

**Parish Offerings – Pentecost Sunday — June 4, 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)

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Regular Offering .....	\$775.00
Pentecost (\$2,661) Holy Days (\$94) YP (\$7) .....	2,762.00
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Votive Candles .....	63.50
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	\$753.50

**Church Attendance Last Week**

Sat., 4:00 p.m. (43)

Sun., (MR) 9:00 a.m. (75); (NS) 11:00 a.m. (45)

Pentecost Monday, June 5 (MR) 9:00 a.m. (2); (NS) 6:00 p.m. (8)



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**THE SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS**

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – June 11, 2017**



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

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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 Mystery of Matrimony: Contact pastor one year in advance; Pre-Cana Classes required.  
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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

With unity of faith let us celebrate a solemn feast of those who from the ages have found grace before God. Let us remember all the Saints: the Patriarchs, Prophets, and Apostles of Christ, the Martyrs, and Ascetics of all ages. They intercede unceasingly for the peace of the world and for the salvation of our souls! (Great Vespers of All Saints)

June 11, 2017

Seasonal 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
 <b>SUN., Jun 11</b>	<b>9:00 a.m. (MR)</b> + Lori R. Kacsur <i>(3<sup>rd</sup> ann of passing)</i>		Kacsur-Herron Families
 <b>Mon, Jun 12</b>	<b>11:00 a.m. (NS)</b> + Anna Warhola		Tina Soley
<b>Mon, Jun 12</b>	<b>8:00 a.m. (MR)</b> + Michael Charochak	<b>Commencement of the Petrine Fast</b>	Catherine, Jeff & Anija Nazak
<b>Tue, Jun 13</b>	<b>8:00 a.m. (MR)</b> + Debra Ann Palahunik		Bernadette Gunkel
<b>Wed, Jun 14</b>	<b>8:00 a.m. (MR)</b> + Michael Eisenman <b>6:45 p.m. (MR)</b> 8 <sup>th</sup> Annual Flag Day Ceremony w/ Pledge of Allegiance		Sister: Martha & Bob Maletz
<b>Thrs., Jun 15</b>	<b>8:00 a.m. (MR)</b> + Frank Blumling	<b>Commemoration of the Body of Christ — T'ilo Christovo</b>	Wife: Fran
<b>Fri, Jun 16</b>	<b>8:00 a.m. (MR)</b> Thanksgiving <i>(50<sup>th</sup> Wed. Ann.)</i>		Martha & Bob Maletz
<b>Sat, Jun 17</b>	<b>9:00 a.m. (NS)</b> Health & Welfare <i>(100<sup>th</sup> birthday)</i> ***** <i>Sunday anticipated Divine Liturgy of the Third Sunday after Pentecost – Annual Father's Day</i> <b>4:00 p.m. (MR)</b> + John Bordas		Mary Sahayda Wife: Irene

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

### 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Petrine Fast — Annual Father's Day

**SUN., Jun 18** **9:00 a.m. (MR)** For the Living & Deceased Fathers of the Parish  
**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: Jun 11** – Mary Susan Dragosh, Mark Eberle, GEORGE FECIK, LEAH KALLOP; **Jun 13** – Susan Fejka, Anita Iyengar, EVELYN VENTO; **Jun 14** – Dorothy Pelescak; **Jun 15** – Kathleen Kulka; **Jun 16** – Karen Stebbins; **Jun 17** — MARY SAHAYDA (100).

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

**HOME:** Irene Bordas, MARY ANN CONTI, Mary Culan, Andrew Drukalsky, Gregory Fejka, Ilona Goyda, Beverly Harsh, MARTHA LUCAS, OLGA MANFREDO, 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.

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**MARIAN MANOR** (2695 Winchester Dr., Pgh, 15220): MICHAEL BARBUSH, Irene Bednar. **CHIPPEWA PLACE** (7005 Stadium Dr., Apt 427, Brecksville, OH 44141): Stephen Katrenich.

**VALENCIA WOODS OF ST. BARNABAS** (85 Charity Place, Valencia, PA 16059): Eleanor Kapko.

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

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

**Q. Why are some angels saints? A. Answer by Catholic Answers:**  
The word saint comes from the Latin word sanctus, which means "holy." We used the title "saint" before the names of those we know are in heaven. The Bible reveals the names of only three angels: Michael, Raphael, and Gabriel. They are referred to with "saint" before their name because they are holy and are in heaven. We do not know the names of the other angels and do not attempt to name them, but they are all saints.

## This Week's Sanctuary Lamps

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

**June 11 — June 17, 2017**

(MR): **In memory of John Bordas**

offered by Wife: Irene

(NS): **In memory of Olga Senchyshyn (birthday 6/15)**

(MR) NONE AVAILABLE 2017

offered by Dgtr: Joan

(NS) NONE AVAILABLE 2017

# McKees Rocks Announcements

PARISH ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING THIS WEEK — A PAC Meeting will be conducted this **Monday, June 12, 2017 @ 7:00 p.m.** All appointed members are encouraged to be in attendance in the parish office. Please mark your calendar.

## Holy Ghost, Northside

A UNIQUE MILESTONE OF OUR SENIOR PARISHIONER — Our Holy Ghost



Parish extends A Most Special Birthday Greeting and Prayerful best wishes to **Mrs. Mary Sahayda**, 3505 Mexico Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15212 who will be celebrating her **100<sup>th</sup> Birthday** this Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup>. She resides alone at the Sheptytsky Arms Apartment. I'm sure that she would appreciate a birthday card from her parish family. Even if you may not remember Mary, sign a card and say that you are a parishioner of Holy Ghost

Church! May God grant to His servant, Mary, peace, health & salvation for many happy and blessed years! Na Mnohaja I Blahaja L'ita!

PARISH ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING THIS WEEK — A PAC Meeting will be conducted this **Tuesday, June 13, 2017 @ 6:00 p.m.** All appointed members are encouraged to be in attendance in the parish rectory. Please mark your calendar.

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A SPECIAL BYZANTINE CATHOLIC HOLY LAND TOUR — Two of our Byzantine Catholic Priests from the Eparchy of Passaic, NJ will be conducting a **10-Days Tour**



**to the Holy Land from January 30 thru February 8, 2018.** The Tour will be visiting Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth, Tiberias and Haifa. It is hosted by Fr. Charles M. Yastishock and Fr. Edward Cimbala. The cost from Newark International Airport is

\$3,199 (which includes government taxes/airline surcharges) and based on double occupancy. Single rooms are an additional \$795.00. More details are provided in the brochure which is available in the narthex and side vestibule of the Church. For additional details, you may phone Fr. Yastishock (732) 255-6272 or email him: [czarcmy@comcast.net](mailto:czarcmy@comcast.net). Perhaps this will be a once in a lifetime opportunity for you from a Byzantine Catholic perspective.

**As we commence our journey through the Petrine Fast, let us offer Simple Abstinence (no meat) or an Equivalent Penance on Recommended Wednesdays & REQUIRED Fridays! Let us offer our prayer & abstinence for the intention of an increase of Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life and for all priests.**

# SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS

## Everyone Is Called To Sainthood

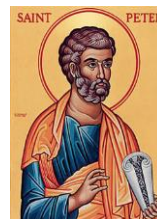
(Matthew 10:32-33, 37-38, & 19:27-30)

Today, we celebrate the **SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS**. Often, we think of Saints as those holy ones who have preceded us in physical death, and have won the crown of the heavenly kingdom. They are the ones whom we should imitate in life for guidance. Many of us think of these Saints as icons beautifully romanticized who always seem to have "a faraway look" in their eyes. Many of us get caught up in the halos and the visions. Great saints were real people with everyday problems. **Baptism calls all of us to sainthood**, not just the extraordinary people but everyday people just like you and me. Throughout history, saints have come from all economic classes and all walks of life. Often, they have been faced with struggles for sanctity that lasted their entire lifetimes. We all have weaknesses, and our knowledge of those weaknesses is vital if we are ever to achieve holiness. Knowing that we're not perfect helps us to love others who aren't perfect. It gives an important sense of humility and the power not to judge. Christianity elevates our human nature by combining it with the supernatural. This life of grace enables us to respond lovingly to the trials and irritations of everyday living. Jesus put it this way, "A good tree does not produce decayed fruit any more than a decayed tree produces good fruit. Each tree is known by its yield" (Luke 6:43-44). Now what is Jesus talking about when He says that we are to "produce good fruit"? What is this "yield" by which we are to be known? He is saying that we will bear signs of God's love if only we put our trust in Him. A heroic acceptance of suffering? Yes. Patience with an irritating person? Yes. Kindness to those that hurt us? Yes, that too. This is why it is so important for us to seek and embrace God's will for us. If you are bearing good fruit, your neighbors will be able to read the Gospel in your life, even if they've never read Scripture or think little of religion or of God. They will know that there is something about you that is different, even if they do not know that "something" is God. Saints are ordinary people like you and me. They knew God's will and they pursued that will in spite of their weakness and their humanness.



## PETRINE FAST Begins Tomorrow

The **Petrine Fast (Petrovka – Ruthenian (Rusyn) Language)** is one that was actually



engaged in by the disciples of Christ following the Descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Having rejoiced throughout the fifty days following Pascha, the Resurrection of our Lord, God and Savior, Jesus Christ, the Apostles began to prepare for their departure from Jerusalem to carry Christ's message to the far corners of the world. As part of their preparation, they began a fast with prayer to ask God to strengthen their resolve and to be with them in their missionary undertakings. It is this fast that we ourselves participate in when we observe the minor Penitential

Season of the Petrine Fast. But we do this not only because we honor the Apostles and their sacrifice. We do this by way of preparing ourselves to be sent as missionaries into our world to reflect and radiate Christ to those around us. As we begin the Petrine Fast (named after the Apostle Peter), let us make a serious effort to abstain from meat or do an equivalent penance not only on the required Fridays until June 29, but also on the *recommended* Wednesdays for the intention of an increase of vocations to the priesthood & religious life.

## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

June 11	Sunday of All Saints & Final Day for fulfilling the Easter Duty Precept. A special G.C.U. Lodge 390 Quarterly Meeting @ (MR) 2:00 p.m.
June 12	MR Parish Advisory Council Meeting @ 7:00 p.m. Beginning of the minor Petrine Fast (Petrovka) through June 28th.
June 13	NS Parish Advisory Council Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.
June 14	GCU Lodge 390 Flag Day Ceremony @ 7:00 p.m.
June 18	Annual Father's Day.
June 23	Vigil Feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist (NS) 6:00 p.m.
June 24	Solemn Holy Day: Feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist (MR) 9:00 a.m.
June 28	<b>Holy Day of Obligation:</b> Vigil Feast of SS. Peter & Paul (MR) 7:00 p.m.
June 29	<b>Holy Day of Obligation:</b> Feast SS. Peter & Paul (MR) 9:00 a.m.; (NS) 6:00 p.m.
July 4	A special 10:00 a.m. Patriotic Divine Liturgy followed by a cookout in MR

## Saint of the Week — June 14

### The Holy Old Testament Prophet Elisha

The Holy Prophet Elisha lived in the ninth century before the Birth of Christ, and was a native of the village of Abelmaum, near Jordan. By the command of the Lord he



was called to prophetic service by the holy Prophet Elijah (July 20). When it became time for the Prophet Elijah to be taken up to Heaven, he said to Elisha, "Ask what you will and I will do it for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha boldly asked for a double portion of the grace of God. As they went along the way talking, there appeared a fiery chariot and horses and separated them both. **Picking up the mantle of**

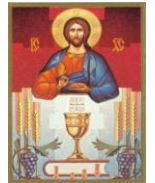
**his teacher which fell from the sky, Elisha received a double power and prophetic gift of Elijah.** He spent more than 65 years in prophetic service, under six Israelite kings (from Ahab to Joash). While Elisha lived, he did not tremble before any prince, and no word could overcome him (Sirach 48: 13 "Sirach" is called "Ecclesiasticus" in Catholic Bibles). The holy prophet worked numerous miracles. He divided the waters of the Jordan, having struck it with the mantle of the Prophet Elijah; he made the waters of a Jericho spring fit for drinking; he saved the armies of the kings of Israel and Judah that stood in an arid wilderness by bringing forth abundant water by his prayer; he delivered a poor widow from death by starvation through a miraculous increase of oil in a vessel. The Shunamite woman showing hospitality to the prophet was gladdened by the birth of a son through his prayer, and when the child died, he was raised back to life by the prophet. The Syrian military-commander Namaan was healed from leprosy but the prophet's servant Gehazi was afflicted since he disobeyed the prophet and took money from Namaan on the sly. Elisha predicted to the Israelite King Joash the victory over his enemies, and by the power of his prayer he worked many other miracles (4 Kings 3-13). The holy Prophet Elisha died in old age at Samaria.

## General Announcements

**SPECIAL THANK YOU FOR A SUCCESSFUL PENTECOST DINNER** — What a beautiful Pentecost Dinner we had last Sunday afternoon! Both of the parishes participated in this our Patronal Feast Day glorifying God the Holy Spirit! Special thanks is extended to Norma Kacsur and Velma Seman, who along with the pastor, have organized this event along with the assistance of several others who made this Dinner possible! Many hours of preparation were spent in book-keeping, cleaning and setting up our gym area to make the day successful. Our pastor extends his most heartfelt thanks!!!



**THE BODY OF CHRIST COMMEMORATION — T'ILO CHRISTOVO** — This **Thursday, June 15, 2017** our Byzantine- Ruthenian Catholic Church marks a special traditional commemoration of the Holy Eucharist. It falls each year on the Thursday following All Saints Sunday. Join us in expressing gratitude to the Lord Jesus Christ's True Presence — Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity in the Most Holy Eucharist on this special day at the morning Divine Liturgy!



**LAST DAY TO FULFILL EASTER DUTY** — All Christian Faithful are **OBLIGED** to sacramentally **CONFESS** their Mortal Sins and to receive the Divine Eucharist during the Paschal (Easter) Period (Canon 708). This is traditionally known as the **EASTER DUTY**. Voluntary neglect of this Church precept is a serious (mortal) sin. Not only does it prohibit one from receiving the Eucharist, but also makes one ineligible to stand as Godparent/Sponsor at the Holy Mysteries of Initiation (Baptism/Chrismation/Eucharist). Please take care of this responsibility with Confession of Serious Sins & a Holy and Worthy Reception of Holy Communion today!



**SAVE THE DATE: PARISH PICNIC SLATED FOR AUGUST** — Although details will follow in a later edition of the SOT, you are asked to set aside, **Sunday, Aug. 20** for our parish picnic. It will be held once again in the Robinson Township Picnic Grove off of Cleaver Road. Please plan to join us as a member of our parish family.



**GCU LODGE 390 QUARTERLY MEETING TODAY** — A special quarterly Lodge meeting will be conducted this afternoon, June 11, 2017 in the **MR Gym @ 2:00 p.m.** Members, please mark your calendars. Following the meeting, food and raffles will take place.

