

Parish Offerings – Father’s Day — June 18, 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

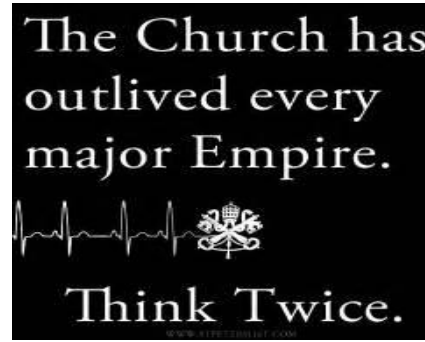
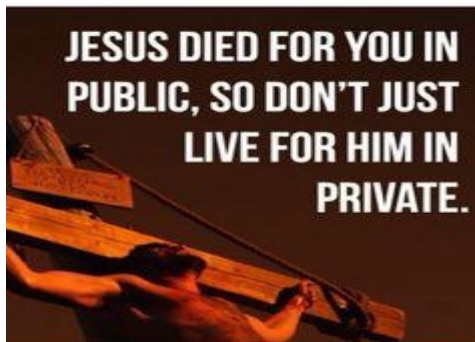
Regular Offering (\$1,138) YP (\$24)	\$1,162.00
Pentecost (\$75) All Saints (\$70) Holy Days (\$113)	258.00
Votive Candles	106.50
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	\$1,526.50

Holy Ghost Church, Northside

Regular Offering	\$476.00
Holy Days	15.00
Votive Candles	46.00
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	\$537.00

Church Attendance Last Week

Sat., 4:00 p.m. (62)
Sun., (MR) 9:00 a.m. (65); (NS) 11:00 a.m. (33)



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THE 3rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
2nd Sunday of the Petrine Fast — June 25, 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

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.
Religious Education Classes: (MR) Coordinator: Steve Puluka (412) 897- 4650.
GCU Lodge 390: (MR) Contact Margaret Beliunas (412) 331-3577 for membership requirements.
Slavjane Folk Ensemble: (MR) Membership requirements contact Dean Poloka (412) 877-9351.
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).

June 25, 2017

Seasonal Greeting

Volume VII, Number 26



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



Liturgical Services for the Week



Time

Intention

Requested By

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

2nd and Final Sunday of the Petrine Fast



SUN., Jun 25 9:00 a.m. (MR) For the Parishioners of Both Parishes
11:00 a.m. (NS) + Helen Newport Florence & Anthony Lazarro

Mon, Jun 26 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Charles "Pete" Latta Paula, George & James Latta

Tue, Jun 27 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Sr. Jean Marie Cihota, O.S.B.M. Theresa Kundrat
(40th day of passing)

Recommended SIMPLE ABSTINENCE (no meat) or Equivalent Penance (your choice): for vocations
Wed, Jun 28 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Cantor John Fejka Mary Cvejkus

Vigil Divine Liturgy of the Nativity of Saints Peter & Paul — Holy Day of Obligation

7:00 p.m. (MR) + Hubal + Bradley Families Hubal Family

Feast of the Holy Prime Apostles Peter and Paul

Holy Day of Obligation — Mirovanije

THRS, JUN 29 9:00 a.m. (MR) For the Parishioners of Both Parishes
6:00 p.m. (NS) + Nicholas Moyta Sister: Sr. Martha Moyta, OSBM

Synaxis Feast of the Holy Apostles

REQUIRED SIMPLE ABSTINENCE (no meat) or Equivalent Penance (your choice): for vocations

Fri, Jun 30 8:00 a.m. (MR) + John Gramata Eleanor & Basil Gramata
(19th ann of passing 6/29)

Sat, Jul 1 9:00 a.m. (MR) + Michael Lorinc Nephew: Mike & Deb Kaylor

Sunday anticipated Divine Liturgy of the Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

4:00 p.m. (MR) + Michael Sendro Wife: Janet & Family
(3rd ann of passing 7/1)



4th Sunday after Pentecost

SUN., Jul 2 9:00 a.m. (MR) For the Parishioners of Both Parishes
11:00 a.m. (NS) + Anna + Paul Warhola Dgr: Mary Lou & Ron Simpson

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: Jun 26 – Darlene Fejka, Patricia Porter; Jun 29 – Patricia Kovacs; Jun 30 – Olivia Leasure, Nicholas Stilwell.

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

HOME: Irene Bordas, MARY ANN CONTI, Mary Culan, Andrew Drukalsky, Ilona Goyda, Beverly Harsh, MARTHA LUCAS, OLGA MANFREDO, Irene Palahunik, Elizabeth Petruna, MARLENE PFEIFFER, Agnes Rosko, MARY SAHAYDA, Michael Spisak, ANNA TOTH, EVELYN VENTO, JOHN VEREB, Julia Wovchko.

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): MICHAEL BARBUSH, Irene Bednar.

CHIPPEWA PLACE (7005 Stadium Dr., Apt 427, Brecksville, OH 44141): Stephen Katrenich.

VALENCIA WOODS OF ST. BARNABAS (85 Charity Place, Valencia, PA 16059): Eleanor Kapko.

SUNRISE OF EAST COBB (1551 Johnson Ferry Rd., Marietta, GA 30062): AGNES KNOLL.

CARING HEIGHTS (234 Coraopolis Rd., Coraopolis, PA 15108): Margaret Beliuнас.

Public questions on Catholic spirituality, moral & spiritual problems

Q. Should I attend the housewarming party of an unmarried couple where the woman is Catholic?
A. Answer by Catholic Answers: That's a good question, because one doesn't want to give scandal, i.e., lead others into sin, particularly a fellow Catholic (see the Catechism 2284-87). If these are co-workers or acquaintances with whom you are not close, politely decline the invitation, although be ready to explain yourself charitably if they ask you why (see 1 Pet. 3:15). If they are friends of yours, then I infer that they know that you are a faithful Catholic. In that light, I would explain to them they are your friends and will continue to be your friends, and because they are your friends you don't want to affirm them in a relationship that involves some benefits of marriage but not its lifetime commitment. It would be contrary to genuine love for them if you "celebrated" a relationship of your approval of their moving in together. If they move in together anyway, keep in touch. Going over to their home to visit, including having a meal, doesn't mean you endorse their lifestyle. It means that they're still your friends—and they need friends like you. Continue periodically to encourage them to get married and to live as brother and sister as long as they live together in an unmarried state. You don't have to regularly bring up these issues, and doing so can be counterproductive. They know where you stand, as your life witness speaks loudly.

This Week's Sanctuary Lamps

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

June 25 — July 1, 2017

(MR): In memory of Mary Agnes Kress

offered by Son: Bill & Kathy

(NS): In memory of John Lasko

(MR) NONE AVAILABLE 2017

offered by Family

(NS) NONE AVAILABLE 2017



McKees Rocks Announcements

FROM THE FAMILY OF PARISHIONER MARY CULAN — “We would like to thank the faith community of Holy Ghost Church for the birthday cards, prayers and special messages sent to our mom during her 106th birthday celebration. The continued support of parishioners, the Church Youth Group and pastoral visitations by Fr. Firko is heartwarming, comforting and greatly appreciated.”

Holy Ghost, Northside

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR PARISHIONER FAMILY — Nancy (Woods) and Bill Gogal celebrated their **Diamond wedding anniversary on June 22, 2017 — Their 60 years of matrimony.** Bill retired from Valspar Corporation where he was employed for 40 years and Nancy retired as a North Hills school bus driver. They have five children, 11 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren. Our parish family extends to them a most sincere congratulations and prayerful best wishes on this auspicious milestone. May God grant them many happy and blessed years! Na Mnohaja I



Blahaja L'ita!!

INDEPENDENCE DAY RAFFLE — To help subsidize the removal of honey bee Colony in a safe and humane manner from the church roof, we will be having a raffle. An estimated cost is app. \$450--\$800. The entrance where the bees are setting up their habitat will them be filled-in. Pittsburgh's B-Control is setting up a container near the hive to draw the Bees in. It will be an approximately two month process at which the bees will be safely removed and transplanted to another location. Tickets now available. The drawing will take place at our **4th of July Cookout** in the McKees Rocks Parish. Please help support this project.

A SPECIAL BYZANTINE CATHOLIC HOLY LAND TOUR — Two of our Byzantine Catholic Priests from the Eparchy of Passaic, NJ will be conducting a **10-Days Tour to the Holy Land from January 30 thru February 8, 2018.** The Tour will be visiting Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth, Tiberias and Haifa. It is hosted by Fr. Charles M. Yastishock and Fr. Edward Cimbala. The cost from Newark International Airport is \$3,199 (which includes



government taxes/airline surcharges) and based on double occupancy. Single rooms are an additional \$795.00. More details are provided in the brochure which is available in the narthex and side vestibule of the Church. For additional details, you may phone Fr. Yastishock (732) 255-6272 or email him: czarcmy@comcast.net. Perhaps this will be a once in a lifetime opportunity for you from a Byzantine Catholic perspective.

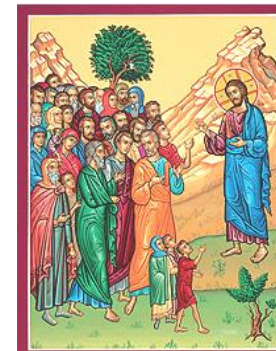
AREA BYZANTINE CATHOLIC FOOD & MUSIC FESTIVAL — A three day “Food and Music Festival” will be held at St. Elias Church, 4200 Homestead-Duquesne Road, and Munhall from **July 14-16, 2017.** Admission is free. There will also be games of chance, Bingo, Basket Raffle, Raffles and Carnival games. See the brochure in the narthex. You may also visit them on line: www.steliasmunhallpa.weebly.com/st-elias-festival.html.

3rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Don't Be Anxious — Seek First His Kingship Over You!

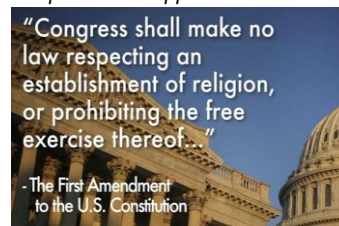
(Matthew 6:22-34)

What does “serving two masters” and “anxiety” have in common? They both have the same root problem -- being divided within oneself. The root word for “anxiety” literally means “being of two minds”. An anxious person is often “tossed to and fro” and paralyzed by indecision. Fear of some bad outcome usually cripples those afflicted with anxiety. It's also the case with someone who wants to submit to God but also live according to the world's standards of success and fulfillment. Who is the master in charge of your life? Our “master” is that which governs our thought-life, shapes our ideals, controls the desires of the heart and the values we choose to live by. We can be ruled by many different things -- the love of money or possessions, the power of position, the glamour of wealth and prestige, the driving force of unruly passions and addictions. Ultimately the choice boils down to two: God and “mammon”. What is mammon? “Mammon” stands for “material wealth or possessions” or whatever tends to “control our appetites and desires”. There is one Master alone who has the power to set us free from the slavery of sin and fear. That Master is the Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus uses an illustration from nature — the birds and the flowers — to show how God provides for them in the natural order of his creation. How much more can we, as his children, rely upon God's providential care? God is utterly reliable. In the Lord's Prayer we are reminded that God is our provider when we pray: *Give us this day our daily bread.* What is bread, but the very staple of life and symbol of all that we need to live and grow. Anxiety is neither helpful nor necessary. It robs us of faith and confidence in God's help and it saps our energy for doing good. Jesus admonishes his followers to put away anxiety and preoccupation with material things and instead to seek first the things of God — his kingdom and righteousness. Anxiety robs the heart of trust in the mercy and goodness of God and in his loving care for us. God knows our needs even before we ask and he gives generously to those who trust in him. Who is your master -- God or mammon?



A Prayer for Religious Freedom

“O God our Creator, from your provident hand we have received our right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. You have called us as your people and given us the right and the duty to



worship you, the only true God, and your Son, Jesus Christ. Through the power and working of your Holy Spirit, you call us to live out our faith in the midst of the world, bringing the light and the saving truth of the Gospel to every corner of society. We ask you to bless us in our vigilance for the gift of religious liberty. Give us the strength of mind and heart to readily defend our freedoms when they are threatened; give us courage in making our voices heard on behalf of the

rights of your Church and the freedom of conscience of all people of faith. Grant, we pray, O heavenly Father, a clear and united voice to all your sons and daughters gathered in your Church in this decisive hour in the history of our nation, so that, with every trial withstood and every danger overcome—for the sake of our children, our grandchildren, and all who come after us—this great land will always be “one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.” Amen.

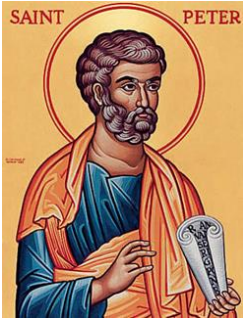
CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

June 28 **Holy Day of Obligation:** Vigil Feast of SS. Peter & Paul (MR) 7:00 p.m.
June 29 **Holy Day of Obligation:** Feast SS. Peter & Paul (MR) 9:00 a.m.; (NS) 6:00 p.m.
July 4 A special 10:00 a.m. Patriotic Divine Liturgy followed by a cookout in MR
July 20 Simple Holy Day: Feast of the Holy Prophet Elijah — Blessing of Vehicles.
(MR) 9:00 a.m. & (NS) 6:00 p.m.

Holy Day of Obligation this Week — June 29

THE HOLY APOSTLE PETER

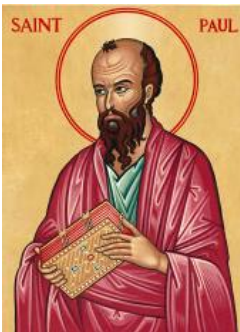
The son of Jonah and brother of Andrew the First-Called, of the tribe of Simeon and the town of Bethsaida, he was a fisherman and was at first called Simon, but the Lord was pleased to call him Cephas, or Peter (Jn 1:42). He was the first of the disciples to give clear expression to his faith in the Lord Jesus, saying: "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the Living God" (Mt 16:16). His love for the Lord was very strong, and his faith in Him went from strength to strength. When the Lord was put on trial, Peter denied him three times, but it needed only one look into the face of the Lord, and Peter's soul was filled with shame and repentance. After the descent of the Holy Spirit, Peter became a fearless and powerful preacher of the Gospel. After his first sermon in Jerusalem, about 3,000 souls were converted to the Faith. He preached the Gospel throughout Palestine and Asia Minor, in Italy and Illyria. He performed many wonders, healing the sick and raising the dead, and even his shadow had the power of healing the sick. He had a major struggle with Simon the Magician, who declared himself to be from God but was actually a servant of the devil. He finally put him to shame and overcame him. Peter was condemned to death on the order of the wicked Emperor Nero, a friend of Simon's. After installing Linus as Bishop of Rome and exhorting and encouraging the flock of Christ there, Peter went to his death with joy. When he saw the cross before him, he asked the executioner to crucify him upside-down, because he felt himself unworthy to die in the same way as his Lord. And so this great servant of the greatest Master went to his rest and received a crown of eternal glory.



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THE HOLY APOSTLE PAUL

Born in Tarsus and of the tribe of Benjamin, he was formerly called Saul and studied under Gamaliel. He was a Pharisee and a persecutor of Christians. He was wondrously converted to the Christian faith by the Lord Himself, who appeared to him on the road to Damascus. He was baptized by the Apostle Ananias, named Paul and enrolled in the work of the Great Apostles. He preached the Gospel everywhere with burning zeal, from the borders of Arabia to the land of Spain, among both the Jews and the heathen, and receiving the title of "The Apostle to the Gentiles." His fearful sufferings were matched only by his superhuman endurance. Through all the years of his preaching, he hung from day to day like a thread between life and death. Filling his days and nights with toil and sufferings for Christ, organizing the Church in many places and receiving a high level of perfection, he was able to say: "I live, yet not I but Christ lives in me" (Gal 2:20). He was beheaded in Rome in the reign of Nero, at the same time as St. Peter.



General Announcements

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION THIS WEEK

Just a heads-up to inform you that this week is the **Feast of Prime Apostles Saints Peter and Paul** and is a **Holy Day of Obligation for Byzantine Rite Catholics**. The Vespereal Divine Liturgy will be Tuesday, June 28 at **7:00 p.m. (MR)**; **Wednesday, June 29, at 9:00 a.m. (MR) and 6:00 p.m. (NS)**. The Canon Law of our Byzantine Catholic Church states: *"The Christian faithful are bound by the obligation to participate on Sundays and feast days (Holy Days of Obligation) in the Divine Liturgy" (Canon 881#1); "(the faithful) are recommended to receive the Divine Eucharist on these days ..." (Canon 881 #3); "and should abstain from those labors or business matters which impede the worship to be rendered to God" (Canon 881 #4). Neglectful participation renders one guilty of mortal sin, therefore, unworthy to receive the Holy Eucharist, until one makes a worthy sacramental Confession of this voluntary neglect.*



KENNYWOOD PARK: BYZANTINE CATHOLIC FAMILY DAY — Special discounted tickets are now available from GCU Secretary-Treasurer, Steve Puluka (412) 897-4650. Seniors (55+): \$14.00; for everyone else: \$24.00. Super Senior (70+): \$9.99. All tickets include entry into the Park and All-Day Ride. Byzantine Catholic Fun Day is slated for **Thursday, July 27, 2017**. *Deadline for these discounted tickets is JULY 10*. Please make checks payable to "GCU-Kennywood." No Cash, please. Tickets are also available for the Luncheon Buffet at a cost of \$15.00 (ages 11+); Jr. Luncheon \$8.00 (ages 3-10); and no charge ages 2 & under. You may phone him at (412) 897-4650. Come join in the fun and set the day aside.



FOURTH OF JULY DIVINE LITURGY & COOKOUT FOR BOTH PARISHES THIS WEEK — Come join us for the Cookout on **July 4th**. **The cookout will follow the 10:00 a.m. Patriotic Divine Liturgy** on the premises! A signup list is now in the side vestibule (MR) and narthex (NS) of both Churches. We have to know how many hot dogs and hamburgers to purchase. You are asked to bring a side picnic dish. Come and join in the picnic as we celebrate our nation's Independence Day.



SAVE THE DATE: ALTAR BOY FUN DAY FOURTHCOMING — Mark your calendar for **Thursday, August 24, 2017** and get ready for another great day of Fun! Open to all Altar Boys (elementary through college), this exciting day sponsored by the Vocations Office is filled with tons of awesome activities around Pittsburgh to thank you for volunteering your time and service to the Church. We will be attending a mid-afternoon 4:05 p.m. Pirate Baseball Game against the Los Angeles Dodgers. More details will be forthcoming.



If you are retired or just enjoying the summer vacation, why not start out the day with a WEEKDAY DIVINE LITURGY!?! It's a great Spiritual Investment which Glorifies God, Sanctifies the soul and gives an opportunity of offering a Spiritual Work of Mercy by praying for the Living and the Dead!