

**Parish Offerings – Protection of the Theotokos – Oct. 1, 2017**

“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 (\$2,924.50) YP (\$1) .....	\$2,925.50
Holy Days (\$287.75) YP (\$11) .....	298.75
Votive Candles .....	95.50
	<hr/>
	\$3,319.75

**Holy Ghost Church, Northside**

Regular Offering .....	\$523.40
Holy Days .....	55.00
Utilities (\$25) Improvements (\$45) Hurricane 2017 (\$25) .....	95.00
Votive Candles .....	26.00
	<hr/>
	\$699.40

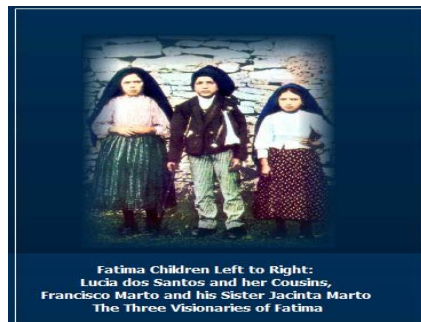
**Church Attendance Last Week**

Sat., 4:00 p.m. (37)  
Sun., (MR) 9:00 a.m. (85); (NS) 11:00 a.m. (25)



**The Miracle of the Sun**  
The Miracle of the Sun that took place in Fatima-Portugal on October 13, 1917, has been considered the greatest miracle performed by God in the history of mankind, since the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. As in the resurrection, the miracle was announced several months prior to its fulfillment, and occurred at the exact time and place announced by Our Lady of Fatima, and witnessed by more than 70,000 people.

facebook/catholicpriest-aterchristusofficialpage.com



**Fatima Children Left to Right:**  
Lucia dos Santos and her Cousins, Francisco Marto and his Sister Jacinta Marto  
The Three Visionaries of Fatima



**Valerian F. Szal**  
238 Helen St.,  
McKees Rocks, PA 15136  
Phone: (412) 331-9713  
331-9713  
Fax: (412) 331-6688  
**Michael P. Ferrell,**  
Supervisor, CFSP  
Our Family Still Serving Yours Since 1953



**Columbus Day**

**DESIGNS BY NANCY**  
235 McCartney Drive,  
Moon Township 15108  
Phone: (412) 262-9141  
Nancde@aol.com

**Nancy C. Debranski**  
Sewing, Alterations, Custom  
Embroidery and Unique Gifts



**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 Marge (412) 331-3577

**This space available for ads for wishing someone birthday or anniversary greetings, get-well wishes, etc. Call (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 GHOST BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
225 OLIVIA STREET  
1437 SUPERIOR AVENUE  
McKEES ROCKS, PA 15136  
PITTSBURGH, PA 15212

**THE 18<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**Respect Life Month — October 8, 2017**



**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)**

Rectory: (412) 771-3324; Church Fax: (412) 331-1870  
MR School Hall Kitchen: (412) 331-5155

Web-site: www.holyghost-byzantinecatholic.org – E-Mail: ffa334@verizon.net

**SUNDAY RADIO (9:00 am WEDO 810 AM) & INTERNET DIVINE LITURGY**

**All Liturgical Services LIVE on UStream: www.UStream.tv/channel/holy-ghost-church**

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 Randy Baden (412) 973-1085 for membership requirements.

Slavjane Folk Ensemble: (MR) Membership requirements contact Dean Poloka (412) 877-9351.

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

*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)*

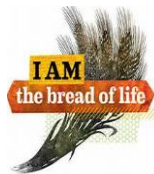
October 8, 2017

Seasonal Greeting

Volume VII, Number 41



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



## Liturgical Services for the Week

Date Time Intention Requested By

### 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

**SUN., OCT 8** 9:00 a.m. (MR) For the Parishioners of Both Parishes  
11:00 a.m. (NS) + Barbara Fetzer Dgrt: Tam & Frank Revtai

*Columbus Day Observed — Federal Holiday — No postal or bank service today*

Mon, Oct 9 8:00 a.m. (MR) NO DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULED


Tue, Oct 10 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Wahal Family Timchak Family

Wed, Oct 11 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Monsignor George Durisin Fr. Firko  
(25<sup>th</sup> ann of passing)  
6:00 p.m. (MR) Sorrowful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary

Thrs, Oct 12 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Mary O. Culan Family  
(40<sup>th</sup> day of passing 10/13)



**100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Miracle of the Sun at Fatima, Portugal – October 1917**  
**REQUIRED SIMPLE ABSTINENCE (no meat) or Equivalent Penance (your choice)**  
*in reparation for sins against the sovereignty of God*

Fri, Oct 13  8:00 a.m. (MR) + Doris + Wasil Koblowski Eleanor & Basil Gramata  
6:00 p.m. (MR) Sorrowful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary

Sat, Oct 14 9:00 a.m. (NS) + Paula Peterson Aunt: Mary Sahayda

\*\*\*\*\*  
*Sunday anticipated Divine Liturgy of the 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost & Fathers of the 7<sup>th</sup> Ecumenical Council*  
4:00 p.m. (MR) + Frances + Walter Grzywinski Son: Frank & Karen

### 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost Fathers of the 7<sup>th</sup> Ecumenical Council

**SUN., OCT 15** 9:00 a.m. (MR) + Muska Family Gladys Muska & 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*

**Birthdays:** Oct 8 – Mary Ann Goyda; Oct 10 – SARA HARPER; Oct 11 – Frank Revtai; Oct 12 – Jamie Skreptach.

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

**HOME:** Irene Bordas, Margaret Beliunas, MARY ANN CONTI, Andrew Drukalsky, Iona Goyda, Helen Hopey, MARTHA LUCAS, OLGA MANFREDO, Irene Palahunik, Elizabeth Petrana, MARLENE PFEIFFER, Lisa Plutto, MARY SAHAYDA, Michael Spisak, ANNA TOTH, EVELYN VENTO, JOHN VEREB, Julia Wovchko, SHIRLEY YANOSKO.

**MAPLEWOOD PC HOME** (461 Maplewood Ave. Ambridge, PA 15003): Susan Dragosh, Doris Naughton.

**HIGHLAND PARK CARE CENTER** (745 North Highland Ave., Pgh, PA 15206): Linda Reiger.  
**MASONIC VILLAGE** (1000 Masonic Drive, Sewickley, PA 15143): Helen M. Kriska, Marjorie Preganz.

**MARIAN MANOR** (2695 Winchester Dr., Pgh, 15220): Irene Bednar, MICHAEL BARBUSH  
**CHIPPEWA PLACE** (7005 Stadium Dr., Apt 427, Brecksville, OH 44141): Stephen Katrenich.  
**VALENCIA WOODS OF ST. BARNABAS** (85 Charity Pl., Valencia, PA 16059): Eleanor Kapko  
**SUNRISE OF EAST COBB** (1551 Johnson Ferry Rd., Marietta, GA 30062): AGNES KNOLL  
**FAIR OAKS ASSISTED LIVING** (2200 W. Liberty Ave., Pgh, 15226): ANNA MARIE DEMIANCZYK.

**LUTHERAN SENIORLIFE** (500 Wittenberg Way, Mars PA 16046): William Zavidny.

**CARING HEIGHTS** (234 Coraopolis Rd., Coraopolis, PA 15108): Beverly Harsh

**OHIO VALLEY HOSPITAL** (25 Heckel Road, McKees Rocks, PA 15136): Agnes Rosko.

### Public questions on Catholic spirituality, moral & spiritual problems

**Q.** What is the difference between gossip and venting to a confidant about things people have done? **A.**  
**Answer by Catholic Answers:** The Catechism explains when talking about when **Gossip** becomes sinful: Respect for the reputation of persons forbids every attitude and word likely to cause them unjust injury. He becomes guilty: – of rash judgment who, even tacitly, assumes as true, without sufficient foundation, the moral fault of a neighbor; – of detraction who, without objectively valid reason, discloses another's faults and failings to persons who did not know them; – of calumny who, by remarks contrary to the truth, harms the reputation of others and gives occasion for false judgments concerning them (2477). **Venting** in the sense of just getting something "off our chest" does not include any of the things listed above. So if we were to determine some key differences between venting and gossip I would say the former: Has no intention of what is said being spread to anyone else; Takes no joy in exposing someone else's fault(s); Does not carelessly relate false or incomplete information; Seeks no harm to another's reputation; Seeks no harm to another and no exaltation of self; Takes place at an appropriate time and place with someone who can reasonably be trusted.

### This Week's Sanctuary Lamps

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

**October 8 — October 14, 2017**

(MR): **In memory of Eleanor & John Kulka**

offered by Children: Kathy & John

(NS): **In memory of William Wittmar**

(MR) NONE AVAILABLE 2017 offered by Sister-in-law: Joan Senchyshyn (NS) NONE AVAILABLE 2017



## McKees Rocks Announcements

**PIROHI REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING FORTHCOMING** — There will be an important gathering to see if we have enough workers for the Pirohi Project. It will be a short meeting following the Divine Liturgy on **Sunday, October 15, 2017**. Please mark this date on your calendar. All are welcome. We need committed workers to make this project a go!

**VOLUNTEER WORK DONE ON THE PREMISES** — A week ago Saturday several parishioners



came out to give the grounds and school store room a thorough cleaning. It is very edifying to see how much love goes into keeping our Church clean by our own parishioners who came forth on Saturday September 30 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. A very special thank you is extended to George and Julia Mosko who volunteered several days removing old paint and priming/painting the Olivia Street porch; the side Church entrance porch; and the main Church entrance over-hang, and the side entrance roof leading into the school. They also applied masonry work to the outside building along Catherine Street where the two new drain pipes now take the water to the street.



**BYZAN-TEENS ELECT NEW OFFICES** — Our Byzan-TEEN Youth Group elected new officers for the 2017-2018 activities year. They are: President: Madelyn Nazak, Vice-President: Nicholas Nazak & Secretary: Anna Stebbins. The Group also extends its most heart-felt gratitude in thanking all of you who have contributed in making their October Bake Sale a success. They collected \$162.00. God bless all of you!



**PARISH ADVISORY & FINANCIAL COUNCIL MEETING NEXT WEEK** — The members of the PAC are reminded of the meeting slated for **Monday, October 16, 2017 @ 7:00 p.m.** Please place this date on your calendar.

## Northside Announcements

**PARISH ADVISORY & FINANCIAL COUNCIL MEETING THIS WEEK** — The members of the PA & FC are reminded of the meeting slated for **Tuesday, October 10, 2017 @ 7:00 p.m.** Please place this date on your calendar.



## General Announcements (cont.)

**HOLY GHOST CHURCH HALLOWEEN PARTY** — There will be a joint Halloween Party for all members of both parishes including their relative and friends on **Saturday, October 21, 2017 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** Pizza, soft drinks and entertainment will be provided. Costumes recommended! There is **NO TICKET CHARGE**, but a freewill offering will be accepted to meet expenses. We are also appreciative to local GCU Lodge 390 for helping to subsidize this event. Please sign the sheet in the (MR) Side Vestibule, and the (NS) Narthex. We need to know how many to prepare for this event.

**A SPECIAL EWTN DOCUMENTARY TO BE REPEATED** — This past week ETWN aired a half hour documentary on the life and death of the Byzantine Ruthenian (Rusyn) Catholic Hierarch Theodore G. Romzha (+1947). It will be aired again on the date of his martyrdom, **Wednesday, November 1, 2017 @ 12:00 noon**. He was assassinated by the Soviet KGB. Make it a point to tune-in and to see how this 33 year old bishop loved God and the Byzantine Catholic Church to the degree of martyrdom!

## Meditation on God's Word

**Jesus' love for the defenseless — TODAY'S GOSPEL Luke 7: 11-16**

### The Widow of Naim

In ancient times it was common for a city to be surrounded by a high wall (Josh. 2:15). The wall was designed to provide protection against wild animals, criminals, and foreign



armies (Jer. 39:2). The city gate was also a place of business in Jewish cities. Jewish cemeteries were outside the city wall in order to avoid pollution by dead corpses (Josh. 8:29; Matt. 27:52-53). Therefore, it is not surprising that the dead man was being carried through the gate of the city. The Funeral — According to the ancient Jewish custom in Galilee, the parents of the dead person would walk in front of the funeral procession. The dead person would follow next, followed by friends and guests. Jewish custom

required that the dead person be washed, have his or her nails clipped, his or her hair cut, be anointed, the body wrapped in linen cloth, and his or her eyes closed. In Galilee the mother would walk in front of the funeral procession with the other family members behind her. Then the dead body followed in a cedar coffin, if possible, which was carried on a bier. After the dead person, relatives, friends, and mourners followed. The Mishnah prohibited the bier from being put down on the ground (Mishnah. (Moed Qatan 3.8). It was customary for the mourners to accompany the body to the grave. **Jews did not cremate their dead, believing that cremation was a heathen practice.** We are told that a large crowd followed behind the dead man. He must have been loved by many. Two large crowds came together, one following Jesus and the one that was part of the funeral procession. When Jesus saw the woman in front of the funeral procession with no one behind her and before the coffin, Jesus instantly realized that the woman was a widow and responded with compassion.

## October Respect-Life Month Continues

### 2<sup>nd</sup> WEEK INTENTION OF REPECT LIFE MONTH:

#### Prayer for the Mentally Challenged



**Heavenly Father, we have been created in the image of You. Help us to see Your image more clearly and strongly in all creatures of Your love, and particularly in those which we describe as mentally challenged, though they are whole in Your sight, and have a place and purpose in Your divine plan for all mankind.**

**Help us to enable them to fully participate in the abundant life which is Your will for all mankind.... In this may Your Name be blessed and glorified, Father, Son (+) and Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever. Amen.**

## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- October 7-8 ..... Coffee & Doughnut Social following each of the weekend Divine Liturgies.  
October 11 ..... (MR) The Sorrowful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary @ 6:00 p.m.  
October 13 ..... 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Miracle of the Sun at Fatima, Portugal.  
(MR) The Sorrowful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary @ 6:00 p.m.  
October 15 ..... Freewill Pasta Dinner, St. Elias Church, Munhall, PA from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.  
October 18 ..... (MR) The Sorrowful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary @ 6:00 p.m.  
October 21 ..... Parish Halloween Party at the School Gym following the Divine Liturgy.  
October 25 ..... (MR) The Sorrowful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary @ 6:00 p.m.  
October 29 ..... Sunday of Christ the King & Annual Moleben to our 4 saintly bishops.

## Saint of the Week

### Pope St. John XXIII — October 11

Pope John XXIII was born **Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli** on November 25, 1881 – June 3, 1963) and reigned as Pope from October 28, 1958 to his death in 1963 and was canonized on April 27, 2014. He was the fourth of fourteen children born to a family of sharecroppers who lived in a village in Lombardy. He was ordained to the priesthood on August 10, 1904 and served in a number of posts, including papal nuncio in France and a delegate to Bulgaria, Greece and Turkey. In a consistory on January 12, 1953 Pope Pius XII made Roncalli a cardinal as the Cardinal-Priest of Santa Prisca in addition to naming him as the Patriarch of Venice. Roncalli was elected pope on October 28, 1958 at age 76 after 11 ballots. His selection was unexpected, and Roncalli himself had come to Rome with a return train ticket to Venice. He was the first pope to take the pontifical name of "John" upon election in more than 500 years, and his choice settled the complicated question of official numbering attached to this papal name that arose because of the existence in the Middle Ages of an antipope of using the name. Pope John XXIII surprised those who expected him to be a caretaker pope by calling the historic Second Vatican Council (1962–1965), the first session opening on 11 October 1962. His passionate views on equality were summed up in his famous statement, **"We were all made in God's image, and thus, we are all Godly alike."** John XXIII made many passionate speeches during his pontificate, one of which was on the day that he opened the Second Vatican Council in the middle of the night to the crowd gathered in St. Peter's Square: **"Dear children, returning home, you will find children: give your children a hug and say: This is a hug from the Pope!"** Pope John XXIII did not live to see the Vatican Council to completion. He died of stomach cancer on June 3, 1963, four and a half years after his election and two months after the completion of his final and famed encyclical, *Pacem in Terris*. He was buried in the Vatican grottoes beneath Saint Peter's Basilica on June 6, 1963 and his cause for canonization was opened on November 18, 1965 by his successor, Pope Paul VI, who declared him a Servant of God. In addition to being named Venerable on December 20, 1999, he was beatified on September 3, 2000 by Pope John Paul II alongside Pope Pius IX and three others. Following his beatification, his body was moved on June 3, 2001 from its original place to the altar of Saint Jerome where it could be seen by the faithful. On July 5, 2013, Pope Francis – bypassing the traditionally required second miracle – declared John XXIII a saint, after unanimous agreement by a consistory, or meeting, of the College of Cardinals, based on the fact that **he was considered to have lived a virtuous, model lifestyle, and because of the good for the Church which had come from his having opened the Second Vatican Council.** He was canonized alongside Pope Saint John Paul II on April 27, 2014. John XXIII today is affectionately known as the "Good Pope" and in Italian, "il Papa buono". The Catholic Church celebrates his feast day not on the date of his death, but on **October 11 – the day of the first session of the Second Vatican Council.**



## General Announcements

**COLUMBUS DAY OBSERVED TOMORROW** — On August 3, 1492, Italian navigator Christopher Columbus set sail with three ships (Nina, Pinta & Santa Maria) and 90 men on a voyage of discovery sponsored by Queen Isabella of Spain. On October 12, 1492, the ships landed in the Caribbean Islands. This landing and subsequent expeditions became the foundation of the European colonies in the New World. Three hundred years later, in 1792, the Society of St. Tammany, or Columbian Order, organized a ceremony in New York City honoring Columbus and the anniversary of the first landing. On October 12, 1866, Italian-Americans in New York organized a celebration of the discovery of America, and in 1869, Italian-Americans in San Francisco organized a similar celebration and called it "Columbus Day." Since 1920, the holiday has been celebrated annually. In 1937, President Franklin Roosevelt proclaimed every October 12 as "Columbus Day." *And in 1971, President Nixon declared the holiday would be celebrated on the second Monday in October.*



*"You can never cross the ocean unless you have the courage to lose sight of the shore."*  
—Christopher Columbus



**PITTSBURGH DEANERY CLERGY TO PRAY & 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 15, 2017.** Day will begin with a Moleben at 3:00 p.m. marking Clergy Appreciation Week followed by the Dinner. 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! Due to last week's clergy retreat, a final extension is for today, October 8. *A freewill offering will be taken for the Priests Pension Plan.*



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR: COME & SEE WEEKEND** — Young men 18-35 are invited to a FREE Weekend of Discovery retreat, Friday through Sunday, **November 3-4-5, 2017** 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. Last day for registration is Oct. 19.*



**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 St. John the Baptist Church, Uniontown, PA on **Sunday of Christ the King, October 29, 2017 @ 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 mark your calendar and attend this important prayer for their advancement. This is also the Parish's Annual Rusyn Heritage Day.

