

Parish Offerings – Fathers of first 6 Councils — July 16, 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 (\$1,543) YP (\$2)	\$1,545.00
Holy Days	30.00
Votive Candles	79.50
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Holy Ghost Church, Northside

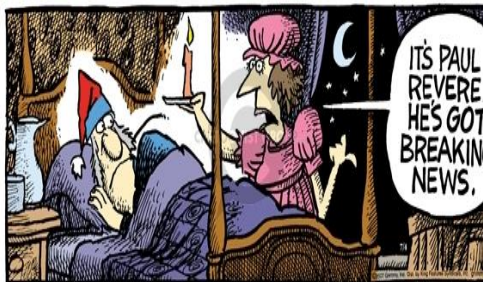
Regular Offering	\$370.00
Holy Days	25.00
Votive Candles	44.00
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	\$439.00

Church Attendance Last Week

Sat., 4:00 p.m. (31)

Sun., (MR) 9:00 a.m. (73); (NS) 11:00 a.m. (32)

Feast of the Holy O.T. Prophet Elijah — Thrs (MR) 9:00 a.m. (11); NS 7:00 p.m. (14)



HOLY GHOST BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH
 225 OLIVIA STREET
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 PITTSBURGH, PA 15212

THE 7th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The Passing of Bishop-Martyr Basil Hopko — July 23, 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 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
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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
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: (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).

July 23, 2017

Seasonal Greeting

Volume VII, Number 30



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



Liturgical Services for the Week

Date Time Intention Requested By



7th Sunday after Pentecost

The Passing of Blessed Bishop-Martyr Basil Hopko

SUN., Jul 23 9:00 a.m. (MR) For the Parishioners of Both Parishes
11:00 a.m. (NS) + Michael Sahayda Wife: Mary

Mon, Jul 24 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Marie Lipchick Son: Frank & Carol Lipchick
(birthday)

Dormition of the Holy & Righteous Anne, Mother of the Theotokos

Tue, Jul 25 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Andrew Wahal Nephew: Burt & Nan Cifrulak
(birthday)

Wed, Jul 26 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Susan + Michael Baran Eleanor & Basil Gramata

Annual Byzantine Catholic Family Day, Kennywood Park

Thrs, Jul 27 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Steven Muska Wife: Gladys Muska & Family
(2nd ann of passing)

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

Fri, Jul 28 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Baylee Wroten Grandparents: Martha & Bob Maletz

Sat, Jul 29 2:00 p.m. (MR) **Nuptial Divine Liturgy & Wedding Ceremony of Justin Paul Paronish (Holy Ghost) & Stacie Ann Cifrulak (Holy Ghost)**

Sunday anticipated Divine Liturgy of the Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
4:00 p.m. (MR) + Eleanor + John Kulka Children: Kathy & John
(wedding anniversary 7/29)

8th Sunday after Pentecost

SUN., Jul 30 9:00 a.m. (MR) For the Parishioners of Both Parishes
11:00 a.m. (NS) + Lucy + John Holesh Sister: Helen Holesh Marince

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: Jul 21 – ROBERT SPONTAK; Jul 23 – ALAN VALERIANO; Jul 24 – Luke Iyengar; Jul 25 – Lisa Alman, Elaine Kurtanich.

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

HOME: Irene Bordas, MARY ANN CONTI, Mary Culan, Andrew Drukalsky, Ilona Goyda, Beverly Harsh, Helen Popey, MARTHA LUCAS, OLGA MANFREDO, Irene Palahunik, Elizabeth Petruna, MARLENE PFEIFFER, Agnes Rosko, MARY SAHAYDA, Michael Spisak, ANNA TOTH, EVELYN VENTO, JOHN VEREB, Julia Wovchko.

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.
CARING HEIGHTS (234 Coraopolis Rd., Coraopolis, PA 15108): Margaret Beliunas.

Public questions on Catholic spirituality, moral & spiritual problems

Q. May Catholics ignore saints and angels and pray only to God? Yes or no?
A. Answer by Catholic Answers: Permit me to answer your question with a question: Why would you want to ignore the angels and saints, whom God has given us as great intercessors? Scripture encourages us to pray for one another (1 Tim. 2:1-2), and I'm sure you ask family and friends to intercede for you instead of simply "praying only to God." And why not? You multiply your prayers in doing so (see 2 Cor. 1:11), and the angels and saints are in heaven and thus in a more powerful intercessory role than anyone here on earth (see Rev. 8:3; Heb. 12:1-2, 23). So have no reservation in praying to the saints. They're God's great gifts to us.

This Week's Sanctuary Lamps

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

July 23 — July 29, 2017

(MR): **In memory of Alphonse A. Siglow**

offered by Dgtr: Kathe & Bill Kress

(NS): **Health & Welfare of Lynn & Rodger Kirsch**

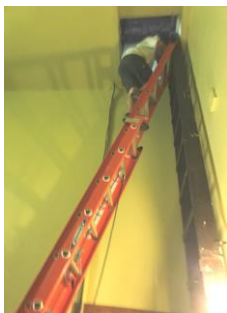
(MR) NONE AVAILABLE 2017

offered by Joan Senchyshyn

(NS) NONE AVAILABLE 2017

McKees Rocks Announcements

NEW LADDERS INSTALLED TO THE BELL TOWER — The old and dried-out ladders leading to the bell tower were recently removed and replaced with both aluminum and fiberglass ladders this past week. This was at the counsel of the Verdin Bell Company, Cincinnati, OH who is under contract to service our equipment twice a year. *Kraynick Contracting and Consulting, LLC* of Jefferson Hills, PA replaced the old wooden ladders and replaced it 24-foot fiberglass, one 20-foot aluminum and one 16-foot aluminum including parts to anchor the ladders for safety reasons. The total cost including labor was \$977.60.



BANNS OF MARRIAGE III — This is the third and final announcement of the upcoming marriage of **Justin Paul Paronish (Holy Ghost Church) and Stacie Ann Cifrulak (Holy Ghost Church) on Saturday, July 29, 2017.** If anyone knows why these individuals cannot contract marriage, please call the rectory office and speak to the pastor.



BLESSING OF VEHICLES LAST WEEK — Following St. Elijah's Feast Day on Thursday, Fr. Firko blessed the vehicles for all those in attendance at both parishes. The blessing of Dolores and Ted Babin car was sprinkled with holy water while Russell Keller holds the kropilnica (holy water bucket). Many thanks to all who participated in keeping our Byzantine Catholic tradition alive! Also, thanks to Kathe Kress who snapped this photo.



Holy Ghost, Northside No Particular News This Week

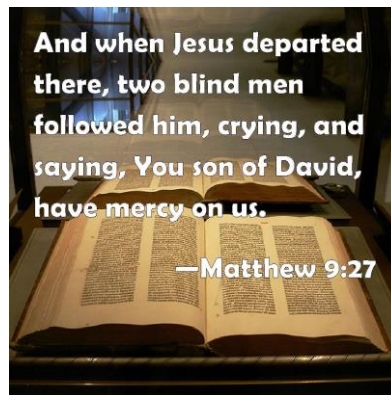
SACRAMENTAL WINE TASTING FORTHCOMING — "A leader in church candles & accessories – Wolf Candles are proudly made in Pennsylvania" will be holding their second annual sacramental wine tasting social at the owner's premises in Mars, PA, on **Thursday, August 24, 2017 @ 6:00 p.m.** They would like to invite you (who are of legal drinking age, of course) to join and enjoy their 2nd Annual Sacramental Wine Tasting event. Come, enjoy and relax & have a leisurely walk on their nature trails. Each attendee will be entered to win \$400 for their church to spend on Wolf Candles. *If you are interested, please place your "John Hancock" on the signup sheet. A more detailed address will be given later to lock into your GPS.*



7th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

They wanted desperately to be healed — *(Matthew 9: 27-35)*

One of the reasons Jesus came to earth was to show us what God is really like. Although God had revealed himself continually to his people, it was difficult for them to understand how he thought because of their fallen minds. By giving us the Holy Spirit, Jesus enabled us to understand how he thought because of their fallen minds. By giving us the Holy Spirit, Jesus enabled us to understand the mind of God (see John 16:13). By living a perfect human life, Jesus showed how God wants us to live. The two blind beggars in today's reading were probably very needy individuals, both materially and emotionally. They wanted desperately to be healed of their blindness. From what they had heard about him, they realized that Jesus was their only hope. They believed that he could heal them and so they came to him, begging for mercy. Seeing their faith, God granted their request. The gift that the Lord most wants to give us is spiritual life through knowledge of him. All the other healings we may need are dependent upon this. Our Father is delighted when his children want to know him more deeply. He will reveal himself to us. Pray in this fashion: "Holy Spirit, I want to know more about Jesus than I've ever known before. Make this a time of preparation and revelation. Teach me how to ask the Lord questions and give me the faith to expect answers."



SUMMER IS NOT A TIME TO VACATION FROM WORSHIPPING GOD — Now that Summer is here many will be going on vacation. Please remember to keep the worship of God in your plans. The first Precept of the Church is to participate in the Divine Liturgy on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation. *This does not exclude vacation time!* **The place to worship God is in Church at the Divine Liturgy.** He is so kind and merciful, sustaining and gifting us in all that we have and need. Voluntarily absenting oneself without serious reason makes us guilty of mortal sin, and unable to approach Holy Communion until the sinful neglect is confessed in the Holy Mystery of Reconciliation. If you know that where you are traveling is far from a Catholic Church, please inform Fr. Firko so that a dispensation may be given.



**COME & JOIN US FOR THE DAILY DIVINE LITURGY!
THERE'S NO BETTER WAY TO BEGIN THE DAY!!**

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

July 27 Byzantine Catholic Family Day, Kennywood Park, West Mifflin.
August 1 - 14 Commencement of the Savorial Fast (Spasovka).
August 6 Feast of the Holy Transfiguration – Blessing of grapes and other fruits.
August 12-13 Blessing of Students and Teachers for the new Academic School Year following weekend DL.
August 13 3rd Quarter GCU Lodge 390 Meeting in MR @ 2:00 p.m.
August 14 Vigil of the Feast of the Dormition – Blessing of Herbs & Flowers – (MR) 7:00 pm — **Holy Day of Obligation.**
August 15 ... Feast of the Dormition – Blessing of Herbs & Flowers – (MR) 9:00 am; (NS) 6:00 p.m. — **Holy Day of Obligation.**
August 20 **Annual Parish Picnic, Robinson Clever Road, beginning @ 1:00 pm.**
August 24 Archieparchal Servers Faith & Fun Day (cf. MR Announcements).

Saint of the Week

Dormition of the Holy & Righteous Anne, the Mother of the Most Holy Theotokos — July 25

Saint Anne was the daughter of the priest Matthan and his wife Mary. She was of the tribe of Levi and the lineage of Aaron. According to Tradition, she died peacefully in Jerusalem at age 79, before the Annunciation to the Most Holy Theotokos. During the reign of St Justinian the Emperor (527-565), a church was built in her honor at Deutera. Emperor Justinian II (685-695; 705-711) restored her church, since St Anne had appeared to his pregnant wife. It was at this time that her body and maphorion (veil) were transferred to Constantinople. Portions of St Anne's holy relics may be found on Mount Athos: Stavronikita Monastery (part of her left hand), St Anna's Skete (part of her incorrupt left foot), Koutloumousiou Monastery (part of her incorrupt right foot). Fragments of her relics may also be found in her Monastery at Lygaria, Lamia, and in the Monastery of St John the Theologian at Sourota. Part of the saint's incorrupt flesh is in the collection of Saints' relics of the International Catholic Crusaders. The church of St Paul outside the Walls in Rome has one of the saint's wrists. St Anne is also commemorated on September 9.



Troparion of St. Anne's Feast (Tone 4)

You carried the pure Theotokos in your womb, O righteous Anne, and she gave birth to Life itself. You passed into heavenly glory, rejoicing with those who are rapted in joy. Pray for the remission of the sins of those who keep your memory with faith.

General Announcements

FEAST OF PASSING OF BLESSED BISHOP-MARTYR BASIL HOPKO — Today, July 23, marks the passing to eternity of this beloved Byzantine Catholic hierarch. On April 28, 1950, the Communist government seized complete control of Czechoslovakia and liquidated the Presov Eparchy. Bishop Hopko was imprisoned and tortured. Many years of imprisonment and harsh treatment took a final toll on his health. In the Spring of 1968, a liberalization of the Communist regime took place and the government agreed to re-establish the Church. He became chaplain to the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate who also took care of him. On **Friday, July 23, 1976** following a light lunch, and being helped in an easy chair, he gave up his spirit to the Lord whom he loved and faithfully served. The late Pope John Paul II beatified him on September 14, 2004. His relics were solemnly transferred to the Presov Cathedral



the following week, and rest beneath the altar adjacent to the chapel of Blessed Paul Gojdich. He was 72 years old. His Feast Day is May 11th. Let us continue to fervently pray for his Canonization. Veneration of his holy relics will follow each Divine Liturgy.

TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE FOR OUR PARISH PICNIC — Mark your calendars and set aside, **Sunday, August 20** for our dual parish picnic. This year's event will be, once again, at Robinson Clever Recreational Park, Rotary Shelter, 115 Robinson Pool Drive, McKees Rocks 15136. It's the one with the swimming pool which will be admitting all Holy Ghost attendees for a special admission price. Ticket prices are the same as last year : Adults — \$13.00, Children — \$6.00. Meal will be served at 1:30 p.m. — SLAVJANE will perform at 2:15 p.m. Hopefully, they will be able to recruit new Holy Ghost members. The picnic will extend from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Games for children and adults will be presented. Tickets are being sold following the Divine Liturgies. **Last day for obtaining tickets is Sunday, Aug. 13.**



A CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE — The Archeparchy wishes to honor those who are celebrating their 10, 25, 40, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70 etc. anniversary of marriage this year. It will take place on **Sunday, September 10, 2017 @ 3:00 p.m. at St. Elias Church, Munhall.** If you are observing one of the above milestones, please contact the Church office A.S.A.P. Archbishop Skurla will be the principle celebrant. The chancery will send out personal invitations. All anniversaries submitted will be published in a September issue of the SOT. Register by contacting the Church office. **Deadline is August 4.**



SAVE THE DATE: ALTAR BOY FUN DAY FOURTHCOMING — Mark your calendar for **Thursday, August 24, 2017** and get ready for another great day of 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. Registration will take place at the school gym at 9:15 a.m. followed by the Divine Liturgy. After a lunch we will depart to the Carnegie Science Center. We will be attending a mid-afternoon 4:05 p.m. Pirate Baseball Game against the Los Angeles Dodgers. Phone the church office to register (412) 771-3324.

