

**Parish Offerings – 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – Oct. 22, 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 (\$1,974) YP (\$14) .....	\$1,988.00
Holy Days (\$2) Collection for the Poor (\$160) .....	162.00
Votive Candles .....	96.00
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	\$2,246.00

**Holy Ghost Church, Northside**

Regular Offering .....	\$276.00
Special Donation (In mem of + Agnes Knoll by Arlene Latta) .....	25.00
Holy Days .....	3.00
Votive Candles (\$63) Utilities (\$40) .....	103.00
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	\$407.00

**Church Attendance Last Week**

Sat., 4:00 p.m. (54)

Sun., (MR) 9:00 a.m. (70); (NS) 11:00 a.m. (38)

Sorrowful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary — (MR) Wed. 6:00 p.m. (8)



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**THE 21<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**Sunday of Christ the King — October 29, 2017**



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Sunday Divine Liturgies Saturday (MR) 4:00 pm Sunday (MR) 9:00 am Holy Ghost (NS) 11:00 a.m.
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Holy Day Divine Liturgies w/Great Vespers (Oblig) (MR): 7:00 pm Holy Day (MR) 9:00 am; (NS) 6:00 pm
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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 29, 2017

Seasonal Greeting

Volume VII, Number 44



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



## Liturgical Services for the Week

Date Time Intention Requested By

### 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

### Sunday of Christ the King

SUN., OCT 29 9:00 a.m. (MR) + Patricia Petruna Mom: Betty Petruna & Family  
(4<sup>th</sup> ann of passing 10/27)  
11:00 a.m. (NS) For the Parishioners of Both Parishes

Mon, Oct 30 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Michael Kasarda Friend  
(3<sup>rd</sup> ann of passing)



Tue, Oct 31 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Mary Supack Niece: Martha & Bob Maletz

#### Feast of the Blessed Bishop-Martyr Theodore G. Romzha

Wed, Nov 1 8:00 a.m. (MR) + George Kurtanich M/M Michael Kurtanich

Thrs, Nov 2 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Irene Bilak (birthday 11/4) Allie & Tom Marguccio

**REQUIRED SIMPLE ABSTINENCE (no meat) or Equivalent Penance (your choice)**  
First Friday of the month in reparation for sins against the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Fri, Nov 3 8:00 a.m. (MR) Health & Welfare Mom: Mildred Terrek  
of Monica Shoemaker

First Saturday of the month in reparation for blasphemies against the Immaculate Heart of Mary  
Sat, Nov 4 9:00 a.m. (NS) + Helen S. Lubinski Stella & Mary Jane Wasco

#### Sunday anticipated Divine Liturgy of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

4:00 p.m. (MR) + Anna + John Budul & Family Irene Bordas



### 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Standard Time Resumes — Clocks FALL BACK 1 hour

SUN., NOV 5 9:00 a.m. (MR) + Anna + Anthony Zanis Dgtr: Marge & James Lautenschlager  
+ Patricia Stanko

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 25 – Emma Joy Usouski Nov 1 – Mickayla Poloka; Nov 2 – KATHY MULLEN; Nov 3 – Caralynn Kassabov, Helen Kriska (101), Michael A. Palahunik, Dan Pikras, JOAN SENCHYSHYN, John Wovchko.

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

HOME: Irene Bordas, Margaret Beliuнас, MARY ANN CONTI, Andrew Drukalsky, Ilona Goyda, Helen Hopey, MARTHA LUCAS, OLGA MANFREDO, Irene Palahunik, Elizabeth Petruna, MARLENE PFEIFFER, Agnes Rosko, 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.

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LUTHERAN SENIORLIFE (500 Wittenberg Way, Mars PA 16046): William Zavidny.

CARING HEIGHTS (234 Coraopolis Rd., Coraopolis, PA 15108): Beverly Harsh

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

Q. Is contraception a mortal sin? A. Answer by Catholic Answers: The Catechism of the Catholic Church defines a mortal sin (a sin that destroys charity in the soul) as "a sin whose object is grave matter and which is also committed with full knowledge and deliberate consent." **Contraception is a sin that gravely violates God's design for human sexuality.** The Catechism states: Every action which, whether in anticipation of the conjugal act, or in its accomplishment, or in the development of its natural consequences, proposes, whether as an end or as a means, to render procreation impossible is intrinsically evil (2370). So, if an individual engages in contraceptive sex, fully knowing that it is gravely sinful, and chooses it without any mitigating factors to lessen one's culpability, charity will cease to exist within that individual's soul. In other words, the act will have a mortal effect within the soul.

### This Week's Sanctuary Lamps

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

October 22 — October 28, 2017

(MR): In memory of Anna & John Bordas & Family

offered by Irene Bordas

(NS): Health & Welfare of Bill, Marie & Dorothy

(MR) AVAILABLE FOR 2018

offered by Joan Senchyslyn

(NS) AVAILABLE FOR 2018



## McKees Rocks Announcements

**SYMPATHY EXTENDED** — The *Spirit of Truth* announces the passing of parishioner,



**Eleanor Kapko, 88**, of Valencia Woods of St. Barnabas Nursing Facility, Valencia, PA, on Sunday, October 22, 2017. She was the wife of the late + John, and the mother of Robert (Judy), John, Kenneth (Janice) and Janet (Mark) Shozda; and aunt of parishioner Michael Maslaney Funeral arrangements were handled by the Valerian F. Szal Funeral Home. The Funeral Divine Liturgy was offered on Thursday Oct. 26 at 10:00 a.m. followed by the interment at Resurrection Cemetery, Moon Township; and parish vocation

**Monsignor Victor Romza, 88**, who passed away on Monday, October 23, 2017. He was a retired priest of the Archeparchy. The Funeral Divine Liturgy of a priest was celebrated on Friday, October 27 at St. Michael Byzantine Catholic Church, Campbell, OH at 11:00 a.m. with Archbishop William Skurla as the principle celebrant. Interment took place at the parish cemetery. Monsignor Romza was the son of Fr. Ivan Romza, former pastor of our Church. Our parish offers it's most sincere condolences to the families, relatives, friends and prayerful solicitude for their immortal souls. In blessed repose, grant O Lord, to your servants, Eleanor and Monsignor Victor, and remember them forever! Vicnaja Jim Pamjat'!



**FORTHCOMING DIACONAL ORDINATION AT THE PARISH** — Subdeacon Vitalii Stashkevych will be ordained to the Diaconate by Archbishop Skurla, on the **Synaxis Feast of St. Michael the Archangel and all the Holy, Heavenly Incorporeal Powers on Wednesday, November 8, 2017 @ 7:00 p.m. here at our Holy Ghost Church.** For many of you, it may be the first time that you witnessed an ordination to the Diaconate. All are invited to a short reception following. **You are asked to sign the sheet located in the side vestibule.** Please plan on attending to show support to Subdeacon Vitalii and his wife Mary Elizabeth (Kascur) recently married this past September. There will be NO Morning Holy Day Divine Liturgy on this day.

**PIROHI PROJECT CLEANUP THIS WEEK** — In order to get the kitchen ready for the upcoming Pirohi Sales, we are calling on volunteers to a general cleanup for this Wednesday, November 1 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. During the reorganizational meeting last Sunday following the morning Divine Liturgy, it was decided that the following Friday dates will be a go for Pirohi Sales: **Nov. 10, 17, (no sales the Friday after Thanksgiving, Nov. 24); Dec. 1, 8 & 15.** Orders will be taken on the Wednesdays prior to the sales. **Please help us by taking Posters (located in the Church Narthex and Side Vestibule) to publicize this event!**

## Northside Announcements

**SYMPATHY EXTENDED** — The *Spirit of Truth* announces the passing of **Gladys A. (Dubyak) Schlott, 91**, at her North Side home on Forsythe Street on Monday, October 23, 2017. She was the mother of Charlotte Schlotte. Funeral arrangements were handled by the Thomas P. Kunsak Funeral Home, North Side. A Panachida was offered at the funeral home followed by the interment at Christ the Redeemer Cemetery, North Side. Our parish offers it's most sincere condolences to Charlotte and prayerful solicitude for her mother's immortal soul. In blessed repose, grant O Lord, to your servant, Gladys, and remember her forever! Vicnaja Jej Pamjat'!

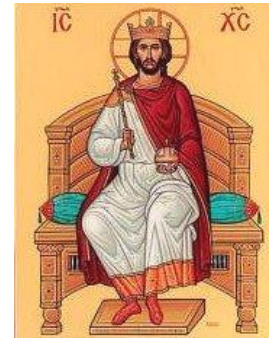


## Meditation on today's Gospel

### Traditional Celebration of Christ the King

John 18:33-37

The name is found in various forms in scripture: King Eternal (1 Timothy 1:17),



King of Israel (John 1:49), King of the Jews (Mt. 27:11), King of kings (1 Tim 6:15; Rev. 19:16), King of the Ages (Book of Revelation 15:3) and Ruler of the Kings of the Earth (Rev. 1:5). Christ's Kingship was addressed in the encyclical Quas Primas of Pope Pius XI, published in 1925, which has been called "possibly one of the most misunderstood and ignored encyclicals of all time." The Pontiff's encyclical quotes with approval Cyril of Alexandria, noting that Jesus' Kingship is not obtained by violence: "'Christ,' he says, 'has dominion over all creatures, a dominion not seized by violence nor usurped, by His by essence and by nature.'"

The late Pope Pius XI instituted the feast of Christ the King in 1925 to remind Christians that their allegiance was to their spiritual ruler in heaven as opposed to earthly supremacy, which was claimed by the Italian Dictator Benito Mussolini. It was originally established to be celebrated on the last Sunday of October. Through the liturgical reforms of the Western Rites, it now is celebrated in November prior to the Advent Season. Pope-Emeritas Benedict XVI has remarked that Christ's Kingship is not based on "human power" but on loving and serving others. The perfect exemplar of that acceptance, he pointed out, is the Virgin Mary. Her humble and unconditional acceptance of God's will in her life, the Pope noted, was the reason that "God exalted her over all other creatures, and Christ crowned her Queen of heaven and earth." *The early Byzantine Catholic Liturgical book (Sluzebnik) printed in the United States in 1945 and revised in 1962 with the Imprimatur of Bishop Nicholas T. Elko lists this feast on pages 297-303 and has never been abrogated.*

## October: Respect-Life Month

### 5<sup>th</sup> & FINAL WEEK INTENTION OF REPECT LIFE MONTH:

**Lord, we pray for all people throughout the world: that they might recognize and treat each person as a masterpiece of Your creation; For the poor, the homeless, and all who are in need: that they may receive love, respect, and the material assistance they need; For all those facing an unexpected pregnancy: that the peace of Christ may fill their hearts; That all women, men, and family members suffering from abortion may know the Your tender, healing love; For those who are ill: may they draw strength from the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Who is always with us in our suffering; For parents who have lost a child through miscarriage: that they may know the comfort and hope that Jesus brings; For all elected officials: that throughout their service, they may respect the dignity of each person. Lord, teach us to know, love and serve You always by conforming ourselves to Respect all Life that You have created. Amen.**



## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

October 29 ..... Sunday of Christ the King & Annual Moleben to our 4 saintly bishops.  
November 5 ..... Eastern Standard Time Resumes: Clocks FALL BACK one hour.  
November 7 ..... General Election Day.  
..... St. Michael Holy Day Schedule is (NS) @ 6:00 p.m.  
November 8 ..... Synaxis of St. Michael & All Angels (MR) – Diaconate Ordination  
of Subdeacon Vitalii Stashkevych @ 7:00 p.m.  
November 15 ..... Commencement of the Philippian (Filipovka) Fast.  
November 19 ..... G.C.U. Lodge Meeting (election of new officers) @ 2:00 p.m.

## Saint of the Week

### Blessed Bishop-Martyr Theodore G. Romzha — Nov 1



Theodore Romzha was born in the Subcarpathian region of Austria-Hungary (in the Rusyn village of Velyky Bychkiv, now in Ukraine) on April 14, 1911. Theodore was ordained a priest on Christmas Day, 1936 in the Basilica of St Mary Major, Rome. After completing his compulsory military service he served briefly as a pastor in several Transcarpathian parishes (part of Czechoslovakia since 1918) before being assigned as professor of philosophy at the Eparchial Seminary in Uzhorod in 1939, occupied by Hungary. These were difficult years for the Church in Subcarpathia as it experienced the invasions first by Hungary, one of Axis powers, then direct rule from Nazi Germany and lastly the Soviet Red Army. On September 24, 1944, at the young age of 33, he was consecrated bishop and appointed apostolic administrator of

the Eparchy of Mukachevo in the cathedral of Uzhorod by Bishop Miklós Dudás. He had immediately to face the soviet Red Army, which occupied the churches, assigned them to the Orthodox and arrested priests. Bishop Romzha refused in front of General Petrov to break with the Pope. His ministry to the faithful met with many roadblocks, and he could not be tolerated by the Communist officials who now began looking for getting rid of the young bishop. On October 27, 1947, on the way home from a parish visitation celebrating Christ the King Sunday, Bishop Romzha's horse drawn carriage was purposely rammed by a Soviet military truck. The soldiers, who were dressed as civilians, jumped from the truck and beat the bishop and his companions. They were hospitalized. The Bishop was making good progress when a new Soviet nurse was assigned to him. A little after midnight Romzha was found dead. The nurse poisoned him. According to research in Soviet archives by Yevgenia Albats, the Bishop's murder was ordered personally by Nikita Khrushchev. Bishop Romzha was beatified as a Martyr for the Faith by Pope John Paul II in Lviv on June 27, 2001 with November 1 assigned as his feastday. *In most recent times the Mukachevo Eparchy moved the feast to October 31 since their Country celebrates Memorial Day on November 1<sup>st</sup> the actual day of his martyrdom.*



**Let us continue to Pray  
for his Canonization!**



## General Announcements

**ANNUAL MOLEBEN FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CAUSES TODAY** — 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 this afternoon, 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 attend this important prayer for their advancement.* This is also the Parish's Annual Rusyn Heritage Day.



**RESERVATIONS ACCEPTED FOR DL & SANCTUARY LAMPS** — The new 2018 Church Desk Calendar has arrived! It arrived very late this year! Divine Liturgy and Sanctuary Lamp dates are now being taken on a first come, first serve basis. Due to a high demand of both of these areas only two weekends of each will be accepted. When the demand subsides you will be able to reserve additional weekend dates. Place your intention and \$10.00 stipend (per candle/DL) in a regular white envelope with requested date(s) and place it in the collection basket. You may reserve unlimited weekday DL's! Once again, Please don't wait or you'll be late!!!



**ARCHIEPARICHAL ST. NICHOLAS CELEBRATION** — The 60<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Nicholas Celebration will take place at the Cathedral and Cathedral Center on **Sunday, December 3, 2017**. Tickets are priced at \$40.00 per adult and \$18.00 per child ages 12 and under. We'd like to get at least one full table per parish family. Please sign the list in the (MR) Side Vestibule; (NS) Narthex. *Parish deadline is Sunday, November 12.*



**YOUNG & NOT SO YOUNG ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED** — For both Parishes, this announcement is extended to all young male members (enrolled in our ECF Program); and elderly males wishing to join the *Ministry of Altar Server*. You are asked to come forward and declare your intention. There will be three classes and a practicum! It's an important and fulfilling ministry! Classes will begin later this month. If you are interested, please approach Fr. Firko or by calling the church office (412) 771-3324.



**A SPECIAL EWTN DOCUMENTARY TO BE AIRED AGAIN**— EWTN will once again air a half hour documentary on the life and death of the Byzantine Ruthenian (Rusyn) Catholic Hierarch Theodore G. Romzha (+1947) and the events leading up to his martyrdom on **Wednesday, November 1, 2017 @ 12:00 noon**. He was assassinated by the Soviet KGB. Make it a point to tune-in and to see how this 33 year old bishop loved God and the Byzantine Catholic Church to the degree of martyrdom!

**Don't forget to FALL BACK — TURN BACK your clocks  
1 Hour next Sunday, November 5th!**