

Parish Offerings – 18th Sunday after Pentecost — September 23, 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 (\$1,560.00) YP (\$30)	\$1,590.00
Holy Days	25.00
Votive Candles	111.50
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	\$1,726.50

Holy Ghost Church, Northside

Regular Offering	\$408.00
Utilities	65.00
Votive Candles	65.00
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	\$538.00

Church Attendance Last Week

(MR) Sat., 4:00 p.m. (48)

Visit of Serra Club & Seminarians

Sun., (MR) 9:00 a.m. (109); (NS) 11:00 a.m. (33)



HOLY GHOST BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH
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 1437 SUPERIOR AVENUE
 McKEES ROCKS, PA 15136
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THE 19th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 30, 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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 Greek Catholic Union of the USA
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This space available for ads for wishing someone birthday or anniversary greetings, get-well wishes, etc.
Call the office (412) 771-3324

Please patronize our fabulous sponsors! They make it possible to bring you this weekly & informative S.O.T. without an added expense to the Church. New Sponsors please contact Church 9 til 1:00 p.m. Mon-Fri!

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 Tina Burns (412) 859-9597 for membership requirements.
Slavjane Folk Ensemble: (MR) Membership requirements contact Bob Bartko: (724) 779-0915.
Carpatho-Rusyn Radio Broadcast: Every Sunday from 2:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. WPIT 730 AM.
Social Hall Rental for (MR) Parishioners: Contact Rectory Office: (412) 771-3324.
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!

McKees Rocks Announcements

KENNYWOOD WAS A SUCCESS! We sold out at by 4:00 p.m. last Sunday and sold about 200 dozen Pirohi! Many helping hands make a light load. Boy did we have the many hands – from cleaning, shopping, prepping, cooking, phone conferences & meetings, reheating, transporting, working the tent, and clean up! Whew!!! Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make this day possible. --- Tam Revtai.

GRATITUDE EXTENDED IN THIS GENESIS PROJECT — A special thanks to **All Occasion Party Rental** for waiving their rental fee on the warming suitcases. Also, a special thanks to **Hanlon's catering** and **Lynn's Café** for lending us their warming suitcases. The day would not have occurred if it wasn't for these vendors' generosity. Please consider patronizing these wonderful vendors should you have a need in the future.

THANK YOU



YOUTH GROUP ACTIVITIES — Our Byzan-TEENS had a small Youth Group meeting recently in the new catechetical year to discuss their activity agenda. Their first bake sale is next Sunday, October 7 which will also be their election of new officers. They discussed having a Fall Season outing. They are looking at **October 20** for attendance at the Divine Liturgy, followed by a dinner and a hayride. Alumni, siblings and parents are invited.

PIROHI PROJECT WILL RESUME NEXT MONTH — Since many of you are willing to participate in the upcoming Pirohi Project for Nov-Dec 2018, we will go ahead with this six week project. **Here are the Friday dates: Nov. 2, 9, 16 & 30 (no sales the Friday after Thanksgiving); Dec 7 & 14.** Due to the Kennywood Event last week, and getting our product and name to a much wider area, we just may be in for a busier. Therefore, we will need more volunteers!



THANKS TO ALL WHO CAME TO CLEAN THE GROUNDS — A special thank you to the few that came to clean our grounds last Saturday as we head into the Fall Season. Cutting the grass and picking up trash and leaves around the Church and School areas made our grounds look good. Also, thank you to our anonymous painter who finished painting the fence on Helen Street. God bless all of you for sacrificing a few hours for your Church.

Church
Clean Up

Holy Ghost, Northside

HALLOWEEN 50/50 RAFFLE — Since we no longer have the Turkey Bingo, we hope to make something to pay the bills for our Church and Social Hall. With the approval of GCU Headquarters we are making this a matching funds event. Tickets will be on sale following all weekend Divine Liturgies. Please help to support this cause so that we don't have to draw from our Parish Savings and Share Savings account to meet all invoices that come our way. Thank you for your cordial participation.



October Respect-Life Month

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops
3211 FOURTH STREET NE - WASHINGTON DC 20017-1194 - 202-541-3103 - FAX 202-541-3166

Theme: "Every Life Is Cherished, Chosen, Sent!"

"We proclaim that human life is a precious gift from God; that each person who receives this gift has responsibilities toward God, self and others; and that society, through its laws and social institutions, must protect and nurture human life at every stage of its existence". U.S. Catholic Bishops, Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities, November 2001

The Respect Life Program begins anew each year on Respect Life Sunday, the first Sunday in October.

Pope Francis has captivated the world with his humility, warmth and compassion for each person. Vivid accounts of his tenderness for "the least of these"—the elderly, the imprisoned, those with disfiguring disabilities, the unborn, and many more—seize our attention. Why? At the heart of each of these interactions is a truth which resonates in our hearts, revealing to us something essential to understanding ourselves and our purpose. Our mission is to show each person the love of Christ. As uniquely created individuals, we each have unique gifts which we are called to use to share Christ's love. ... As the 2018 Respect Life Program begins, let us take a moment to reflect on the theme, **"Every Life is Cherished, Chosen, Sent"** and how this truth affects both our understanding of ourselves and others and the way we live. Pastoral and educational resources of the program can be found at www.usccb.org/respectlife. Although we set aside October to particularly pray for respect for all human life, let us never cease this urgent work. There are many parishes and schools nationwide who participate in the program during October, Respect Life Month, and throughout the year. Love and justice must motivate each of us to work for a transformation of our own hearts so that we can transform the world around us. This is the message of Pope Francis. May the Risen Lord put the Gospel of joy in our hearts so that we may bear witness to the greatest love story ever told.



CATECHESIS OF THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

Pope's General Wednesday Audience — August 19, 2018

Dear Brothers and Sisters: Today we come to the Commandment on the father and mother. It speaks of the honor owed to parents. What is this 'honor'? The Hebrew term indicates glory, value, literally 'importance', consistent with reality. It is not a question of external forms but of truth. To honor God, in the Scriptures, means recognizing his reality, acknowledging his presence; but above all it means giving God his proper place in life. Thus, honoring our father and mother also means recognizing their importance with practical actions, which express dedication, affection and care. Honor parents: they gave us life! If you are distant from your parents, make an effort and return, go back to them; perhaps they are elderly.... They gave you life.



Then, there is a habit among us to say bad things, even to curse.... Please, never, never ever insult other people's parents. Never! One should never insult a mother, never insult a father. Never! Never! Take this interior decision yourselves: from now on I will never insult anyone's mother or father. They gave life! They must never be insulted.

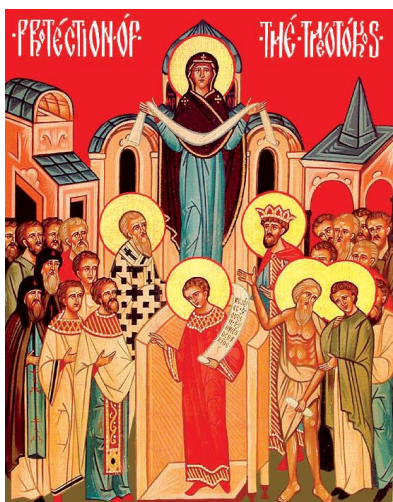
CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

October 1	Feast of the Protection of the Theotokos – (MR) 9:00 a.m.; (NS) 6:00 p.m.
October 5	(MR) The Sorrowful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary @ 6:00 p.m.
October 6-7	Coffee & Doughnut Social following each of the weekend Divine Liturgies.
Oct 7-11	Annual Archeparchial Clergy Retreat at Antiochian Retreat Center, Ligonier.
October 12	(MR) The Sorrowful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary @ 6:00 p.m.
October 15	(MR) PAC/PFC Meeting in Church Office @ 7:00 p.m.
October 16	(NS) PAC/PFC Meeting in Church Social Center @ 6:00 p.m.
October 19	(MR) The Sorrowful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary @ 6:00 p.m.
October 21	Freewill Pasta Dinner, St. Elias Church, Munhall, PA from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.
October 26	(MR) The Sorrowful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary @ 6:00 p.m.

SOLEMN HOLY DAY THIS WEEK

Feast of the Protection of the Theotokos

Tomorrow, **Oct. 1**, we celebrate the feast day of the appearance of the Mother of God at Blachernae (Vlaherna) in the tenth century. At the end of St.

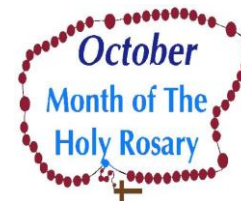


Andrew also known as a “fool for Christ,” along with his disciple St. Epiphanius, and a group of people, saw the Mother of God, St. John the Baptist, and several other saints and angels during a vigil in the Church of Blachernae, nearby the city gates. The Blachernae Palace church was where several of her relics were kept. The relics were her robe, veil, and part of her belt that had been transferred from Palestine during the fifth century. The Theotokos approached the center of the church, knelt down and remained in prayer for a long time. Her face was drowned in tears. Then she took her veil off and spread it over the people as a sign of protection. During the time, the people in the city were threatened by

a barbarian invasion. After the appearance of the Mother of God, the danger was averted and the city was spared from bloodshed and suffering. The Protection is commemorated most fervently in Slavic churches, probably because St. Andrew was a Slav. The first celebration of the Theotokos's Protection in the Eastern Slavic Churches dates back from the 12th century and today is celebrated throughout the Byzantine Catholic Church. The feast day commemorating the miracle is celebrated with an All-Night Vigil, with many of the same elements as occur on Great Feasts of the Theotokos. However, this feast has no post-festive. ***This feast is of particular importance to the Metropolitan Province of Pittsburgh because 44 years ago October 1974), Metropolitan Archbishop Stephen J. Kocisko along with the bishops of Passaic and Parma consecrated the entire metropolitan province to her heavenly protection at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC.***

General Announcements

MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY — At the request of several parishioners to honor Our Blessed Mother in this special month of October, the Rosary according to our Byzantine-Ruthenian (Rusyn) tradition will be prayed **each Friday throughout the month @ 6:00 p.m.** at our Parish in McKees Rocks. This sacred devotion has been a part of our Church since it's founding over 100 years ago which our Founders and Benefactors brought with them from Subcarpathian Homeland. Come and join us!



PITTSBURGH DEANERY CLERGY TO SERVE PASTA DINNER — Mark your calendars!



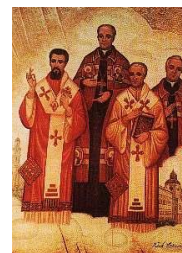
The Priests and Deacons in the Pittsburgh Deanery will be again hosting a **FREE PASTA DINNER** at St. Elias Church, Munhall on **Sunday October 21, 2018** from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The Clergy will be preparing and serving the dinner. A signup list is located in the Church. We must know how many to prepare for! **The final day for registration is Sunday, October 14.** A freewill offering will be taken to subsidize the project. Any profit that will be made will go to the Archeparchial Priests' Pension

Plan. Come join us; it a bye week for the Steelers!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: COME & SEE WEEKEND — Young men 18-25 are invited to a **FREE** weekend retreat, Friday through Sunday, **November 2-3-4** 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. Deadline for registration is Wednesday, October 10.



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 the **Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, Munhall, PA** on **Sunday, November 4, 2018 @ 3:00 p.m.** For the past 30 years faithful through the Pittsburgh Archeparchy have gathered in various archeparchial 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.



Weekend Divine Liturgy and Sanctuary Lamp Reservations are going quickly. If you are interested in reserving special dates, please submit your request in a regular white envelope along with the \$10.00 each stipend