

Parish Offerings – SUNDAY OF CHRIST THE KING – Oct. 29, 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 (\$1,653) YP (\$7)	\$1,660.00
Holy Days (\$1) Collection for the Poor (\$75)	76.00
Votive Candles	81.00
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	\$1,817.00

Holy Ghost Church, Northside

Regular Offering	\$398.00
Holy Days	6.00
Special Donation (In mem of + Agnes Knoll by: M/M John H. Smith (\$50); M/M Anthony Knoll (\$100); M/M Richard E. O'Donnell (\$100)	250.00
Votive Candles	60.00
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	\$714.00

Church Attendance Last Week

Sat., 4:00 p.m. (24)

Sun., (MR) 9:00 a.m. (79); (NS) 11:00 a.m. (43)



HOLY GHOST BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH
 225 OLIVIA STREET
 1437 SUPERIOR AVENUE
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THE 22nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Eastern Standard Time Resumes — November 5, 2017



Catholics of the Ruthenian – Byzantine Rite in full communion with the Pope of Rome

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The Reverend Deacon Michael Meaders (NS)

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

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

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Election Day

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Call the office (412) 771-3324

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.

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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)

November 5, 2017

Seasonal Greeting

Volume VII, Number 45



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



Liturgical Services for the Week



Time

Intention

Requested By

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Standard Time Resumes — Clocks FALL BACK 1 hour

SUN., NOV 5 9:00 a.m. (MR) + Anna + Anthony Zanis Dgtr: Marge & James Lautenschlager
+ Patricia Stanko

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

Mon, Nov 6 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Ann Marks (3rd ann of passing) Frank Boronyak

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

Tue, Nov 7 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Fr. Richard F. Zula (40th day of passing) Friend

Synaxis Feast of St. Michael the Archangel & All Angels Anticipated Divine Liturgy

6:00 p.m. (NS) + Michael Lorinc Mary Ann Smoley

Synaxis Feast of the Holy Angelic Commander Michael the Archangel & all the Heavenly Incorporeal Powers Solemn Holy Day — Diaconate Ordination of Vasilii Stashkevych

Wed, Nov 8 9:00 a.m. (MR) No Morning Divine Liturgy
*7:00 p.m. (MR) For the Parishioners of Both Parishes

Thrs, Nov 9 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Myrona + William Duggan Theresa Kundrat

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

Reparation against the Sacred Heart of Jesus, conversion of sinners & blasphemies against Mother of God

Fri, Nov 10 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Eleanor Kulka (birthday 11/11) Children: Kathy & John

Annual Veterans Day

Sat, Nov 11 9:00 a.m. (NS) + Marshall Meredith (birthday) Sister: Mary Anne

Sunday anticipated Divine Liturgy of the 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

4:00 p.m. (MR) + Mike J. Sotak (27th ann of passing 11/14) Wife: Millie & Children

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

SUN., NOV 12 9:00 a.m. (MR) Health & Welfare of Mildred Terrek (birthday 11/9)
Dgtrs: Christine, Monica & Monica

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: Nov 5 – Julia Mosko; Nov 6 – Barbara Stecko; Nov 7 – CAROL JUGAN; Nov 8 – Nancy Wauthier; Nov 9 – Tina Burns, Mildred Terrek.

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

HOME: Irene Bordas, Margaret Belunas, MARY ANN CONTI, Andrew Drukalsky, Ilona Goyda, Helen Hopey, MARTHA LUCAS, OLGA MANFREDO, Irene Palahunik, Elizabeth Petruna, MARLENE PFEIFFER, Agnes Rosko, 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.

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

Public questions on Catholic spirituality, moral & spiritual problems

Q. I heard that we get our guardian angels at baptism. Is this true, and does it mean that the babies of non-Christians do not have guardian angels? **A. Answer by Catholic Answers:** The idea that we get our guardian angels at baptism is a speculation, not a teaching of the Church. The common opinion among Catholic theologians is that all people, regardless of whether they are baptized, have guardian angels at least from the time of their birth (see Ludwig Ott, *Fundamentals of Catholic Dogma* [Rockford: TAN, 1974], 120); some have suggested that prior to birth babies are taken care of by their mothers' guardian angels. The view that everyone has a guardian angel seems well founded in Scripture. In Matthew 18:10 Jesus states, "See that you do not despise one of these little ones; for I tell you that in heaven their angels always behold the face of my Father who is in heaven." He said this before the Crucifixion and was speaking about Jewish children. It would therefore seem that non-Christian, not just Christian (baptized) children have guardian angels.

This Week's Sanctuary Lamps

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

November 5 — November 11, 2017

(MR): In memory of Anna & Anthony Zanis & Patricia Stanko
offered by Dgtr & Sister: Marge & James Lautenschlager

(NS): In memory of James & Gregory Gramata

(MR) AVAILABLE FOR 2018 offered by Uncle Basil & Aunt Eleanor Gramata (NS) AVAILABLE FOR 2018



McKees Rocks Announcements

DIACONATE ORDINATION AT THE PARISH THIS WEEK — Subdeacon Vitalii Stashkevych will be ordained to the Diaconate by Archbishop Skurla this **Wednesday @ 7:00 p.m.** here at Holy Ghost Church. For many of you, it may be the first time that you witness an ordination to the Diaconate. All are invited to a short reception following. **You are asked to sign the sheet located in the side vestibule.** Please plan on attending to show support to Subdeacon Vitalii and his wife Mary Elizabeth (Kascur) recently married this past September. There will be NO Morning Holy Day Divine Liturgy on this day.



PHILIPPIAN FAST PIROHI SALES WILL BE STARTING THIS WEEK — We will commence our six week Pirohi Project this Friday for The Great Fast Season. The dates for sales are **November 10, 17, NO SALES ON NOVEMBER 24, December 1, 8 & 15.** Orders must be placed on the sheet at the Church entrances following the weekend Divine Liturgies, and/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.



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 4, 2017 @ 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.



Northside Announcements

CHURCH DECORATING FORTHCOMING — We will begin decorating the Church for Christmas following the Sunday Divine Liturgy, **December 3, 2017.** 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



TURKEY & HAM BINGO DISCONTINUED — After much consideration and thoughtful analysis, we have decided to discontinue our long standing Turkey & Ham Bingo Events. To prepare, run and cleanup the Social Center demanded more of participation than we were getting. Also, the crowds over the years have been dwindling. We are sorry to disappoint many, but we do truly appreciate the help and patronage that we have received over the years. God Bless all who sacrificed to try and make this a successful project.

What is a DEACON in the Byzantine Catholic Church

(This week, Subdeacon Vitalii Stashkevych of our (MR) Holy Ghost Church will be ordained to the Diaconate by Metropolitan Archbishop William C. Skurla. He will be initiated into the Mystery of Holy Orders (one of the seven Sacraments). From an internet article we learn the following)

There are 4 levels to the Priesthood. The first two are the Minor Orders of Reader (Lector) and Subdeacon. The Diaconate is the third and lowest degree of the major orders of clergy in the Eastern Catholic Church, following the bishop and the presbyter. Ordination places an indelible mark on his soul (as did Baptism and Chrismation (Confirmation) marking him for this special and unique service of God. It can never be erased from the soul even if he ceases to function as a deacon. The same is true for the bishop and priest. The word deacon (in Greek διάκονος 'diakonos') means server. Originally, it referred to a person who waited on tables. **Deacon's vestments:** The vestments of the deacon are the **sticharion**, the **orarion**, and the **epimanikia**. All degrees of clergy wear the sticharion. The sticharion is a long-sleeved tunic that reaches all the way to the ground. It reminds the wearer that *the grace of the Holy Spirit covers him as with a garment of salvation and joy.* For deacons,



the **sticharion** has wide sleeves and is made of a heavier fabric than that of the priest and bishop, who wear their sticharia under other vestments. The second part of a deacon's vestments is the **orarion**. The orarion is a narrow band of material that the deacon wears wrapped around his body and draped over his left shoulder. It represents *the grace of the Holy Spirit that in ordination anoints the deacon like oil.* It is the principal vestment of the deacon and without it he cannot serve. When the deacon leads the people in prayers or invites them to attention he holds one end of his orarion in his right hand and raises it. The priest's epitrachelion and the bishop's omophorion are specialized types of the orarion. The final parts of a deacon's vestments are the **epimanikia**. The epimanikia are cuffs that are worn around the wrists. These are also worn by the bishop and priest. They serve the practical purpose of keeping the inner garments out of the way during the services. *They also remind the wearer that he serves not by his own strength but with the help of God.*

Duties of a Deacon: The deacon ministers to the priest and bishop in the divine services. This includes: (1) Assisting in the celebration of the Mysteries (Sacraments) of the Church; (2) Leading the people in the collective prayers (with the blessing of the presiding priest or bishop); (3) Reading from the Scriptures during the divine services (with the blessing of the presiding priest or bishop); (4) Keeping the decorum of the public worship, including calling people to attention at appropriate times. (5) With the blessing of the priest, he may also assist in distributing Holy Communion; and (6) And fulfill any tasks of the Subdeacon or Reader. Other tasks related to Church life are with the blessing and direction of his priest or bishop. In the Byzantine-Ruthenian tradition he is referred to as "Deacon" or "Reverend Deacon."

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

November 5	Eastern Standard Time Resumes: Clocks FALL BACK one hour.
November 7	General Election Day. St. Michael Holy Day Schedule is (NS) @ 6:00 p.m.
November 8	Synaxis of St. Michael & All Angels (MR) – Diaconate Ordination of Subdeacon Vitalii Stashkevych @ 7:00 p.m.
November 15	Commencement of the Philippian (Filipovka) Fast.
November 19	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 23	Annual Thanksgiving Day — (MR) Divine Liturgy @ 9:00 a.m.
December 3	(MR) Parish & Archeparchial St. Nicholas Celebration. Decorating the (NS) Church for Christmas following the Divine Liturgy.
December 4	Decorating the (MR) Church for Christmas @ 6:00 p.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.

General Announcements

GRATITUDE TO ALL WHO SUPPORTED OUR HALLOWEEN PARTY —



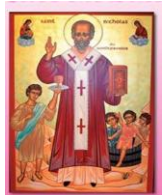
Following the October 14 Sat. afternoon's (MR) Divine Liturgy, both Holy Ghost Parishes hosted a Halloween Party at the School. Several children and adults attended the social gathering, and had a good time. A special thank you is extended to all who made this seasonal event possible. A note from Kim Ruud: "We would like to extend a special thank you to all who supported this party by their generous donations of time and monetary contributions. The children really had a great time."

RESERVATIONS GOING FAST FOR ADDITIONAL DL & SANCTUARY LAMPS IN 2018 —

A good many of the Weekend Divine Liturgy times and Sanctuary Lamps have already been reserved for 2018. Place your intention and \$10.00 stipend (per candle/DL) in a regular white envelope with requested date(s) and how you wish it to appear in the S.O.T. Place it in the collection basket. If your requested date has already been reserved by someone else, you will be giving another date closest to you request! **As of today, there is no limit as to the number you may reserve as of today.** Thanks to all who are participating in this spiritual program! These are two great ways to remember your beloved departed!



ARCHIEPARICHAL ST. NICHOLAS CELEBRATION — The 60th Annual St. Nicholas Celebration will take place at the Cathedral and Cathedral Center on **Sunday, December 3, 2017**. 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 12.*



YOUNG & NOT SO YOUNG ALTAR SERVERS & ST. AQUILINA MINISTRY 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 later this month. If you are interested, please approach Fr. Firko or by calling the church office (412) 771-3324. **We are also inviting the girls of the parish to join the St. Aquilina Ministry.** They are responsible for distributing the S.O.T. Church Bulletin following each weekend Divine Liturgy, and for assisting at Mirovanije.

GCU LODGE 390 FOURTH QUARTERLY MEETING SOON —

Lodge members are reminded of the 4th quarterly meeting Sunday, **November 19, 2017 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.

