

Parish Offerings – 23rd Sunday after Pentecost — October 28, 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 (\$1,223.68) YP (\$14)	\$1,247.68
Holy Days	1.00
Collection for the Poor	115.00
Votive Candles	106.00
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		\$1,459.68

Holy Ghost Church, Northside

Regular Offering	\$720.00
Holy Days	1.00
Utilities (\$15) Collection for the Poor (\$5)	20.00
Votive Candles	82.45
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		\$823.45

Church Attendance Last Week

(MR) Sat., 4:00 p.m. (37)

Sun., (MR) 9:00 a.m. (73); (NS) 11:00 a.m. (31)

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225 OLIVIA STREET
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McKEES ROCKS, PA 15136
PITTSBURGH, PA 15212

THE 24th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Remembering the Tragedy — November 4, 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

Liturgical Services LIVE: www.Youtube.com then type: Holy Ghost Church Live Stream

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Election Day

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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.

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: (412) 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!*

GCU
Greek Catholic Union of the USA
A Fraternal Benefit Society
Lodge 390 offers Insurance and Annuity Benefits greater than most financial institutions. Info call Tina (412) 859-9597

This space available for ads for wishing someone birthday or anniversary greetings, get-well wishes, etc.
Call the office (412) 771-3324

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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).

November 4, 2018

Seasonal Greeting

Volume VIII, Number 44



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



Liturgical Services for the Week

Time

Intention

Requested By

24th Sunday after Pentecost

SUN., Nov 4 9:00 a.m. (MR) + Anna + Anthony Zanis Marge & James Lautenschlager
+ Patricia Stanko



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

3:00 p.m. Beatification & Canonization Moleben, Cathedral, Munhall, PA

Mon, Nov 5 8:00 a.m. (MR) Health & Welfare of Mary Ann Goyda Kurt Perschy



GENERAL ELECTION DAY — Save the defenseless by voting for Pro-Life Candidates

Tue, Nov 6 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Ann Marks Char & Larry Gasperi
(4th ann of passing)

Wed, Nov 7 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Marshall Meredith (birthday 11/11) Sister: Mary Anne

Synaxis Feast of the Holy Angelic Commander Michael the Archangel & all the Heavenly Incorporeal Powers Solemn Holy Day

Thrs, Nov 8 9:00 a.m. (MR) + Mike Ivan Bernie Berko
6:00 p.m. (NS) For the Parishioners of Both Parishes

REQUIRED SIMPLE ABSTINENCE (no meat) or Equivalent Penance (your choice) in remembrance of Our Lord's Crucifixion and Death upon the Precious Cross

Fri, Nov 9 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Robert A. Zanis Dolores & Steve Kosko

Sat, Nov 10 9:00 a.m. (NS) Helen Lubinski (birthday 11/8) Niece: Marla Hay

Anticipated Divine Liturgy of Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

4:00 p.m. (MR) + Mike J. Sotak (28th ann of passing 11/14) Wife: Millie & Children



25th Sunday after Pentecost

SUN., Nov 11 9:00 a.m. (MR) + George Skaylo Joyce & James Walsh & Family

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

Nov 4 – Linda Kieda, Julia Mosko; **Nov 6** – Barbara Stecko; **Nov 7** – CAROL JUGAN; Mark Saber; **Nov 8** – Nancy (Shanta) Wauthier; **Nov 9** – Tina Burns, Mildred Terrek.

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

HOME: Margaret Beliuas, Irene Bordas, MARY ANN CONTI, Andrew Drukalsky, Ilona Goyda, Beverly Harsh, 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 Preganz.

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.

NEW HOPE ASSISTED LIVING (300 Union Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15202): Helen Hopley.

Public questions on Catholic spirituality, moral & spiritual problems

Q. My fiancé and I want to live together for the next year to save money. My mom is upset about this and says this is wrong. But if we both honor our commitment to live chastely until marriage, why would it be wrong? **A. Catholic Answers Apologist:** Even if you and your fiancé don't have sexual relations for the entire time of your living together, your actions give scandal. *The Catechism warns: The person who gives scandal becomes his neighbor's tempter. He damages virtue and integrity; he may even draw his brother into spiritual death. Scandal is a grave offense if by deed or omission another is deliberately led into a grave offense. (CCC 2284).* And remember Jesus' warning in Luke 17:1: "Temptations to sin are sure to come; but woe to him by whom they come!" Saving money for your future life together is commendable, but moving in with your fiancé is not the only way in which you can do so. You could also find a roommate of your own sex or move in with your parents until your wedding day. Surely, saving a few bucks is not worth the dishonor your parents will suffer if you follow through with your decision. Nor is it worth sacrificing your commitment to live according to the teachings of Christ and his Church in your preparation for marriage. Trust God for his grace to see you through.

This Week's Sanctuary Lamps

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

November 4, 2018 — November 10, 2018

(MR): **In memory of Budul & Bordas Families**

offered by Irene Bordas

(NS): **In memory of Helen & Stanley Lubinski**

(MR) STILL AVAILABLE FOR 2019

offered by Anonymous

(NS) STILL AVAILABLE FOR 2019



McKees Rocks Announcements

PHILIPPIAN FAST PIROHI SALES HAVE BEGUN — We commenced our six week Pirohi Project this Friday for The Great Fast Season. The remaining dates for sales are **November 9, 16, (NO SALES ON NOVEMBER 23,) & 30 — December 7 & 14.** Orders must be placed on the sheet at the Church entrances following the weekend Divine Liturgies, or by phone on Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon @ (412) 331-5155. We will only be making a limited amount under this continued format. Eat-ins will still be available. Please leave your name, phone number and order on the voice mail if there is no answer. We are going to need everyone's assistance in getting the word out to the public. Please take a few posters and place them where others will notice them. The posters are located at the entrances of the Church.

Place your Order

NOVEMBER-DECEMBER FOOD DRIVE — In our love for the less fortunate, we will be holding our annual non-perishable food drive to be delivered to *Focus On Renewal* in time for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Please bring the non-expired items to the Church and place them at the entrance. For additional information contact Elaine Kurtanich (412) 370-9092. Once again, we are grateful to her for leading this project



Holy Ghost, Northside

SYMPATHY EXTENDED — The *Spirit of Truth* announces the passing of **Rudolph F. Seles, 69** of Morgan, PA, who passed away on Thursday, October 25, 2018. Surviving are his wife Diane and children among who is parishioner, Kellie (Edward) Spontak, and their children, Edward & Nicholas. Funeral arrangements were by the Jefferson Memorial Funeral Home located in Pleasant Hills. A Funeral Mass was at St. Elizabeth of Hungary Church, Pittsburgh on Monday, Oct. 29. Our parish offers its prayerful solicitude for his immortal soul and most sincere condolences to the Seles & Spontak Families. In blessed repose, grant O Lord, to your servant Rudolph and remember him forever! *Vicnaja Jemu Pamjat!*



HALLOWEEN 50/50 WINNER — Following last week's Divine Liturgy, the Halloween 50/50 Drawing took place. Total amount collected was \$512.00. The winner was **ALICE SLAGLE** (ticket #049691) a Northside parishioner receiving \$256.00. There was also a donation made to the raffle of \$30.00. We are now submitting the amount of \$286.00 for GCU Matching funds. Congratulations to Alice, and many thanks to all who participated in the drawing. It really helps our Church meet its fiduciary obligations!



CATECHESIS OF THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

Pope's General Wednesday Audience — October 31, 2018

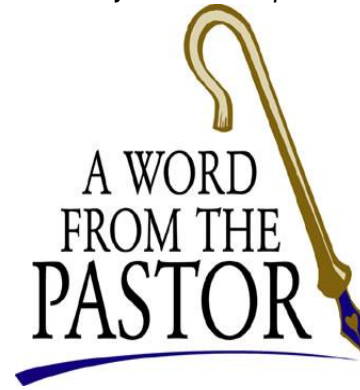
Dear brothers and sisters: We are discussing the sixth commandment: "You shall not commit adultery". It deals specifically with marital fidelity, yet it also speaks to every human relationship and vocation. In the light of Christ, we see that all love is meant to be pure, faithful, generous and fruitful. True love enables us to find ourselves by giving ourselves away. Hence, authentic love is always spousal, life-giving and self-sacrificing. The undying love of Christ that is the basis of marital fidelity is likewise reflected in the spousal love and spiritual parenthood...In the mystery of Christ's love, we come to understand the full meaning of the gift of our human sexuality and the fidelity demanded by the marriage Covenant. As men and women, body and spirit, we are called to love in ways that leave no room for lust or promiscuity.



A Pastoral Response to the Recent Tragedy



Dear Holy Ghost Disciples of Our Lord: Several days ago we were all utterly shocked of the stunning news that tragedy struck only a few miles away from our homes. Could this really be happening in the *City of Champions* as we so often hear it as occurring in other of our nation's cities? How could anyone carry out a heinous act of anti-Semitic shooting in a House of Worship on a Saturday morning at the Tree of Life Synagogue in the Squirrel Hill District of Pittsburgh? Upon later development, we learned that 11 innocent worshippers were



shot and killed! How deplorable and justified was our angry which sickened us and dropped us to our knees crying out to heaven, "Why O God was this permitted to happen?!?" In times, such as this, we must rely on our faith to soothe our bereavement. First, we know that since the fall of our first parents in the Garden of Eden, sin entered the world and brought with it disorder that continues today. Secondly, our Good and Compassionate God respects us so much that he gave us a free will to make right choices based upon Divine Revelation. Unfortunately, many choose to make bad and erroneous choices that often afflict the innocent among us. Thirdly, when bad and sinful choices have been made, God is able to bring order out of disorder, good from bad, and lastly we will all be held accountable for the decisions of the free will that we make. As disciples of Christ, he uses us to bring comfort to the afflicted even though we do not have all the answers. Although we cannot undo all that has been done, we can reach out to our brothers and sisters in these crucial times. Today, we will pray for those taken from us, for their families, relatives, friends and to the Tree of Life Synagogue. We are also to remember the First Responders who heroically and unselfishly left their own families and arrived on the scene to assist those afflicted. To them we extend our thanks! This indeed is a time to ponder the fragileness of life, and reach out to those hurting by demonstrating the love of our Triune God has for all. May we remember the promise of Our Lord Jesus: "the measure that you extend to others will be the same that will be extended to you!" May our brothers and sisters rest in peace in the bosom of Abraham, Isaac & Jacob, and may God remember them forever!

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov. 4 Eastern Standard Time (clocks FALL BACK) & Annual Moleben to our 4 saintly bishops.
..... Byzan-Teen Youth Group Meeting & Bake Sale.
November 6 General Election Day — Defend the most vulnerable — Cast a Pro-Life Vote.
November 8 Synaxis of St. Michael & All Angels (MR) 9:00 a.m.; (NS) 6:00 p.m.
November 15 Commencement of the Philippian (Filipovka) Fast.
November 18 G.C.U. Lodge Meeting (election of new officers) @ 2:00 p.m.
November 21 .. Solemn HD: Entrance into the Temple of Theotokos (MR) @ 9:00 a.m.; (NS) 6:00 p.m.
November 22 Annual Thanksgiving Day — (MR) Divine Liturgy @ 9:00 a.m.

Solemn Holy Day This Week — November 8

Holy Angelic Commander Michael & All Holy Angels

The angels of God were celebrated by men from earliest times but this celebration was often turned into the divinization of angels (II Kings 23:5). The local Council of



Laodicea (four or five years before the First Ecumenical Council) rejected the worship of angels as gods and established the proper veneration of angels in its Thirty-fifth Canon. The Church celebrates all the bodiless Powers, and is why the same feast is called the Synaxis (Assembly). In the fourth century, during the time of Sylvester, Pope of Rome, and Alexander, Patriarch of Alexandria, the present Feast of Archangel Michael and all the other heavenly powers was instituted for celebration in the month of November. *Why precisely in November? Because November is the ninth month after March, and March is considered to be the month in which the world was created. Also, as the ninth month after March, November was chosen for the nine orders of angels who were created first.* St.

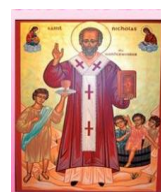
Dionysius the Areopagite, a disciple of the Apostle Paul (who was taken up into the third heaven), described these nine orders of angels in his book, *On the Celestial Hierarchies*, as follows: **(1) six-winged Seraphim, (2) many-eyed Cherubim, (3) God-bearing Thrones, (4) Dominations (also referred to as Dominions), (5) Powers, (6) Virtues, (7) Principalities, (8) Archangels, and (9) Angels.** The leader of all the angelic hosts is the Archangel Michael. When Satan, Lucifer, fell away from God and drew a part of the angels with him to destruction, then Michael stood up and cried out before the faithful angels: "Let us attend! Let us stand aright! Let us stand with fear!" and all of the faithful angelic heavenly hosts cried out: "Holy! Holy! Holy! Lord God of Sabaoth! Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory!" Concerning the Archangel Michael, see Joshua 5:13-15 and Jude 1:9. Among the angels there reign perfect oneness of mind, oneness of soul, and love. The lower orders also show complete obedience to the higher orders, and all of them together to the holy will of God. Every nation has its guardian angel, as does every Christian. We must always remember that whatever we do, in open or in secret, we do in the presence of our guardian angel. May God have mercy on us and save us by the prayers of the Archangel Michael and all the holy incorporeal powers of heaven.

Come to this Holy Day and thank Our Lord for the Holy Angels!

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 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 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 join us for this important prayer for their advancement.



ARCHIEPARICHAL ST. NICHOLAS CELEBRATION — The 61st

Annual St. Nicholas Celebration will take place at the Cathedral and Cathedral Center on **Sunday, December 9, 2018.** 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 next Sunday, November 11.*

ARCHIEPARICHAL ST. NICHOLAS 50/50 RAFFLE — Since many will not be able to attend the *61st Annual St. Nicholas Celebration* at the Cathedral and Cathedral Center on **Sunday, December 9, 2018,** a minimal amount of tickets (15) from GCU Headquarters have been sent to each parish in order to acquire additional capital for the Seminary. Very little profit is made from the dinner tickets themselves. To help subsidize this charity event, please support this worthy cause by purchasing a ticket. **They are \$10.00** and the number based on the Sunday, **December 16, 2018** PA Daily Drawing at 7:00 p.m. Many prizes will be awarded. Tickets are now available.

MALE 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 in November. If you are interested, please approach Fr. Firko or by calling the church office (412) 771-3324.



GCU LODGE 390 FOURTH QUARTERLY MEETING SOON — Lodge members are



reminded of the 4th quarterly meeting Sunday, **November 18, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.** in the MR church basement. Members are urged to attend this important meeting since there will be the election of new officers.

Take a non-partisan PRO-LIFE Voting Guide located in the Churches Narthex