
Regular Offering .....	\$540.00
Holy Days .....	20.00
Utilit. (\$5) Improve (\$5) Collection for the Poor (\$5) Hurricane 2017 \$25) ..	40.00
Votive Candles .....	56.90
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	\$656.90

**Church Attendance Last Week**

Sat., 4:00 p.m. (41)

Sun., (MR) 9:00 a.m. (95); (NS) 11:00 a.m. (38)

Sorrowful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary— (MR) Wed. 6:00 p.m. (10)



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**THE 19<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**Fathers of the 7<sup>th</sup> Ecumenical Council — October 15, 2017**



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**SUNDAY RADIO (9:00 am WEDO 810 AM) & INTERNET DIVINE LITURGY**

**All Liturgical Services LIVE on UStream: [www.Ustream.tv/channel/holy-ghost-church](http://www.Ustream.tv/channel/holy-ghost-church)**

Sunday Divine Liturgies  
 Saturday (MR) 4:00 pm  
 Sunday (MR) 9: 00 am  
 Holy Ghost (NS) 11:00 a.m.

Holy Day Divine Liturgies  
 w/Great Vespers (Oblig)  
 (MR): 7:00 pm  
 Holy Day (MR) 9:00 am; (NS) 6:00 pm

Daily Divine Liturgy  
 M-F (MR) 8:00 am  
 Sat. (NS) 9:00 am.

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Holy Mystery of Reconciliation: Sat (MR): 3:15 to 3:40 pm & Sun (MR) 8:15 to 8:40 am.; (NS) 10:30 am  
Holy Mysteries of Initiation: Contact Church Office for Baptism, Chrismation and Eucharist.  
Holy Mysteries of Anointing: Ask especially prior to surgery or any other time.  
Holy Mystery of Matrimony: Contact pastor one year in advance; Pre-Cana Classes required.  
Sponsor of Christian Initiation: Godparents must be practicing Catholics.  
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GCU Lodge 390: (MR) Contact Randy Baden (412) 973-1085 for membership requirements.  
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Carpatho-Rusyn Radio Broadcast: Every Sunday from 2:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. WPIT 730 AM.  
Social Hall Rental: (MR) Contact Church Office.  
New & Returning Parishioners: Welcome! Please register by phoning the Church Office.  
Remember the Church in Your Will: Please be so kind as to remember the Church in your last will and testament. This helps to secure its future & a Byzantine Catholic witness to all!

# THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH

When the Most High descended and confused tongues, He scattered the people; but when He distributed the tongues of fire, He called all men to unity. Therefore, with one voice, let us glorify the Most Holy Spirit (Matins of Pentecost Sunday)

October 15, 2017

Seasonal Greeting

Volume VII, Number 42



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



## Liturgical Services for the Week

Date                      Time                      Intention                      Requested By

### 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost Fathers of the 7<sup>th</sup> Ecumenical Council

SUN., OCT 15      9:00 a.m. (MR) + Muska Family      Gladys Muska & Family  
11:00 a.m. (NS) For the Parishioners of Both Parishes

Mon, Oct 16      8:00 a.m. (MR) + Mary Frissora      Nephew: Dr. Gordon & Kate Frissora  
(3<sup>rd</sup> ann of passing)

Tue, Oct 17      8:00 a.m. (MR) + Frank Firko, Sr.      Grandson: Fr. Firko  
(34<sup>th</sup> ann of passing)

Wed, Oct 18      8:00 a.m. (MR) + Joyce D. Ray      A. Velma Seman  
(2<sup>nd</sup> ann of passing)  
6:00 p.m. (MR) Sorrowful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary

Thrs, Oct 19      8:00 a.m. (MR) + Herbert Eisenman      Dgtr: Martha & Bob Maletz

**REQUIRED SIMPLE ABSTINENCE (no meat) or Equivalent Penance (your choice)**  
in reparation for sins against the Sacred Heart of Jesus, for the conversion of sinners  
& reparation for the blasphemies against the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Fri, Oct 20      8:00 a.m. (MR) + Elsie Eberle      Marks Family  
(1<sup>st</sup> ann of passing)

Sat, Oct 21      9:00 a.m. (NS) + Irene + Emil Petruska      Son: Michael & Amy



Sunday anticipated Divine Liturgy of the 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

4:00 p.m. (MR) + Mary O. Culan      Family

### 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost Feast of Pope St. John Paul II

SUN., OCT 22      9:00 a.m. (MR) + Joe Babin      Wife: Gerry  
(9<sup>th</sup> ann of passing 10/27)

11:00 a.m. (NS) For the Parishioners of Both Parishes

## General Announcements

All Birthdays will be published in SOT each week so that prayers may be offered on these special occasions. Please advise the Church office if your special day does not appear or if you wish your name and date not be published.

Note: Capitalized Names designate North Side parishioners

Birthdays: Oct 15 – LAURA KALLOP; Oct 16 – Nancy Debranski Ferrell; Oct 18 – Jeno Lecci, Paul Zubritzky; Oct 20 – Patricia Ference; Oct 21 – Charles McCusker.

### Pray For the Ill, Infirm & Shut-ins of Our Parishes

HOME: Irene Bordas, Margaret Beliunas, MARY ANN CONTI, Andrew Drukalsky, Iona Goyda, Helen Hopey, MARTHA LUCAS, OLGA MANFREDO, Irene Palahunik, Elizabeth Petruna, MARLENE PFEIFFER, Lisa Plutto, MARY SAHAYDA, Michael Spisak, ANNA TOTH, EVELYN VENTO, JOHN VEREB, Julia Wovchko, SHIRLEY YANOSKO.

MAPLEWOOD PC HOME (461 Maplewood Ave. Ambridge, PA 15003): Susan Dragosh, Doris Naughton.

HIGHLAND PARK CARE CENTER (745 North Highland Ave., Pgh, PA 15206): Linda Reiger.

MASONIC VILLAGE (1000 Masonic Drive, Sewickley, PA 15143): Helen M. Kriska, Marjorie Preganz.

MARIAN MANOR (2695 Winchester Dr., Pgh, 15220): Irene Bednar, MICHAEL BARBUSH  
CHIPPEWA PLACE (7005 Stadium Dr., Apt 427, Brecksville, OH 44141): Stephen Katrenich.

VALENCIA WOODS OF ST. BARNABAS (85 Charity Pl., Valencia, PA 16059): Eleanor Kapko  
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CARING HEIGHTS (234 Coraopolis Rd., Coraopolis, PA 15108): Beverly Harsh

OHIO VALLEY HOSPITAL (25 Heckel Road, McKees Rocks, PA 15136): Agnes Rosko.

### Public questions on Catholic spirituality, moral & spiritual problems

Q. How do we know if we are "cooperating with grace"? A. Answer by Catholic Answers: You know in the same way you know you are cooperating in any other matter. You know when you are playing along with teammates in a game, or following the policies of your workplace, or following your physician's directions, or going along with a friend's preferences, or performing in a band or choir. When you do the things that are required in all these areas, you are cooperating. So in our spiritual life, we cooperate with grace by keeping the commandments and by repenting when we break them, by making use of the means of grace, prayer, the holy sacraments, penance, and works of mercy. It's all about the love of God. If you love him and him in your neighbor, then you are cooperating with grace. Read St. John's short and beautiful letters in the New Testament, and you will see what it means to cooperate with grace. He was Our Lord's beloved friend, and friends know how to cooperate with each other.

### This Week's Sanctuary Lamps

Continue to burn before the real presence of our Lord, God & Savior Jesus

October 15 — October 21, 2017

(MR): In memory of Frances & Walter Grzywinski

offered by Son: Frank & Karen

(NS): In memory of Elsie Eberle (1<sup>st</sup> ann of passing 10/20)

(MR) NONE AVAILABLE 2017

offered by Mary & Steve Malis

(NS) NONE AVAILABLE 2017

# McKees Rocks Announcements

**PIROHI REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING FORTHCOMING** — There will be an important gathering to see if we have enough workers for the Pirohi Project. It will be a short meeting following today's Divine Liturgy on **Sunday, October 15, 2017**. Please mark this date on your calendar. All are welcome. We need committed workers to make this project a go!



**PROPERTY TRESS PRUNED AND LANDSCAPED PRIOR TO WINTER** — The *Olander Tee and Landscaping Company, Inc.* came to trim the trees between the Rectory and Szal's Parking lot this past week. They also worked on the Catherine Street side trimming the fir tree, planting several holly bushes and seeded the plumbing work area. The total cost was \$1,290.00. The property is really looking good!



**PARISH ADVISORY & FINANCIAL COUNCIL MEETING NEXT WEEK** — The members of the PAC are reminded of the meeting slated for **Monday, October 16, 2017 @ 7:00 p.m.** Please place this date on your calendar.

**DELUGE IN THE BOTTOMS FLOODS BASEMENT AGAIN** — The heavy rainstorm this past Wednesday caused more flooding in the School Basement. This indicates that the water on the Olivia Street side of the building has need of work to carry the roof water out to the street rather than into the sewer drain. Although the recent plumbing work on the Catherine Street side of the gym along with the new back-flow valve alleviated sewage water from contributing raw sewage, it still resulted in backing up the Olivia Street roof water to arise from the floor drains. *Mertz Plumbing* has been, once again, contacted to look into the situation. Several neighbors in the area have also had flooding. The Church has also contacted ALCOSAN and reported the problem.



## Northside Announcements

**PARISH ADVISORY & FINANCIAL COUNCIL MEETING RESULTS THIS PAST WEEK** — Two main issues were discussed at this past Tuesday's meeting: (1) Since we do not have the funds and resources to meet annual taxes and to repair the inside of the Social Center, and since we have no personnel to work in renting out, opening, closing and sitting watch of the facility, Fr. Firko will be consulting the Chancery Office to see if preliminary plans could be undertaken in selling the building along with its property. The capital from this sale will be used to give longevity to our Church by meeting ongoing annual and monthly expenses. Before this comes to fruition, we will have a parish meeting explaining the details; (2) Many have commented that our project to enhance the Sound System still is not providing adequate results. Hollywood Sound, Inc, McKees Rocks is in the process of assisting us in this project. We are awaiting a plan and bid to see if we can contract with them.



## General Announcements (cont.)

**HOLY GHOST CHURCH HALLOWEEN PARTY** — There will be a joint Halloween Party for all members of both parishes including relative and friends this **Saturday, October 21, 2017 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** Pizza, soft drinks and entertainment will be provided. Costumes recommended! There is a NO TICKET CHARGE, but a freewill offering will be accepted to meet expenses. We are also appreciative to local GCU Lodge 390 for helping to subsidize this event. Please sign the sheet in the (MR) Side Vestibule, and the (NS) Narthex. We need to know how many to prepare for this event.



# COMMEMORATING TODAY

## The Seventh Ecumenical Council – Nicea II



**SITE:** Nicea

**YEAR:** 787 A.D.

**POPE:** Hadrian I, 772 - 795

**EMPERORS:** Constantine VI, 780 - 797 and Empress Irene (797 - 802)

**ACTION:** This council, called by Empress Irene (widow of Emperor Leo IV and regent for her son Constantine VI), with its doctrinal decree ratified by Pope Hadrian I, condemned ICONOCLASM. The Pope's letter here, just as with Pope St. Leo I at Chalcedon, set the tone of the council.

**NOTE:** Brewing beneath the surface at this time, however, was a rejection of papal authority. The Eastern Bishops, cut off from Rome and receptive to heresy under persecution, were held suspect by Rome.

**NOTE:** Iconoclasm had been fostered by Emperor Leo III (717 - 741), who was opposed by Popes Gregory II (715 - 731) and Gregory III (731 - 741) and by St. John Damascene (d.749), priest and Doctor of the Church, who published three discourses in defense of images.

**HERESY:** ICONOCLASM. The Second Council of Nicea, the seventh ecumenical council of the Christian church, was convoked by the Byzantine empress Irene in 787 (on the front cover to the right) to rule on the use of saints' images and icons in religious devotion. At that time a strong movement known as iconoclasm, which opposed the pictorial representation of saints or of the Trinity, existed in the Greek church. At the prompting of Irene the council declared that whereas the veneration of images was legitimate and the intercession of saints efficacious, their veneration must be distinguished from the worship due God alone.

## October Respect-Life Month

### 3<sup>rd</sup> WEEK INTENTION OF REPECT LIFE MONTH:

#### Prayer for the Elderly

**O Lord of Life, grant that the Elderly may lovingly accept Your will, and place themselves each day in Your merciful hands. When**



**the moment of their passing comes, grant that they may face it with serenity, without regret for what they shall leave behind. For in meeting You after having sought You for so long, they shall find once more every authentic good which they have known here on earth in the company of all**

**who have gone before them marked with the sign of faith and hope. Grace the Elderly with this wisdom so that they and we may bless and glorify Your Great Name Father, Son (+) and Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever. Amen.**

## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

October 15 ..... Freewill Pasta Dinner, St. Elias Church, Munhall, PA from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.  
October 18 ..... (MR) The Sorrowful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary @ 6:00 p.m.  
October 21 ..... Parish Halloween Party at the School Gym following the Divine Liturgy.  
October 25 ..... (MR) The Sorrowful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary @ 6:00 p.m.  
October 29 ..... Sunday of Christ the King & Annual Moleben to our 4 saintly bishops.  
November 7 ..... General Election Day.  
November 8 ..... Synaxis of St. Michael & All Angels (MR) 9:00 a.m.; (NS) 6:00 p.m.  
November 15 ..... Commencement of the Philipian (Filipovka) Fast.

## Saint of the Week

### The Holy Martyr Longinus – October 16

St. Matthew the Evangelist, in describing the passion of the Lord Jesus Christ, says: Now when the centurion, and they that were with him, watching Jesus, saw the earthquake,



and those things that were done, they feared greatly, saying, **Truly, this was the Son of God** (Matthew 27:54). That centurion was this blessed Longinus, who with two other of his soldiers came to believe in Jesus, the Son of God. Longinus was chief of the soldiers who were present at the Crucifixion of the Lord on Golgotha, and was also the chief of the watch that guarded the tomb. When the Jewish elders learned of the Resurrection of Christ, they bribed the soldiers to spread the false news that Christ did not resurrect, but rather that His disciples stole His body. The Jews also tried to bribe Longinus, but he did not allow himself to be bribed. Then the

Jews resorted to their usual strategy: they decided to kill Longinus. Learning of this, Longinus removed his military belt, was baptized with his two companions by an apostle, secretly left Jerusalem and moved to Cappadocia with his companions. There, he devoted himself to fasting and prayer and, as a living witness of Christ's Resurrection, converted many pagans to the true Faith by his witness. After that, he withdrew to a village on the estate of his father. Even there, however, the malice of the Jews did not leave him in peace. Due to the calumnies of the Jews, Pilate dispatched soldiers to behead Longinus. St. Longinus foresaw in the spirit the approach of his executioners and went out to meet them. He brought them to his home, not telling them who he was. He was a good host to the soldiers, and soon they lay down to sleep. But St. Longinus stood up to pray, and prayed all night long, preparing himself for death. In the morning, he called his two companions to him, clothed himself in white burial clothes, and instructed the other members of his household to bury him on a particular small hill. He then went to the soldiers and told them that he was that Longinus whom they were seeking. The soldiers were perplexed and ashamed, and could not even contemplate beheading Longinus, but he insisted that they fulfill the order of their superior. Thus, Longinus and his two companions were beheaded. The soldiers took Longinus's head to Pilate, and he turned it over to the Jews. They threw it on a dung heap outside the city.

## General Announcements

**PITTSBURGH DEANERY CLERGY TO PRAY & SERVE PASTA DINNER** — Today's the day! The Priests and Deacons in the Pittsburgh Deanery will be hosting a **FREE PASTA DINNER** at St. Elias Church, Munhall today. Day will begin with a Moleben at 3:00 p.m. marking Clergy Appreciation Week followed by the Dinner. The Clergy will be preparing and serving the dinner. *A freewill offering will be taken for the Priests Pension Plan.*



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR: COME & SEE WEEKEND** — Young men 18-35 are invited to a **FREE Weekend of Discovery retreat**, Friday through Sunday, **November 3-4-5, 2017** at Saints Cyril & Methodius Seminary. *The purpose: to see if you might be interested in the possibility of becoming a priest. No pressure, no hype, no boring lectures. Just recreation, relaxation, talking to God (a.k.a. prayer), and the opportunity to really listen to God's voice and to plan for your life. This worthwhile retreat of discovery in no way implies any future commitment other than your commitment to truly be yourself! There is no expense involved in participating in this retreat. E-mail your reply to: vocations@archeparchy.org. Last day for registration is this Thursday, Oct. 19.*



**ANNUAL MOLEBEN FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CAUSES** — The yearly prayer service for the advancement of the Causes of Beatification and Canonization of our four holy Ruthenian Byzantine Catholic Bishops will take place at St. John the Baptist Church, Uniontown, PA on **Sunday of Christ the King, October 29, 2017 @ 3:00 p.m.** For the past 30 years faithful through the Pittsburgh Archeparchy have gathered in various archieparchial parishes, monasteries and the seminary to pray for the Canonization of *Bishop-Martyr Theodore G. Romzha, Uzhorod (+1947); Bishop-Martyr Paul P. Gojdich, O.S.B.M., Presov (+1960); Bishop-Martyr Basil Hopko, Presov (+1976); and for the beatification of the Servant of God Bishop Alexander Chira, Uzhorod (+1985).* A Marian Moleben is offered seeking the aid of the Holy Mother of God in helping us achieve this end. Please mark your calendar and attend this important prayer for their advancement. This is also the Parish's Annual Rusyn Heritage Day.



**2018 ENVELOPES BEING PREPARED FOR DISTRIBUTION** — We are in the process of arranging the contribution envelopes for 2018. There are many individuals who have not contributed over the past few years. The assumption is that you are not interested in receiving envelopes. If you have not used your envelopes for two years (since 2015) your name will be eliminated from the list. Should you wish to re-enroll, please contact the Church Office A.S.A.P. Remember, **it is a precept of the Church to support the mission of the local Church so that the Gospel may continue to be proclaimed and that the Holy Mysteries (Sacraments) be dispensed from Holy Ghost Church. It is also one of six requirements necessary to stand as a Sponsor for Baptism and Chrismation.** Our responsibility is to meet our ongoing bills to keep us operational. It is also one requirement to stand as a sponsor for the Sacraments of Initiation. Those who will turn 18 in 2018 will receive adult envelopes if they have been using envelopes. Thus far, (MR) has gone from 198 to 205 boxes which include both adult and children. The (NS) has declined from 52 to 50 adult boxes.

