

Parish Offerings – Oct. 2, 2016

“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 (\$2,326.10) YP (\$6)	\$2,332.10
Holy Days	177.00
Coffee Social (\$29) Collection for the Poor (\$5)	34.00
Votive Candles	112.50
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	\$2,655.60

Holy Ghost Church, Northside

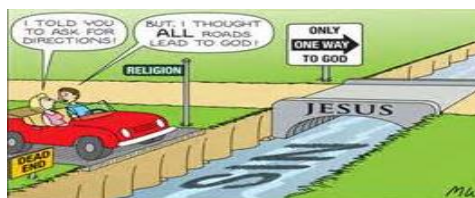
Regular Offering	\$521.00
Holy Days	65.00
Utilities (\$25) Improvements (\$65)	90.00
Votive Candles	38.00
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	\$714.00

Church Attendance Last Week

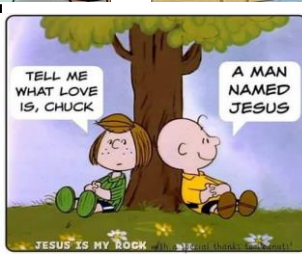
(MR) Sat., 4:00 pm (33);

Sun., (MR) 9:00 am (630); (NS) 11:00 am (38)

Protection of the Theotokos — Fri, (NS) 6:00 p.m. (11); Tue, (MR) 9:00 a.m. (13)



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THE 21ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 9, 2016



2015-2016 Extra-Ordinary Jubilee – THE YEAR OF MERCY

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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

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 Margaret Beliunas (412) 331-3577 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 9, 2016

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
 21st Sunday after Pentecost 			
SUN., Oct 9	9:00 a.m. (MR)	+ Marie Vestovich (birthday 9/18)	Michael Maslaney
	11:00 a.m. (NS)	For the Parishioners of Both Parishes	
<i>Annual Columbus Day Federal Holiday Observed</i>			
Mon, Oct 10	8:00 a.m. (MR)	Health & Welfare of Kirk Latta	Mom: Arlene
Tue, Oct 11	8:00 a.m. (MR)	+ Michael Rosko (birthday) Wife: Agnes & Son: George	
Wed, Oct 12	8:00 a.m. (MR)	+ Charles Edward Lasko (birthday)	Marge & Helen
Thrs., Oct 13	8:00 a.m. (MR)	Health & Welfare of Evelyn Vento	Anna Maria Demianczyk
REQUIRED SIMPLE ABSTINENCE (no meat) or Equivalent Penance (your choice) in remembrance of Our Lord's Crucifixion and Death upon the Precious Cross			
Fri, Oct 14	8:00 a.m. (MR)	+ George Kurtanich	Elsie Eberle
	6:00 p.m. (MR)	The Sorrowful Mystery of the Holy Rosary	
Sat., Oct 15	9:00 a.m. (NS)	+ Andrew Latta	Ray. Marie & Rich Williams



The Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost & Holy Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council

4:00 p.m. (MR) + Frances + Walter Grzywinski Son: Frank, Karen, Matthew

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday of the Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council

SUN., Oct 16 9:00 a.m. (MR) + Ann Muska (birthday 10/15) Wahal 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 10 – SARA HARPER; Oct 11 – Frank Revtai; Oct 12 – Jamie Skreptach.

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

HOME: Margaret Belunas, Irene Bordas, MARY ANN CONTI, Mary Culan, Ilona Goyda, Beverly Harsh, MARTHA LUCAS, OLGA MANFREDO, Debra Palahunik, Elizabeth Petruna, MARLENE PFEIFFER, Agnes Rosko, MARY SAHAYDA, GERARD SLAGLE, ANNA TOTH, EVELYN VENTO, JOHN VEREB, Claudia Verner, Julia Wovchko.

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

MASONIC VILLAGE (1000 Masonic Drive, Sewickley, PA 15143): Helen M. Kriska, Marjorie Preganz.

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.

THE RESIDENCE AT WILLOW LANE (30 Heckel Rd., MR, PA 15136): Andrew Drukalsky.

Public questions on Catholic spirituality, moral & spiritual problems

Q. What is the difference between being “redeemed,” and being “saved?”
A. Catholic Answers Apologist: Basically, redemption is collective, while salvation is individual. Christ redeemed humanity collectively from slavery to sin and from the debt of punishment that mankind, as a whole, owed due to sin. Every person, Christian or non-Christian, is redeemed because he is a member of the human race. Salvation is the application of redemption to individuals. A person can choose to reject the graces won for him by Christ even though he has been redeemed.

This Week's Sanctuary Lamps

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

October 9 — October 15, 2016

(MR): In memory of Mary Frissora

offered by Nephew: Dr. Gorden & Kate Frissora

(NS): In memory of Betty & Jay Mowery

(MR) NOW AVAILABLE 2017

offered by Family

(NS) NOW AVAILABLE 2017



McKees Rocks Announcements



PIROHI REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING NEXT WEEK — There will be an important gathering to see if we have enough workers for the Pirohi Project. It will be a short meeting following next Sunday's 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy. All are welcome. We need committed workers to make this project a go! We will discuss the commencement of this Project if it is a go!

PARISH ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING FORTHCOMING — The members of the PAC are reminded of the meeting slated for **Monday, October 17, 2016 @ 7:00 p.m.** Please place this date on your agenda.

Northside Announcements

GROUNDS CLEANUP SLATED FORTHCOMING — The weeds and debris surrounding our Holy Ghost Church really needs attention. We can't do it without your cooperation! We surely need your help on **Saturday, October 15, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. to noon.** To keep our grounds tidied encourages our neighbors to have civic pride and demonstrates that we care for God's Church and the important gift it is to the community. Again, please circle this date on your calendar to assist us! We need you!!! If you have any relatives needing extra credit for a scouting project or for school, our pastor will be happy to sign a form for them.



PARISH ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING FORTHCOMING — The members of the PAC are reminded of the meeting slated for **Tuesday, October 18, 2016 @ 6:00 p.m.** at the Social Center. Please place this date on your agenda.



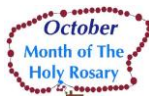
DEACON MEADERS CELEBRATES ANNIVERSARY — It's hard to believe that five years ago today, on **October 9, 2011**, Deacon Michael Meaders was ordained to the Holy Order of the Diaconate. We offer him our most sincere congratulations and prayerful best wishes on his 5th anniversary as he continues in his sacred ministry here at his home parish! May God grant to Deacon Michael, health and happiness for many blessed years! Mnohaja I Blahaja L'ita!!!!

The Background of Columbus Day

On August 3, 1492, Italian navigator Christopher Columbus set sail with three ships 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.



Join us for the Holy Rosary October Friday's (MR) at 6:00 p.m. Let us turn to our Holy Virgin Mother under the veil of her holy protection! **Our Intention: That God may place into the hearts of all responsible voters to elect those candidates who will align themselves to Our Merciful Lord's Commandments in the Spirit Truth!** Let's sacrifice this time as though Our Country is depending on our prayer!

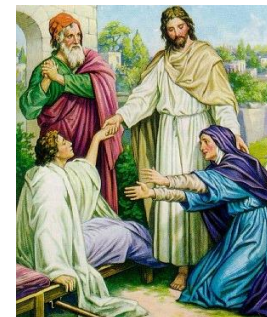


Meditation on today's Gospel

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 body 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 body, 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.

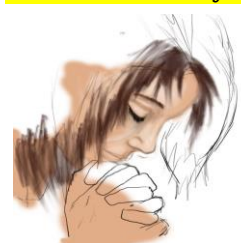


October Respect-Life Month

2nd 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



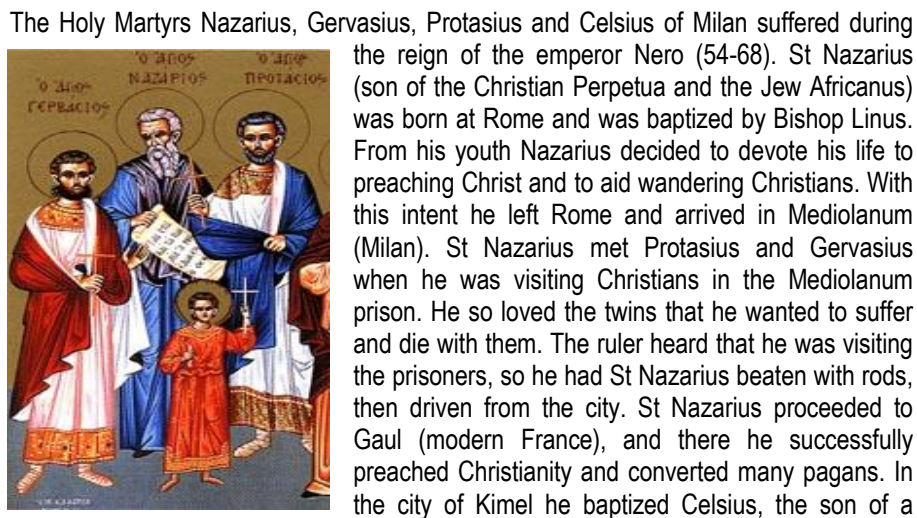
the abundant life which is Your will for all mankind.... In this may Your Name be blessed and glorified, Father, Son (+) and Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever. Amen.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

October 9 Freewill Offering Pasta Dinner, St. Elias Church, Munhall, PA from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.
 October 14 (MR) The Sorrowful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary @ 6:00 p.m.
 October 15 NS Church grounds cleanup from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.
 October 17 (MR) Parish Advisory Council Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.
 October 18 (NS) Parish Advisory Council Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.
 October 21 (MR) The Sorrowful Mystery of the Holy Rosary @ 6:00 p.m.
 October 28 (MR) The Sorrowful Mystery of the Holy Rosary @ 6:00 p.m.
 October 30 Sunday of Christ the King.
 Annual Moleben for the Four Holy Hierarchs, Cathedral @ 3:00 p.m.
 November 6 Farewell Prayer-Dinner Celebration of GCU District 1, Cathedral @ 3:00 p.m.

Saints of the Week

Holy Martyrs Nazarius, Gervasius, Protasius & Celsius of Milan — October 14



The Holy Martyrs Nazarius, Gervasius, Protasius and Celsius of Milan suffered during the reign of the emperor Nero (54-68). St Nazarius (son of the Christian Perpetua and the Jew Africanus) was born at Rome and was baptized by Bishop Linus. From his youth Nazarius decided to devote his life to preaching Christ and to aid wandering Christians. With this intent he left Rome and arrived in Mediolanum (Milan). St Nazarius met Protasius and Gervasius when he was visiting Christians in the Mediolanum prison. He so loved the twins that he wanted to suffer and die with them. The ruler heard that he was visiting the prisoners, so he had St Nazarius beaten with rods, then driven from the city. St Nazarius proceeded to Gaul (modern France), and there he successfully preached Christianity and converted many pagans. In the city of Kimel he baptized Celsius, the son of a Christian woman who entrusted her child to the saint. Nazarius raised the boy in piety, and acquired a faithful disciple and coworker in his missionary labors. The pagans threw the saints to wild animals to be eaten, but the beasts would not touch them. Afterwards, they tried to drown the martyrs in the sea, but they walked upon the water as if on dry land. The soldiers who carried out the orders were so amazed that they themselves accepted Christianity and released the holy martyrs. SS. Nazarius and Celsius went to Milan and visited Gervasius and Protasius in prison. For this, they were brought before Nero, who ordered that SS. Nazarius and Celsius be beheaded. Soon after this the holy brothers Gervasius and Protasius were also executed. The relics of all four martyrs were stolen by a Christian named Philip, and were buried in his house. Many years later, during the reign of the holy Emperor Theodosius (408-450), St Ambrose, Bishop of Milan (December 7), discovered the relics of SS. Gervasius and Protasius through a revelation from God. In the reign of Arcadius and Honorius, St Ambrose also discovered the relics of SS. Nazarius and Celsius. The holy relics, glorified by many healings, were solemnly transferred to the Milan Cathedral.

General Announcements

PITTSBURGH DEANERY CLERGY TO SERVE PASTA DINNER TODAY — The Priests and Deacons in the Pittsburgh Deanery will be hosting a FREE PASTA DINNER at St. Elias Church, Munhall this afternoon, **Sunday October 9, 2016** from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The Clergy will be preparing and serving the dinner. For those of you who signed up, we hope to see you there! *A freewill offering will be taken to pay for the supplies.*



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 Cathedral, Munhall on **Sunday of Christ the King, October 30, 2016 @ 3:00 p.m.** We will have the opportunity to receive the special Jubilee Blessing by walking through the Holy Doors. 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.

RESERVATIONS CONTINUE FOR DL & SANCTUARY LAMPS — The new 2017 Church Desk Calendar has arrived! It was late this year! Divine Liturgy and Sanctuary Lamp dates are now being taken on a first come, first serve basis. Due to a high demand of both of these areas only two weekends of each will be accepted. When the demand subsides you will be able to reserve additional weekend dates. Place your intention and \$10.00 stipend (per candle/DL) in a regular white envelope with requested date(s) and place it in the collection basket. You may reserve unlimited weekday DL's! Please don't wait or you'll be late!!!



2017 BEING PREPARED FOR DISTRIBUTION — We are in the process of arranging the contribution envelopes for 2017. There are many individuals who have not contributed over the past few years. The assumption is that you are not interested in receiving envelopes. If you have not used your envelopes for two years, your name will be eliminated from the list. Should you wish to re-enroll, please contact the Church Office A.S.A.P. Remember, it is a precept of



the Church to support the mission of the local Church so that the Gospel may continue to be proclaimed and the Holy Mysteries (Sacraments) be dispensed from Holy Ghost Church. Our responsibility is to meet our ongoing bills to keep us operational. It is also one requirement to stand as a sponsor for the Sacraments of Initiation. Those who will turn 18 in 2017 will receive adult envelopes.