

Parish Offerings – 13th Sunday after Pentecost — August 19, 2018

“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 (\$2,061.25) YP (\$8)	\$2,069.25
Holy Days (\$399) YP (\$11)	410.50
Votive Candles	106.25
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	\$2,586.00

Holy Ghost Church, Northside

Regular Offering	\$311.00
Holy Days	45.00
Utilities	25.00
Votive Candles	36.00
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	\$417.00

Church Attendance Last Week

(MR) Sat., 4:00 p.m. (49)

Sun., (MR) 9:00 a.m. (73); (NS) 11:00 a.m. (26)



HOLY GHOST BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH
 225 OLIVIA STREET
 1437 SUPERIOR AVENUE
 McKEES ROCKS, PA 15136
 PITTSBURGH, PA 15212

THE 14th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 26, 2018



Catholics of the Ruthenian – Byzantine Rite in full communion with the Pope of Rome

The Very Reverend Father Frank A. Firko, Pastor
The Reverend Deacon Michael Meaders (NS)

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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

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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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Call the office (412) 771-3324

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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.
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GCU Lodge 390: (MR) Contact Tina Burns (412) 859-9597 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!

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).

August 26, 2018

Seasonal Greeting

Volume VIII, Number 34



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



Liturgical Services for the Week

Date	Time	Intention	Requested By
14th Sunday after Pentecost			
SUN., Aug 26	9:00 a.m. (MR)	+ John Kulka <i>(12th ann of passing)</i>	Children: Kathy & John
	11:00 a.m. (NS)	+ Michael Barbush	Anonymous
Mon Aug 27	8:00 a.m. (NS)	+ Elsie Eberle	Holy Ghost Pirohi Workers
Tue, Aug 28	8:00 a.m. (MR)	+ Karen (Hubal) Meloni <i>(40th day of passing 9/1)</i>	Anonymous

Beheading of the Holy Prophet, Forerunner & Baptist, John — Simple Holy Day



Traditional Day of Strict Abstinence (no meat or dairy) — RECOMMENDED SIMPLE ABSTINENCE (No Meat) & no serving or eating on a platter or dish

Wed, Aug 29 9:00 a.m. (MR) + Nancy Ellen Terrek Mildred Terrek & Family
6:00 p.m. (NS) For the Parishioners of Both Parishes

Thrs, Aug 30 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Amelia Firko *(birthday)* Firko Family

REQUIRED SIMPLE ABSTINENCE (no meat) or Equivalent Penance (your choice)
for the intention of peace and harmony in our Country.

Fri, Aug 31 8:00 a.m. (MR) + John A. Jumba *(Wed. Ann.)* Donna, Al Dominic & Maria Weissner

First Saturday of the month in reparation for blasphemies against the Immaculate Heart of Mary
Sat, Sept 1 9:00 a.m. (NS) + Joseph Smith Br. Regis, O.F.M.

Anticipated Divine Liturgy of the Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

4:00 p.m. (MR) + Mary O. Culan *(1st ann of passing 9/4)* Culan Family

15th Sunday after Pentecost

84th Annual Uniontown Pilgrimage, Mt. St. Macrina

SUN., Sept 2 9:00 a.m. (MR) + June Muska Joseph A. Cehula, T.O. Carm.
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

Aug 26 – EDWARD SPONTAK II; Aug 27 – Ilona Goyda; Aug 28 – Amy C. Slight; Aug 29 – William Babin; Aug 31 – David Burns.

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

HOME: Irene Bordas, Margaret Beliuнас, MARY ANN CONTI, Andrew Drukalsky, Ilona Goyda, Beverly Harsh, Helen Hopey, MARTHA LUCAS, OLGA MANFREDO, Irene Palahunik, Elizabeth Petruna, MARLENE PFEIFFER, Betty Spisak, ANNA TOTH, EVELYN VENTO, Julia Wovchko, SHIRLEY YANOSKO.

MAPLEWOOD PC HOME (461 Maplewood Ave. Ambridge, PA 15003): Doris Naughton. HIGHLAND PARK CARE CENTER (745 North Highland Ave., Pgh, PA 15206): Linda Reiger. BRIGHTON REHAB & WELLNESS CENTER (246 Friendship Circle, Beaver, PA 15009): Mary Susan Dragosh.

MASONIC VILLAGE (1000 Masonic Dr., Sewickley, PA 15143): Helen M. Kriska, Marjorie Pregnanz. MARIAN MANOR (2695 Winchester Dr., Pittsburgh, PA 15220): Irene Bednar.

CHIPPEWA PLACE (7005 Stadium Dr., Apt 427, Brecksville, OH 44141): Stephen Katrenich. FAIR OAKS ASSISTED LIVING (2200 W. Liberty Ave., Pgh, 15226): ANNA MARIE DEMIANCZYK.

LUTHERAN SENIORLIFE (500 Wittenberg Way, Mars PA 16046): William Zavidny. LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR (1028 Benton Ave., PGH 15212): MARY SAHAYDA. VETERANS HOSPITAL (1010 Delafield St., Pittsburgh, PA 15215): JOHN VEREB. THE RESIDENCE AT WILLOW LANE (30 Heckel Rd., McKees Rocks, PA 15136): John Marks.

Public questions on Catholic spirituality, moral & spiritual problems

Q. My aunt wants to keep her husband's cremated remains on a shelf in her living room. Is this in keeping with Church teaching? A. Catholic Answers Apologist: No. The (U.S.) Bishops' Committee on Divine Worship says the following: Any catechesis on the subject of cremation should emphasize that the cremated remains of a body should be treated with the same respect given to the corporeal remains of a human body. This includes the use of a worthy vessel to contain the ashes, the manner in which they are carried, the care and attention to appropriate placement and transport, and the final disposition. While cremated remains may be buried in a grave, entombed in a mausoleum or columbarium or even buried at sea, the practice of scattering cremated remains on the sea, from the air, or on the ground, or keeping cremated remains in the home of a relative or friend of the deceased are not the reverent disposition that the Church requires. The cremated remains of the body may be properly buried at sea in the urn, coffin, or other container in which they have been carried to the place of committal. ("Cremation and Burial at Sea")

This Week's Sanctuary Lamps

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

August 26 — September 1, 2018

(MR): In memory of Joe Babin

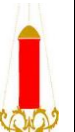
offered by Wife: Gerry

(NS): In memory of Michael Seman, Sr.

(MR) NONE AVAILABLE FOR 2018

offered by Dgtr: Velma Seman

(NS) NONE AVAILABLE FOR 2018



McKees Rocks Announcements

CHURCH SIGNS LEASE AGREEMENT — Holy Ghost Parish has entered into a two-year lease agreement with the ALLEGHENY INTERMEDIATE UNIT. The school will attend to the educational needs of area children ages 3-5. The Allegheny Intermediate Unit, also known as the AIU, is a regional public education agency and a crucial part of Pennsylvania's public education system. Their staff of educators, administrators and support staff provide specialized services to Allegheny County's suburban school districts as well as non-public, charter and vocational-technical schools. The agency is a liaison with the Pennsylvania Department of Education and operates three schools for exceptional children, 11 family centers and about 130 programs for children, adults and families. The AIU is one of 29 intermediate units across the state. We welcome AIU as we witness our Catholic values in promoting the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

KENNYWOOD PIROHI FEST FORTHCOMING — How about one last meeting after this Sunday's 9AM Divine Liturgy to finalize: work days. Need to decide our prep & cook days – we need 3days, PLUS Sunday — Day 1: Sauerkraut prep, etc.; Day 2: Make Sauerkraut Balls; Day 3: cook & pinch. Normal work days are Wednesday, Thursday night and Friday. We can keep that schedule or move it back one day to: Thursday, Friday and Saturday. This allows the opportunity for folks that want to volunteer but can't due to work conflicts; also may provide us with extra help. Kitchen cleaning day FYI. All parishioners of Holy Ghost Church can purchase tickets at 50% off. We will put a notice in the bulletin. Tickets can be purchased online at: <https://www.showclix.com/event/the-pittsburgh-pierogi-festival812210>. Upon checking out, enter this code in the coupon code field to get the 50% off: PIEROGICHURCH2018 Full price tickets are : Adult (13+): \$24, Children (Ages 3-12): \$12; using this coupon code will reduce the ticket cost to \$12 & 6, Children 2 and under are free. There is no charge to get into the park for those people working the booth at Kennywood. Contact: Tam & Frank Revtai (412) 480-3707)



LABORING AROUND CHURCH GROUNDS — Projects on church grounds never ends. George Mosko is seen scraping, priming and painting the fence near the right side of the Church this past week. He and his sister, Julie, also repaired the gate latch near the sign that has been broken for several years. They also fiber glassed and paneled the Church's pastor's office where an old air conditioner unit used to be installed. May thanks to George & Julia for sacrificing their time and energy! God grant them many years!



Holy Ghost, Northside

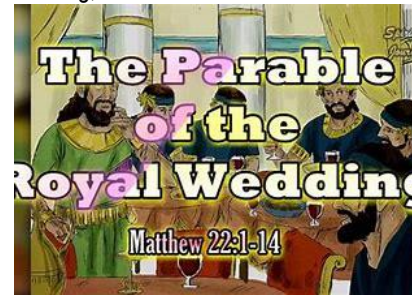


SCHOOL IS NOW IN SESSION — Two weekends ago, August 11-12, our pastor blessed both parishes teachers and students commencing the new school year as they came forth. The students were given the gift of a utility box with pens and pencils. Pictured is Eliana Trapl from our Northside Parish who courageously came forward to kiss the cross and to be sprinkled with holy water. Eliana's independent gesture was a beautiful sight that was truly inspiring. God bless our Teachers and Students as they begin the school year of 2018-2019.

14TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

God Invites all to the Wedding Banquet

In today's parable of the Wedding Banquet, the Father has prepared for His Son a wedding, and the Father sends out servants to invite people to attend this great occasion. He



sends out servants with invitations not just one time, but three times, and the responses are varied. The first group of servants is simply ignored; the invited are not willing to come. The second group of servants is mocked, and some of the invited just leave and go back to their business, and others take the servants and abuse them and even kill them. The final group is sent to a different audience—instead of a select few being invited to the wedding, these

servants are sent on the highways to invite anyone they might see. And finally, the wedding hall is filled with guests. We find ourselves, obviously, to be in the final group. The king has called everyone, but even then, to attend, there are expectations! The guests are expected to be properly attired. **This one man had not worn his wedding garment.** The Church Fathers tell us this lapse is so terrible because the Host/the King had provided the wedding garments for his guests to wear. He has no excuse not be dressed and ready for the wedding. **The wedding garment is our baptismal robe**, and all that goes with it: The purity of our lives, having died to the old man and being clothed in the new man, being clothed in Christ. Once we say "yes" to Christ, there are expectations. If you love Me, Christ says, keep My commandments. We're expected not to just continue doing whatever we want to do, but we are expected is to take up our Cross daily and follow Christ wherever He may lead us. If we just keep doing whatever we want, and live in mortal sin, we're still the master in our lives. We'll be just like this man who arrived at the wedding but didn't have his wedding garment. It would be a horrible thing to discover that the invitation was open to all (as it is), but that we had not prepared ourselves to be welcomed into the heavenly kingdom

CATECHESIS OF THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

Pope's General Wednesday Audience — August 22, 2018

Dear Brothers and Sisters: In our continuing catechesis on the Ten Commandments, we



now turn to the commandment: "You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain" (Ex 20:7). In the Bible, a name often embodies the deepest reality of a person. God's name, revealed to Moses, is supremely holy, and thus never to be profaned or misused. In Judaism, the sacred Name is solemnly invoked on the feast of Yom Kippur to beg God's mercy and forgiveness. Christians are baptized in the name of the Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. God's name is thus "taken", not in vain, but as the pledge of our redemption and rebirth as adoptive sons and daughters in

Christ. Each day we take God's name upon us anew, when we pray the petition of the Lord's Prayer: "Hallowed be thy Name". We ask that by our lives, and the witness of the Church, his name may be ever better known and loved. May we always invoke God's holy name with reverence, as a sign of our special relationship to him, who in Christ took upon himself our sins and showed us the depth of his eternal mercy and love.

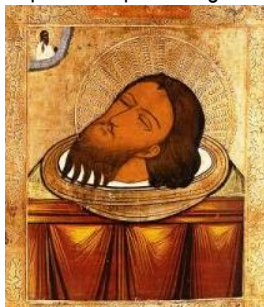
CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

August 26 GCU District 15 Summer Afternoon at Narcisi Winery.
August 29 ... Beheading Feast of St. John Baptist (Simple HD) – (MR) 9:00 a.m. & (NS) 6:00 p.m.
 September 1-2 84th Annual Pilgrimage to the Shrine of our Lady of Perpetual Help, Mt. St. Macrina
 September 7 Vigil Divine Liturgy of the Nativity of the Most Holy Theotokos: (NS) 6:00 p.m..
 September 8 Solemn Holy Day: Nativity of the Most Holy Theotokos: (MR) 9:00 a.m.
 Commencement of the New Ensemble Year for Slavjane at the (MR) 4:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy.
 September 8-9 (MR) Coffee Social commences following the weekend Divine Liturgies.
 September 10..... Archieparchial Celebration of Marriage for Jubilarians, St. Elias Church, Munhall @ 3:00 pm
 September 16 Catechetical Sunday & Commissioning of the Catechists. Beginning of ECF school year
 September 16-18 Archieparchial Assembly 2018.
 September 22 MR Church grounds cleanup from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.
 September 23 Holy Ghost Pirohi Project to participate in Kennywood Park Pierogi Feast.
 September 29 MR Church grounds cleanup from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Holy Day & Saint of the Week – Aug 29

The Beheading of St. John the Baptist

Herod Antipas, son of the elder Herod, who was the slayer of the children of Bethlehem at the time of the birth of the Lord Jesus, was ruler of Galilee at the time when John the Baptist was preaching. This Herod was married to the daughter of Aretas, an Arabian prince.



But Herod, an evil sprout of an evil root, put away his lawful wife and unlawfully took unto himself Herodias as his concubine, the wife of his brother Philip, who was still living. John the Baptist stood up against this lawlessness and strongly denounced Herod who then cast John into prison. At the time of a banquet in his court in Sebastia in Galilee Salome, the daughter of Herodias and Philip, danced before the guests. The drunken Herod was so taken by this dance that he promised Salome that he would give her whatever she asked of him, even though it be half of his kingdom. Being persuaded by her mother, Salome

asked for the head of John the Baptist. Herod gave the order and **John was beheaded in prison and his head brought to him on a platter.** John's disciples took the body of their teacher by night and honorably buried it and Herodias pierced the tongue of John with a needle in many places and buried the head in an unclean place. However, God's punishment quickly befell this group of evil doers. Prince Aretas, in order to cleanse his daughter's honor, attacked Herod with his army and defeated him. The defeated Herod was sentenced by the Roman Caesar, Caligula, to exile at first to Gaul and later to Spain. As exiles, Herod and Herodias lived in poverty and humiliation until the earth opened up and swallowed them. Salome died an evil death on the Sikaris (Sula) river. The death of St. John occurred before the Passover but its celebration on *August 29 was established because*, on that day, a church which had been built over his grave in Sebastia by Emperor Constantine and Empress Helena was consecrated. In this church the relics of John's disciples, Eliseus and Audius, were also placed. **Divine Liturgies Tuesday, Aug. 29 (MR) @ 9:00 a.m. & (NS) @ 6:00 p.m. In the spirit of this feast try to avoid eating from a dish or platter, but use a humble paper plate. The founders and benefactors of our Churches ate from the kitchen pots and pans on this day in St. John's honor! Some did not cut anything that resembled a head (eg. cabbage, lettuce, even a tomato) with a knife!**

General Announcements

FUN AT THE PARISH PICNIC — It was a beautiful day at last Sunday's Parish Picnic. The day was highlighted by a wonderful performance of the Slavjane Folk Ensemble. There was plenty of food and games for the young and the adults for the entire afternoon. We are grateful to those who organized the event: Staff: Elaine Kurtanich, Peggy McCusker, Helenea Connor and Susan Fejka, and those who assisted them. God bless all of you for making this day a memorable one. Pictured are (L-R) playing Bingo are Gerry Babin and Ted & Dolores Babn.



84th ANNUAL UNIONTOWN PILGRIMAGE — Labor Day weekend is just about here. This has always been a time to make an Annual Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Perpetual Help at Mount Saint Macrina. It is there that we present our petitions before Our Blessed Mother for our needs and supplicate her assistance. We all have needs and/or something to be thankful for. Make the sacrifice and attend the Otpust (Pilgrimage) this year on **Saturday, September 1** and/or **Sunday, September 2, 2018.** See the flyer in the narthex of the church!



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ARCHIEPARCHIAL ASSEMBLY 2018 — The Archieparchy of Pittsburgh will be holding a revitalization assembly on September 16 through 18th to bring together Priests, Deacons, and the Faithful to address the needs of the Church and how we can ensure its growth, vitality and longevity. The major themes to promote revitalization will be: Education, Social Ministry and Outreach. Nickolas Kotik expressed interest for MR Parish; We could not finance for a NS Parish representative.

RESERVATIONS CONTINUE FOR DL & SANCTUARY LAMPS — The new 2019 Church Desk Calendar has arrived! 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! Please don't wait or you'll be late!!!



DID YOU HAVE A CHANGE OF ADDRESS? — We are preparing labels for the upcoming contribution envelope boxes. We wish to make sure that we have your current address on file along with a current email address. Please notify the Church Office if there are any changes.



Update your contact info!

Also, please use your contribution envelopes. Your sacrificial offerings help to continue the mission of proclaiming the Gospel and the administration of the Holy Mysteries (Sacraments) at our Holy Ghost Church. Just as you are required to meet your fiduciary obligations at home, so must we here at the Church. It is a Universal Church Precept to meet this responsibility. The Church understands that in times of economic distress and shortcomings this may not be tentatively possible. If you are not able to contribute please contact the pastor. He will understand. Remember to be a sponsor at Baptism/Chrismation or to be married in the Church this Precept of the Church (this is only one of six) must be fulfilled!