

Parish Offerings – 24th Sunday after Pentecost — November 4, 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 (\$3,189.05) YP (\$9)	\$3,198.05
Holy Days (\$45) Thanksgiving (\$5)	50.00
Archdiocesan Charities (\$388) Collection for the Poor (\$75)	463.00
Votive Candles (\$199.50) Coffee Social (\$30)	229.50
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	\$3,940.50

Holy Ghost Church, Northside

Regular Offering (\$463) Holy Days (\$55)	\$518.00
Utilities (\$5) Improvement (\$70) Collection for the Poor (\$5)	75.00
Archdiocesan Charities (\$25) Collection for the Poor (\$5)	30.00
Special Donation (Alice Slagle from 50/50 Raffle)	30.00
Votive Candles	39.00
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	\$692.00

Church Attendance Last Week

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

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

St. Michael the Archangel — Thrs. (MR) 9:00 a.m. (10); (NS) 6:00 p.m. (6)



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

THE 25th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
 November 11, 2018



To All Veterans

Whether At Home Or Abroad
 Active Duty ~ Reserves ~ Retired
All Americans Say:
THANK YOU!

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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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
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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 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!

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).

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



Liturgical Services for the Week

Date Time Intention Requested By

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



Happy Harvest

Feast of Archbishop-Martyr Josaphat
VETERAN'S DAY OBSERVED — No Banking or Postal Service



Mon, Nov 12 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Eleanor Kulka (birthday 11/11) Children: Kathy & John

Feast of Saint, John Chrysostom

Tue, Nov 13 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Thomas E. Ray, Jr. Kim Ruud
(8th ann of passing 11/12)



Feast of the Holy Apostle Philip

Wed, Nov 14 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Wovciechowicz Family Br. Regis, O.F.M.

Commencement of the Philippian Fast — 40 days before Christmas

RECOMMENDED SIMPLE ABSTINENCE (no meat) or Equivalent Penance (your choice)

Thrs, Nov 15 (1) 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Mary Pyda Son: Bill

Feast of the Holy Apostle and Evangelist Matthew

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

Fri, Nov 16 (2) 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Anna Kruczka Grandson: Peter & Debbie Rybowicz
(40th ann of passing 10/08)

Sat, Nov 17 (3) 9:00 a.m. (NS) Mary Hrivnak (47th ann of passing) Grandson: Fr. Firko

Anticipated Divine Liturgy of Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

4:00 p.m. (MR) + Margaret + Steve Kosko Son: Steve & Dolores

26th Sunday after Pentecost

1st Sunday of the Philippian Fast

SUN., Nov 18 (4) 9:00 a.m. (MR) + Anna + Michael Sejka Children
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 14 – MILAN JUGAN; Nov 15 – Barbara Feldman; Nov 16 – Maria Iyengar, Paul A. Rubish; Nov 17 – Kathleen Marks.

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

HOME: Margaret Beliuнас, 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): 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 Hopey.

Public questions on Catholic spirituality, moral & spiritual problems

Q. What is the official church teaching on what happens after our earthly bodies die: Are we "dead" until Judgment Day or do we immediately go to heaven, hell, or purgatory? **A. Catholic Answers Apologist:** Although physical human bodies die, human souls never die. The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that every spiritual soul "is immortal: It does not perish when it separates from the body at death, and it will be reunited with the body at the final Resurrection" (CCC 366). So at the moment of death, the soul separates from the body, is judged immediately, and enters either heaven (immediately or through purgatory) or hell. Each man receives his eternal retribution in his immortal soul at the very moment of his death, in a particular judgment that refers his life to Christ: either entrance into the blessedness of heaven—through a purification or immediately—or immediate and everlasting damnation. (CCC 1022). (For scriptural evidence of this, see Luke 16:22; 23:43; 2 Cor. 5:8; Phil. 1:23.). Every soul will unite with its resurrected body just prior to the Last Judgment ("Judgment Day") when Christ returns.

This Week's Sanctuary Lamps

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

November 11, 2018 — November 17, 2018

(MR): In memory of Eleanor & John Kulka

offered by Children: Kathy & John

(NS): Health & Welfare of Dorothy & Bill

(MR) STILL AVAILABLE FOR 2019

offered by Joan Senchyshyn

(NS) STILL AVAILABLE FOR 2019



McKees Rocks Announcements

SYMPATHY EXTENDED — The *Spirit of Truth* announces the passing of our most eldest parishioner, **Helen M. Kriska, 102**, of the Masonic Village, Sewickley, who passed away on her birthday, Saturday, November 3, 2018. Surviving is her Son, Jay. She was the adopted grandmother of parishioners, Luke and Anita Iyengar. Funeral arrangements were handled by the Valerian F. Szal Funeral Home, McKees Rocks. The Funeral Divine Liturgy was on Wednesday, Nov. 7. Interment was at Mt. Prospect Cemetery, Washington County. Our parish offers its prayerful solicitude for her immortal soul and most sincere condolences to the Kriska Family. In blessed repose, grant O Lord, to your servant, Helen, and remember her forever! Vicnaja Jej Pamjat'!



PHILIPPIN FAST PIROHI SALES CONTINUE — The remaining dates for sales are **November 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. .



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



CHURCH DECORATING FORTHCOMING — We will begin decorating the Church for Christmas on Monday, **December 3, 2018 @ 6:00 p.m.** Please make an effort to come and give a helping hand. We're going to need muscle power for the heavy work of setting up the trees.



PLASTIC BAG COLLECTION FOR THE HOMELESS — One of our "Byzan-TEENS," Ray Rippole is a Freshman at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart High School. As President of our youth group, Ray is organizing a collection of plastic grocery bags from Holy Ghost parishioners. Sr. Francine Horos, a Felician Sister and Math Department Chair at OLSH, and the Heartstrings knitting activity work together to fashion a plastic yarn from the bags which is knit into a waterproof sleeping mat for the homeless. It takes 700 bags to make just one mat. **Please consider bringing in your plastic grocery bags** and leaving them in the collection box found at each entrance. Thank you for helping to recycle and care for the less fortunate.



Holy Ghost, Northside

CHURCH DECORATING FORTHCOMING — We will begin decorating the Church for Christmas following the Sunday Divine Liturgy, **December 2, 2018.** Please make an effort to come and give a helping hand. We're going to need muscle power for the heavy work of setting up the trees

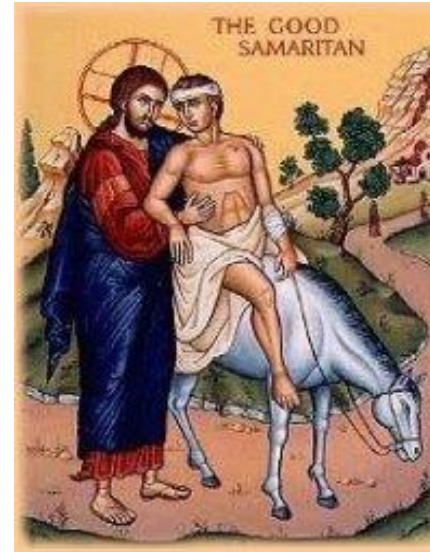


A Special Thank You to Alice Slagle for her donation of \$30.00 to the (NS) Church from her winnings of the Halloween 50/50 Raffle. God bless you!

Meditation on today's Gospel

An Allegorical Meaning to the Parable (Luke 10:25-37)

The man that *fell among robbers*, represents *Adam* and his posterity; *Jerusalem*, the state of peace and innocence, which man leaves by going down to *Jericho*, which means the moon, the state of trouble and sin: the *robbers* represent the devil, who *stripped* him of his supernatural gifts, and *wounded* him in his natural faculties: the *priest and Levite* represent the old law: the *Samaritan*, Christ; and the *beast*, his humanity. The *inn* means the Church; *wine*, the blood of Christ; *oil*, his mercy; whilst the host signifies St. Peter and his successors, the bishops and priests of the Church. (Origen, St. Jerome, St. Ambrose, St. Augustine, and others)



Since all men possess a rational soul and are created in God's likeness, since they have the same nature and origin, have been redeemed by Christ, and enjoy the same divine calling and destiny, the basic equality of all must receive increasingly greater

recognition. True, all men are not alike from the point of view of varying physical power and the diversity of intellectual and moral resources. Nevertheless, with respect to the fundamental rights of the person, every type of discrimination, whether social or cultural, whether based on sex, race, color, social condition, language, or religion, is to be overcome and eradicated as contrary to God's intent. --- Documents of Vatican II, *The Church Today*

Pope Francis Speaks — The Year of Faith

Pope's General Audience at St. Peter Square Nov. 7, 2018

Dear Brothers and Sisters, In our continuing catechesis on the Ten Commandments, we now turn to the **seventh commandment: "You shall not steal"**. This commandment deals



specifically with theft and with respect for the property of others. Yet it also invites us to consider, in the light of faith and the Church's social doctrine, that the goods of creation are destined for the entire human race. The universal destination of goods does not detract from the right to private property, but sets that right in proper perspective. The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that "the ownership of any property makes its holder a steward of Providence, with the task of making it fruitful and communicating its benefits to others" (No. 2404). Our world has sufficient resources to meet the primary needs of all its inhabitants, yet so many members of our human family continue to suffer extreme want and even starvation for lack of sound economic decisions inspired by solidarity and justice. The example of Christ, who, though rich became poor for our sake (cf. 2 Cor 8:9), reveals the true meaning and purpose of all wealth: it stands at the service of love, freedom and human dignity.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

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.
December 2	(MR) Parish St. Nicholas Celebration.
.....	Decorating the (NS) Church for Christmas following the Divine Liturgy.
December 3	Decorating the (MR) Church for Christmas @ 6:00 p.m.

Saint of the Week

Holy Archbishop-Martyr Josaphat — November 12



Josaphat is one of those figures in history caught in a web of controversy where even good people find it hard to keep their heads. He was caught in a battle between Catholic and Orthodox, Latin and Byzantine, and found himself criticized and opposed on every side: by the Orthodox for being Catholic and by the Latins for being Byzantine. He held firmly to Catholic unity against the Orthodox and just as firmly to Byzantine rights against the Latins. At that period of history, it was a no-win situation, and he is the great martyr to the cause of unity. St. Josaphat was born in Lithuania about 1580 into a Catholic family and early promoted Catholic unity in a country divided between Orthodox and Catholic. He entered the Byzantine monastery of Holy Trinity in Vilna in 1604 and was elected Catholic archbishop of Polotsk in 1614. While clinging firmly to unity with Rome, he firmly opposed those Latins who saw unity only in Latin terms and would suppress Byzantine

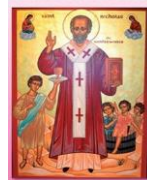
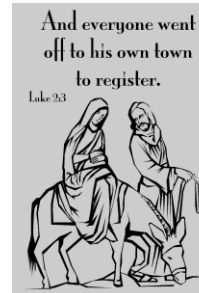
traditions in the name of Catholic unity. He firmly opposed the Latinization of his people and made enemies and severe critics among the Latin clergy of Poland. Politically, the Catholic and Orthodox clergy were rivals in Lithuania, and the archbishopric of Polotsk was one of the contested sees. An Orthodox archbishop of Polotsk was appointed, and Josaphat was accused of taking office invalidly. Many of his Byzantine Catholics were won over to allegiance to Orthodoxy. Even the king of Poland wavered in his support of Josaphat, especially when Polish bishops accused him of betraying his faith by not Latinizing his diocese. One of the hotbeds of trouble in Josaphat's diocese was Witebsk, and in November of 1623 he went there to bring about peace in his flock, preaching in the churches and trying to reconcile differences. On November 12, a mob broke into the house where he was staying, shouting hatred and violence. When he confronted them, he was struck in the head with a halberd and shot. His mangled body was dragged out and thrown into the river. He was canonized by Pope Pius IX in 1867. **The Cyrillic translation below the picture: "That all may be one!"**

General Announcements

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR TREE OF LIFE SYNAGOGUE NEXT WEEK — In the light of this horrible and local tragedy two weeks ago, Archbishop Skurla has announced that a special collection is to be made for the *Tree of Life Synagogue* in all Archeparchial Parishes. If you would like to participate in this charitable work place a regular white envelope marked with *Tree of Life Synagogue*, and your name and envelope number (if you have one), contribution amount, and if submitting a check make it out to the *Archeparchy of Pittsburgh* (under memo signify "Tree of Life Synagogue"). All funds will then be sent to the Chancery who in turn will sent it collectively to our Jewish Brethren.



COMMENCEMENT OF THE SPIRITUAL PREPARATION PRIOR TO CHRISTMAS — This Wednesday, Nov. 15, marks the beginning of our journey through the **PHILIPPIAN FAST**. It is called the Philippian Fast (**Filipovka** in Church Slavonic) since it begins the day after the Apostle Philip's Feast. It is comparable to the Western Rite's Advent Season. The Byzantine Catholic Church does not use the Latin Language to describe this penitential season, since it's traditional language is based on the Greek. This minor penitential period directs us to prepare ourselves for the spiritual meaning of Christmas. May we allow Him to be reborn in our souls by sanctifying the temple of our Body. Through prayer, abstinence, almsgivings of mercy, frequent confession of sins, and additional attendances at the Divine Liturgies we can accomplish this end. Together as a parish, let us collectively next week begin to practice simple abstinence (no meat) or an equivalent penance on Wednesdays (recommended) and Fridays (required) for the intention for the return of our beloved back to the fullness of the Faith.



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 extended to next, Sunday, November 18.*

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.



GCU LODGE 390 FOURTH QUARTERLY NEXT WEEK — Lodge members are reminded of the 4th quarterly meeting next 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.

