

Parish Offerings – Sunday of Cheese-Fare – Mar. 10, 2019

“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 (\$1,839.02) YP (\$6)	\$1,845.02
Holy Days	122.00
B.C.W. (\$14) Initial (\$5)	19.00
Votive Candles	113.50
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Holy Ghost Church, Northside

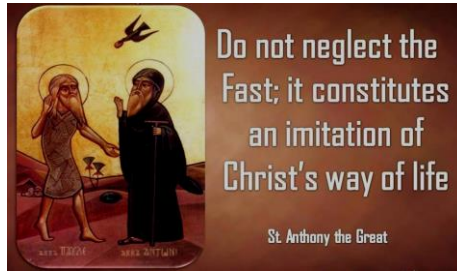
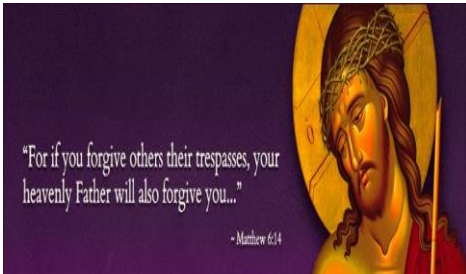
Regular Offering	\$733.00
Holy Days (\$50) Easter (\$10) Flowers (\$20)	80.00
Utilities (\$20) Improvements (\$20) B.C.W. (\$14)	54.00
Candles	53.00
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	\$920.00

Church Attendance Last Week

Sat., 4:00 p.m. (62)

Sun., (MR) 9:00 a.m. (66); (NS) 11:00 a.m. (24)

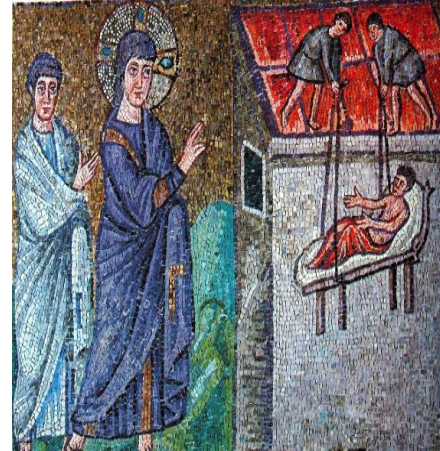
II Lenten Wednesday — (MR) 7:00 pm (21); II Lenten Friday — (NS) 6:00 pm (n/a)



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THE SECOND SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST

The Sunday of the Palsied Man — March 17, 2019



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 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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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!

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).

Mar 17, 2019

Christian Greeting

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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

THE SUNDAY OF THE PALSIED MAN

2nd Sunday of The Great Fast — St. Basil Divine Liturgy


SUN., Mar 17 (14) 9:00 a.m. (MR) + John Bednar Irene Bednar & Rippole Families
(8th ann of passing 2/20)



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

4:00 p.m. Deanery Penitential Vespers at Saints Peter & Paul Church, Tarentum preceded by the Holy Mystery of Reconciliation by a Deanery Priest @ 3:30 p.m..

Mon, Mar 18 (15) 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Mary + Anna Hrivnak Grandson & Nephew: Fr. Firko

Tue, Mar 19 (16) 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Shirley H. Scheibel  Bernetta

REQUIRED SIMPLE ABSTINENCE (no meat)

Wed. Mar 20 (17) 8:00 a.m. (MR) 1st & 3rd Penitential Greatfast Hours



6:30 a.m. (MR) Sorrowful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary

7:00 p.m. (MR) Presanctified Divine Liturgy

Thrs, Mar 21 (18) 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Fr. David Molczewski, O.F.M. Br. Regis, O.F.M.

REQUIRED SIMPLE ABSTINENCE (no meat)

Fri. Mar 22 (19) 8:00 a.m. (MR) 6th & 9th Penitential Greatfast Hours



6:00 p.m. (NS) Presanctified Divine Liturgy w/reading of Hramoty

3rd UNIVERSAL ALL SOULS SATURDAY

Sat, Mar, 23 (20) 9:00 a.m. (MR) All Souls w/ reading of (MR) Hramoty

Sunday anticipated Divine Liturgy of Cross-Veneration — Third Sunday of The Great Fast

*3:50 p.m. (MR) + John Chambers Wife: Julia & Family
(8th ann. of passing 2/25)



CROSS-VENERATION SUNDAY

3rd Sunday of The Great Fast — St. Basil Divine Liturgy

SUN., Mar 24 (21) *8:50 a.m. (MR) + Marcella Ziegar Mildred Terrek

*10:50 a.m. (NS) + Mary Frances Pungras (5th ann of pass 3/30) Sister: Anna Demianczyk

*Solemn Enthronement of the Precious Cross prior to each weekend Divine Liturgy

4:00 p.m. Deanery Penitential Vespers at St. John Chrysostom Church, Greenfield preceded by the Holy Mystery of Reconciliation by a Deanery Priest @ 3:30 p.m..

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: Mar 17 – Matthew Harsh; Mar 20– Andrew Sclight; Mar 21 – Kenneth Krempasky; Mar 22 – Margaret Beliuonas, Nicholas Rippole.

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

HOME: Margaret Beliuonas, Irene Bordas, MARY ANN CONTI, Iona Goyda, Beverly Harsh, MILAN JUGAN, MARTHA LUCAS, OLGA MANFREDO, Irene Palahunik, Elizabeth Petruna, MARLENE PFEIFFER, Lisa Plutto, Betty Spisak, EVELYN VENTO, Anita Wolsko, 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.

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VICTORIA MANOR PERSONAL CARE HOME (100 Rose Ct., Oakdale, PA 15071): Andrew Drukalsky.

Public questions on Catholic spirituality, moral & spiritual problems

Q. What is required for a valid marriage between a Catholic and a non-Catholic? **A. Answer by a Catholic Apologist:** According to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, under the law in force, a mixed marriage (baptized Catholic and a baptized non-Catholic) needs the express permission of ecclesiastical authority for it to be licit. In case of disparity of cult (baptized Catholic and a non-baptized person) the marriage will be not only illicit but invalid unless a dispensation from this impediment is obtained. This permission or dispensation presupposes that both parties know and do not exclude the essential ends and properties of marriage and the obligations assumed by the Catholic party to do what is in his power to see to the baptism and education of the children in the Catholic Church (CCC 1633–1637).

This Week's Sanctuary Lamps

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

March 17, 2019 — March 23, 2019

(MR): **In memory of the Vrabel Family**

offered by George & Julia Ann Mosko

(NS): **In memory of Mary & Anna Hrivnak**

(MR) All reserved for 2019

offered by Fr. Firko

(NS) All reserved for 2019



Holy Ghost, McKees Rocks

GREAT FAST PIROHI SALES CONTINUE THIS WEEK — The remaining dates for sales are March 22, 29 — April 5 & 12. 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. If you can spend an hour or two helping this project it would greatly be appreciated. **Just a reminder that this week on March 22 we are going to have an exceptionally busy day due to a huge order of 90 dozen that a customer placed; any extra help is welcome!**



Holy Ghost, Northside

PARISH VOCATION PASSES AWAY SWIFTLY & UNEXPECTEDLY — Suddenly and unexpectedly, **Sister Martha Elizabeth Moyta** (formerly Sister Jerome) of Mount Saint Macrina, Uniontown passed away in the early evening of Monday, March 11, 2019. She had just attended the Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts but did not show up for supper. Someone went to check on her, and it was evident that the Lord called her to Himself. How blessed for her to appear at the heavenly gates fortified by the Eucharist and the Holy Anointing!. She recently celebrated her 70th anniversary of religious life. Sister Martha was born in Pittsburgh, PA, the only daughter of the late John and Elizabeth (Tirpak) Moyta. She entered the Sisters of St. Basil in Uniontown on August 1, 1945 from Holy Ghost Byzantine Catholic Church on Pittsburgh's Northside. Sister Martha made her Final Profession of Vows on August 28, 1953 in the presence of the late Bishop Daniel Ivancho.



Funeral arrangements were handled by the Donald R. Crawford Funeral Home. Hopwood. The Funeral Divine Liturgy was celebrated by Archbishop William C. Skurla on Saturday, March 16 at 10:30 am. Interment will follow in the Dormition Section of Mount Macrina Cemetery. In blessed repose grant O Lord eternal rest to your venerable servant, Sr. Martha, and remember her forever. Vicnaja Jej Pamjat'.

THOMAS SUNDAY 50/50 RAFFLE & ETC. — Our next 50/50 raffles to supplement our weekly income will also include a basket raffle and **bakeless bake sale**. Tickets are \$1.00 each; 6 for \$5.00; and 13 for \$10.00. Please support this project! Drawing on **Thomas Sunday, April 28, 2019**. The newly named GCU Northwestern Pittsburgh Lodge (formally Lodge 390) has announced that parishes are able to apply for matching funds up to \$3,000.00 (rather than the previous \$1,500.00). If you are able to donate and make a basket of items for the drawing, please inform our pastor A.S.A.P. We will also include a bake sale and are in need of baked goods. Let us work together and really try to attain the goal of doubling this income!



THE MEANING OF OFFERING PENANCE

Second Sunday of THE GREAT FAST

The Meaning of Offering Individual & Collective Penance

Gospel of Palsied Man — Forgiveness of sins leads to a new life (Mark 2: 1-12)

Sinning is the act of turning away from God and His ways; trying to do things on our own. When we sin or turn away from God, we turn away from our source of strength and life. We become weak and paralysis takes over; not only physically and mentally, but worse yet, spiritually. However, **the sinful character of mankind is something which we all share in common and so it takes a group effort to bring ourselves and one another back to the Source of life. But we must remember that we each have to do our own fair share of the effort.** And our fair share means using the full power which God has given us. The men who carried the mat of their friend in the Gospel share the burden of his palsied state.



They not only brought him to the building where Christ was present, but they also shared his faith and made every effort to bring him directly into the presence of Christ. Great things can be accomplished through faith and if we want to come closer to God and follow His ways bad enough, we can find ways to do so. Jesus saw that they had a sincere faith and desire to become well again and so the first thing he did was to get to the root of the problem and forgive his sins to heal that gap between the man and God. After his sins were forgiven and a new life was given to the palsied man. Christ told him to pick up his mat and go home; to return to his family and friends, show them what God had done for him, and live the new life which he had received.

The Penitential Prayer of St. Ephrem

To be prayed each day of The Great Fast

Lord and Master of my life, spare me from the spirit of indifference, despair, lust for power and idle chatter (*Great Metany*).

Instead, bestow on me, your servant, the spirit of integrity, humility, patience and love (*Great Metany*).

Yes, O Lord and King, let me see my own sins, and not judge my brothers and sisters; for you are blessed forever and ever. Amen (*Great Metany*).

Having Suffered the Passion for us, Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on us! (*Great Metany*)

Preterp'ivjy za nas Strasti, Isuse Christe, Syne Bozij, pomiluj nas! (*Great Metany*)

Calendar of Upcoming Events

March 17 II Deanery Penitential Vespers: SS. Peter & Paul Church, Tarentum @ 4:00 p.m.
 preceded by Confessions @ 3:30 p.m. by a Deanery Priest.
 March 20 Week II: WEDNESDAY: 8:00 a.m. (MR) 1st & 3rd Penitential Greatfast Hours.
 March 22 Pirohi Sales.
 Week II: FRIDAY: 8:00 a.m. (MR) 6th & 9th Penitential Greatfast Hours.
 (NS) Presanctified Divine Liturgy @ 6:00 p.m. w/ reading of Hramoty. For 3rd All Souls.
 March 23 3rd Universal All Souls Saturday (MR) @ 9:00 a.m.

Saints of the Week

The Martyrs Chrysanthus, Daria & Others

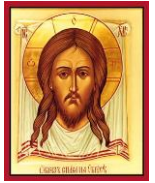
Saint Chrysanthus came from a pagan family who had moved to Rome from Alexandria. He received a fine education, and among the books he read were those in which pagans discussed Christianity. The young man wanted to read books written by Christians themselves. He finally managed to find a copy of the New Testament, which enlightened his rational soul. Seeking someone to instruct him in the Holy Scriptures, he found the presbyter Carpophoros hiding from persecution, and received holy Baptism from him. After this, he began to preach the Gospel. Chrysanthus' father tried to turn his son from Christianity, and finally married him to Daria, a priestess of Minerva. Saint Chrysanthus managed to convert his wife to Christ, and the young couple mutually agreed to lead celibate lives. After the death of the father, they began to live in separate houses. Saint Chrysanthus converted several young men to Christ, and many pious women gathered around Saint Daria. The people of Rome complained to the eparch Celerinus that Saints Chrysanthus and Daria were preaching celibacy and



attracting too many young men and women to monasticism. Saint Chrysanthus was sent to the tribune Claudius for torture. The torments, however, did not shake the bravery of the young martyr, since the power of God clearly aided him. Struck by this, the tribune Claudius himself came to believe in Christ and accepted holy Baptism together with his wife Hilaria, their sons Jason and Maurus, and all his household and soldiers. When news of this reached the emperor Numerian (283-284), he commanded them all to be executed. The Martyr Claudius was drowned in the sea, and his sons and soldiers were beheaded. Christians buried the bodies of the holy martyrs in a nearby cave, and Saint Hilaria constantly went there to pray. Once, they followed her and led her off for torture. The saint asked that they give her a few moments to pray, and as soon as she finished, she gave up her soul to God. A servant buried the saint in the cave beside her sons. The torturers sent Saint Daria to a brothel, where she was protected by a lion sent by God. A certain man who tried to defile the saint was knocked to the ground and pinned down by the lion, but the lion did not kill him. The martyr preached to them about Christ and set them to the path of salvation. They threw Saint Chrysanthus into a foul-smelling pit, into which all the filth of the city flowed. But a heavenly light shone on him, and the pit was filled with a sweet fragrance. Then the emperor Numerian ordered Saints Chrysanthus and Daria to be turned over to the executioners. After many cruel tortures, the martyrs were buried alive in the ground. In a cave near the place of execution, Christians began to gather to honor the anniversary of the saints' martyrdom. They celebrated Church services and partook of the Holy Mysteries. Learning of this, the pagan authorities sealed the entrance to the cave, and those within received the crown of martyrdom.

General Announcements

LENT IS A TIME TO ATTEND CHURCH AN EXTRA TIME – And just not on the weekend! It's a special time to incorporate an extra day of public worship into your busy schedule! The Penitential Season of The Great Fast is manifested in the Church's Greatfast liturgical Hours, and especially the **Presanctified Divine Liturgy**. If you have never participated in a Presanctified DL before, you are truly missing something special! Join us on (MR) Wednesday and (NS) Friday evenings. Consult the schedule for these special penitential services! Place God ahead of your busy schedule, and He will bless you for it!



CONTINUING TO REMEMBER LOVED ONES AT ALL-SOULS COMMEMORATIONS —

During the Great Fast Season, the Church is remembering in a special way all those who have departed in the true faith, especially through the reading of the Hramoty (List of submitted names). It is an act of continual love for our beloved who have passed into eternity by rendering the Alms of Prayer. If you haven't submitted the special envelope in your envelope box with the names of your beloved, please do so immediately to that they may be included in the next three special All-Souls Saturdays. You are encouraged to attend these special days as well. Check the liturgical page as to time and place.



COMMENCES TODAY: DEANERY PENITENTIAL VESPERS SCHEDULE *The Great Fast*

Deanery Vespers is celebrated, each Sunday during **The Great Fast Season at 4:00 p.m.** preceded by **The Holy Mystery of Reconciliation @ 3:30 p.m.** This year's theme is: **"Whose sins you shall forgive will be forgiven..." (Jn.20:22-23).** The following churches have been selected to host a different week: **(2) March 17 — Saints Peter & Paul Church, Tarentum – Homilist: Fr. Radko Blichar;** **(3) March 24 – St. John Chrysostom Church, Greenfield – Homilist: Fr. John Cuccaro;** **(4) March 31 – St. Gregory Church, Upper St. Clair – Homilist: Fr. Andrew Deskevich;** and **(5) April 7 – St. John the Baptist Church, Lyndora – Homilist: Monsignor Russell Duker** This will be a great penitential practice of prayer & self-denial if you wish to take it upon yourselves. Please make an effort to join us.



ARCHEPARCHY CELEBRATES 50TH ANNIVERSARY WITH A HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE



– This may be a chance of a life-time for many who take advantage of it. Archbishop Skurla will lead a pilgrimage to the Holy Land from **September 15 through September 24, 2019.** What makes this a special trip is that it will be center from a Byzantine Catholic perspective. Time is winding down to register.

There are flyers in the narthex and side vestibule with the price and itinerary. This is truly an opportunity of a life-time that may never come again. Register today!

ST. ELIAS LENTEN KITCHEN IS OPEN — They are located at 4200 Homestead-Duquesne Road, Munhall 15120. The kitchen is open every Friday through April 12. You can eat-in or take out. They have fried/baked fish sandwiches and dinners, shrimp, pirohi, haluski, macroni and cheese, french fries, coleslaw, pop, bottled water and bake sale. Complimentary are the coffee and tea. Phone: (412) 461-1712.