

Parish Offerings – Sunday of the Samaritan Woman — May 19, 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 (\$1,847) YP (\$7)	\$1,941.00
Seminary	125.00
Votive Candles	97.00
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	\$2,163.00

Holy Ghost Church, Northside

Regular Offering	\$353.00
Easter Flowers	20.00
Votive Candles	28.35
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	\$401.35

Church Attendance Last Week

(MR) Sat., 4:00 p.m. (38)

Sun., (MR) 9:00 a.m. (83); (NS) 11:00 a.m. (30)



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SUNDAY OF THE MAN BORN BLIND

6th Paschal Sunday — Memorial Weekend — May 26, 2019



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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

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 Northwest Pittsburgh Lodge 603: (MR) Contact Tina Burns (412) 859-9597 for membership.
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: (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!

THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH

As He went on His way, Jesus the Lord Who saves us met a man struck with blindness from his birth. Moistening the dust of the earth with His saliva, Christ made some mud to anoint the eyes of the Blind Man. Then He sent him to Siloam to wash in the pool; when he had washed the Blind Man returned, and he saw the brightness of Your light, O Christ (Matins of Blind Man)

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Christ is Risen! — Indeed! He is Risen!
Christos Voskrese!! — Voistinnu Voskrese!



Liturgical Services for the Week

Date Time Intention Requested By

SUNDAY OF THE MAN BORN BLIND

6th Paschal Sunday — Memorial Weekend

SUN., May 26 9:00 a.m. (MR) + Elizabeth Mross Marge & James Lautenschlager
(4th ann of passing 5/27)
11:00 a.m. (NS) + Anna Spontak Son: Robert & Joyce
(15th ann of passing 5/22)



Civic Holiday — Memorial Day Observed

Mon, May 27 8:00 a.m. (MR) + All Who Died in the Service of our Country

Tues, May 28 8:00 a.m. (MR) **NO DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULED**

Final Day of Feast of the Radiant Resurrection & Solemn Removal of Burial Shroud

Wed, May 29 8:00 a.m. (MR) + William S. Luchovick (2nd ann of passing 5/28)

Great Vespers and Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Ascension — Holy Day of Obligation

7:00 p.m. (MR) + Mary O. Culan (birthday 6/1) Janet & Stan Stavish & Family

GLORIOUS ASCENSION OF OUR LORD INTO HEAVEN

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION — MIROVANJE

THRS, MAY 30 9:00 a.m. (MR) For the Parishioners of Both Parishes
6:00 p.m. (NS) + Michael Barbush Anonymous

Fri, May 31 8:00 a.m. (MR) For the Parishioners of Both Parishes
6:00 p.m. (MR) Glorious Mysteries of the Holy Rosary

Sat, Jun 1 9:00 a.m. (NS) For the Parishioners of Both Parishes

Sunday anticipated Divine Liturgy of the Fathers of the 1st Ecumenical Council & Ascension Feast

4:00 p.m. (MR) + John Bordas Dgr: Karen, Frank & Matthew Grzywinski

SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE 1ST ECUM. COUNCIL

Postfestive of the Ascension — 7th Paschal Sunday

SUN., Jun 2 9:00 a.m. (MR) Eleanor Kulka Children: Kathy & John
(6th ann of passing 5/26)
11:00 a.m. (NS) + Betty + Jay Mowery Dgr: Barbara "Babs"

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

May 27 – Gabriella Kassabov, Michael Mazur, Edward Wovchko; **May 28** – Anne Kurtanich; **May 31** – Doris Naughton, LESLIE MARIE BODNARCHUK; **Jun 1** – Barbara Boros.

Pray For the Ill, Infirm & HOME: Margaret Beliuнас, Irene Bordas, Margaret Ccifrulak, MARY ANN CONTI, Ilona Goyda, Beverly Harsh, MILAN JUGAN, MARTHA LUCAS, OLGA MANFREDO, Irene Palahunik, Mike 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.

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

Shut-ins of Our Parishes

Public questions on Catholic spirituality, moral & spiritual problems

Q. Can someone who wants to become a Catholic join the Church even though his invalid marriage causes an impediment to receiving Holy Communion? **A. Answer by a Catholic Apologist:** The "impediment" you mention is the state of objectively grave sin. A person cannot enter the Church if he plans to continue living in such a state. Rather, he should cease living as a married person (e.g., live as brother and sister instead) until the marriage issue is resolved. That way he can enter the Church in the state of grace and fully live the sacramental life. Contact your local pastor for more information.

This Week's Sanctuary Lamps

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

May 26 — June 1, 2019

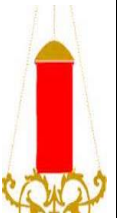
(MR): **In memory of the Margo Family**
offered by Marge & James Lautenschlager

(NS): **In memory of Anna Spontak**

(MR) All reserved for 2019

offered by Son: Robert & Joyce

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McKees Rocks Announcements

SYMPATHY EXTENDED — The *Spirit of Truth* announces the passing of **Olga Duker Mackin, 89**, formerly of Aliquippa, PA on Friday, May 17, 2019 at the Vincentian Nursing Home, Pittsburgh (North Hills) PA. She was the Sister of Monsignor Russell A. Duker, former pastor of our Parish, and currently pastor of Holy Spirit Church, Oakland & administrator of St. Pius X Church, Carrick; and also the Sister of Dr. Dan (Janet) Duker; and Peggy (John Robert) Duker-Chabala. She also had several nephews and nieces. The Elachko Funeral Home, of Oakland, handled arrangements. A Paschal Funeral Divine Liturgy was at Holy Spirit Byzantine Catholic Church, Oakland on Wed., May 22 at 11:00 a.m.



Interment at Holy Savior Cemetery, Gibsonia. Our Parish extends its most sincere sympathy to the Duker-Chabala Families. If you would like to send a sympathy card to Msgr. Duker: Holy Spirit Church, 4815 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15213-2917. Let him know that you are from Holy Ghost Church. In blessed repose, grant O Lord, eternal rest to your servant Olga, and remember her forever because CHRIST IS RISEN! Vichnaja Jej Pamjat' ibo CHRISTOS VOSKRESE!

Holy Ghost, Northside

No particular announcements this week

SAVE THE DATE: ALTAR BOY "FAITH & FUN DAY" — Mark your calendar for **Tuesday, July 2, 2019** and get ready for another great day of "*Faith & Fun!*" Open to all Altar Boys



(elementary through college), this exciting day sponsored by the Vocations Office is filled with tons of awesome activities around Pittsburgh to thank you for volunteering your time and service to the Church. At 9:30 a.m. Registration at the gym followed by a 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy. Lunch will follow in the Gym. Boarding the bus at 12:30 p.m. and traveling to the Carnegie Museum, Oakland. At 4:00 p.m. we will board the busses at 4:00 p.m. to PNC Park to see the Pirates take on the Chicago Cubs. Following the game we will return

back to Holy Ghost Church for pick up and departure. Approximate time will be 11:00 p.m. Don't delay! Register with the Church Office right away!

EASTER DUTY PRECEPT — All Christian Faithful are OBLIGED to receive the Divine Eucharist when in danger of death AND during the Paschal (Easter) Period (Canon 708). This was traditionally known as the EASTER DUTY. When one is aware of Mortal (Deadly) Sin, a Sacramental Confession is necessary before receiving Holy Communion. Serious Sins are those fractures especially against the Ten Commandments and 6 Precepts of the Church, but not limited to them and must be confessed at least once a year. If you have not attended to your Easter Duty Precept, the **Sunday of All Saints (June 16)** is the final day to take care of this important spiritual matter without incurring serious sin of omission. Use the special examination of conscience forms located in the vestibule and narthex of the Church to assist you in making a good confession of sins.

SAVE THE DATE: PARISH PICNIC, Robinson Park, (Clever Road), Sunday, August 18, 2019 from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

THE SIXTH PASCHAL SUNDAY

Baptism originally termed

"Holy Illumination" and "Enlightenment" — *(first read John 9: 1-38)*

The methodology of the actual cure of this man born blind in today's Holy Gospel

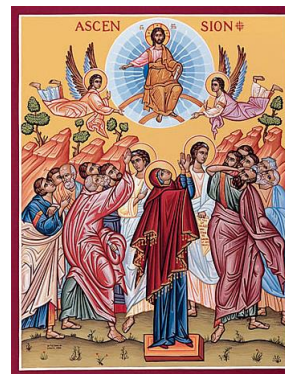


symbolizes mankind's means for its recovery from its blindness. It symbolizes the Holy Mystery of Baptism. Baptism is called "holy illumination". Those who have been recently baptized are referred to as the newly illuminated. As this man is cured of his blindness when he washes in the waters of the pool of Siloam, as Jesus tells him to do, so are we brought out of darkness into a new life when we are baptized as Christ instructed

us to be. Jesus restores his creation, mankind, with the potential to become what it was meant to be before the fall of Adam. We also hear in the reading that after this man was cured many of those who knew him before did not recognize him. He is still the same man but something has significantly changed about him. He is no longer blind. So when we are illuminated we are also new persons, though our outward appearance might be the same. To symbolize this newness a white garment is put on us to show the purity with which we start this new existence. We must however, become different and unrecognizable in our inward and outward actions also. We must manifest our new existence to those around us through these actions. We must radiate this new found light to others by the way we live our lives. We must say to the world "*I am he who was blind but now my eyes are opened.*" Credit must be given to Him who has cured us of our darkness by living our lives according to the lessons of the illumination we have received and the continued guidance we get with the reception of the Holy Spirit.

Ascension Thursday This Week

This week's *Feast of the Ascension (HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)* reminds us that our



true destiny lies in God. We must not only do what Jesus commands us, but we must follow him to the place where he has gone. The *Feast of the Ascension* tells us that our life is not limited to life on earth, but after our death we will experience a new life in heaven, and even now we are being pulled by the strings of God's love towards our encounter with him. Now, in our Liturgy let us try to open ourselves to God's boundless love --- the love of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit --- so that He may confirm and strengthen us in our love for Him and for the world. "*Be exalted above the heavens, O God, and let Your glory be over all the earth.*" See the liturgical schedule for times.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

May 26	Memorial Day Weekend observed.
May 29	Great Vespers w/ Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Ascension: (MR) 7:00 p.m.
May 30	Feast of the Ascension: — Holy Day of Obligation — (MR) 9:00 a.m. & (NS) 6:00 p.m.
Jun 7-8	5 th & Final All Souls Saturday: Friday: (NS) 6:00 p.m.; Saturday (MR) 9:00 a.m.
Jun 9	Feast of the Descent of the Holy Spirit — Pentecost Sunday — Patronal Feast. Patronal Dinner Celebration & Honoring all our Parish Graduates @ 1:00 pm.
Jun 10	2 nd Day of Pentecost — Feast of the Most Holy Trinity — (MR) 9:00 a.m. & (NS) 6:00 p.m.
Jun 16	Sunday of All Saints & Final Day for fulfilling the Easter Duty Precept. Annual Father's Day.

Martyr Justin the Philosopher

June 1

The Holy Martyr Justin the Philosopher was born around 114 at Sychem, an ancient city of Samaria. Justin's parents were pagan Greeks. From his childhood he



displayed intelligence, love for knowledge and a fervent devotion to the knowledge of Truth. When he came of age he studied the various schools of Greek philosophy and he concluded that none of these pagan teachings revealed the way to knowledge of the true God. Once, when he was strolling in a solitary place beyond the city and pondering about where to seek the way to the knowledge of Truth, he met an old man. In the ensuing conversation he revealed to Justin the essential nature of the Christian teaching and advised him to seek the answers to all the questions of life in the books of Holy Scripture. *"But before anything else,"* said the holy Elder, *"pray diligently to God, so that He might open to you the doors*

of Light. No one is able to comprehend Truth, unless he is granted understanding from God Himself, Who reveals it to each one who seeks Him in prayer and in love."

In his thirtieth year, Justin accepted holy Baptism. From this time St Justin devoted his talents and vast philosophical knowledge to preaching the Gospel among the pagans. He began to journey throughout the Roman Empire, sowing the seeds of faith. *"Whosoever is able to proclaim Truth and does not proclaim it will be condemned by God,"* he wrote. In the year 155, the emperor Antoninus Pius (138-161) started a persecution against Christians. When he returned to Italy, St Justin, like the Apostles, preached the Gospel everywhere, converting many to the Christian Faith. When the saint arrived at Rome, the envious Crescentius, whom Justin always defeated in debate, brought many false accusations against him before the Roman court. St Justin was put under guard, subjected to torture and suffered martyrdom in 165. The relics of St Justin the Philosopher rest in Rome.

General Announcements

MEMORIAL DAY DIVINE LITURGY LAST MONDAY OF MAY — Memorial Day is a United States federal holiday observed on the last Monday of May. Formerly known as *Decoration Day*, it commemorates U.S. soldiers who died while in the military service. Come and pray at the Divine Liturgy as we offer the Eucharistic Sacrifice for the souls of all who gave their lives in the service of our Country at 8:00 a.m. (MR). **On Memorial Day, special protocol is observed. The flag should fly at the half-staff position until noon only, and then be raised to the top of the staff for the remainder of the day.** This custom, unique to Memorial



Day, honors the war dead in the morning of Memorial Day, but then the flag is raised to full-staff at noon by the living, "who resolve not to let their sacrifice be in vain, but to rise up in their stead and continue the fight for liberty and justice for all." The custom appears to date back to at least 1906, when an Army regulations book included instructions for the procedure. Congress made it a permanent part of the U.S. Code (Title 4, Section 6) with the proclamation: "For the nation lives and the flag is a symbol of illustration."

PLANS UNDERWAY FOR PATRONAL PENTECOST DINNER — Our Patronal Feast Day



Dinner at the (MR) school hall is being planned for **Pentecost Sunday, June 9, 2019 @ 1:30 p.m.** We will also honor our upcoming high school and college graduates at this time. All Members of both Holy Ghost Parishes of MR & NS are asked to put this day aside so as to glorify God the Holy Ghost (Spirit) during these green holy days! The event will once again be catered this year. Tickets are on sale following the Divine Liturgy or by contacting

the Church office (412) 771-3324.

GRADUATES REGISTER TO BE RECOGNIZED — Our Holy Ghost Churches would like to honor all of our High School and College Graduates on the occasion of our Patronal Feast, **June 9, 2019**. All MR & NS graduates will be our guests and only those attending will receive a gift from the parish congratulating them on their milestone achievement as they commence a new chapter in their lives. All graduates must phone the church office to inform us that you are graduating and will be attending the dinner.



TICKETS FOR PATRONAL FEAST PENTECOST DINNER — Our Parish Feast Day Dinner



Menu will be provided by Cooked Goose Catering of Imperial. **The menu will be: Stuffed Chicken Breast Dinner, Roast Pork w/Gravy, Red Skin Potatoes, Mixed Vegetable and Tossed Salad.** Ticket prices are: Parishioners 13 and over (\$10.00); Guests (\$13.00); Children (\$5.00) May God's blessing be upon us as we glorify God the Holy Spirit on this special day!

Children menu: Mac & Cheese and Chicken Tenders.

LAST MARIAN DEVOTION THIS FRIDAY — In all Rites of the Catholic Church, the month of May is especially devoted to the Most Holy Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary. Come join us for the final Friday of May at the **HGC-MR at 6:30 p.m.** for the offering of the Holy Rosary as we commemorate the 102nd anniversary of her appearance in Fatima.

