

Parish Offerings – Oct. 9, 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 (\$2,785) YP (\$5)	\$2,790.00
Holy Days	45.00
Votive Candles	119.00
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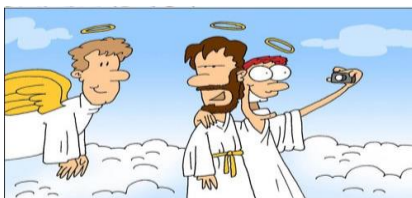
Holy Ghost Church, Northside

Regular Offering	\$340.00
Holy Days	30.00
Utilities (\$20) Improvements (\$20)	40.00
Collection for the Poor	65.00
Votive Candles	40.75
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	\$515.75

Church Attendance Last Week

(MR) Sat., 4:00 pm (45);

Sun., (MR) 9:00 am (73); (NS) 11:00 am (31)



I'VE TRIED TO EXPLAIN THAT HE'S GOING TO BE WITH ME FOREVER. BUT HE JUST DOESN'T GET IT



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THE 22nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council — October 16, 2016



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

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)

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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 Beliuas (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!

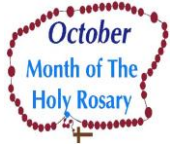
THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH

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 16, 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
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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

Mon, Oct 17 8:00 a.m. (MR) Health of Elsie Eberle Anonymous

Tue, Oct 18 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Joyce D. Ray (1st ann of passing) Ed Juhascik

Wed, Oct 19 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Herbert Eisenman Dgtr: Martha & Bob Maletz

Thrs., Oct 20 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Mary Frissora Nephew: Dr. Gorden & Kate Frissora (2nd ann of passing 10/19)

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 21 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Olga + John Wovchko John Wovchko, Jr. & Family
6:00 p.m. (MR) The Sorrowful Mystery of the Holy Rosary

Sat., Oct 22 9:00 a.m. (NS) Stefan + Maria + Stefan + Josef Michael Lorinc

The Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

4:00 p.m. (MR) + David E. Burns, Sr. Son: David & Tina Burns

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

SUN., Oct 23 9:00 a.m. (MR) + Joe Babin (8th ann of passing 10/27) Wife: Gerry
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 15 – LAURA KALLOP; Oct 16 – Nancy Debranski-Farrell; Oct 18 – Jeno Lecci, Paul Zubritzky; Oct 20 – Patricia Ference; Oct 21 – Charles McCusker; Oct. 22 – Zizi Safranko.

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

HOME: Margaret Beliunas, 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.

ALLEGHENY GENERAL HOSPITAL (320 E. North Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15212): Elsie Eberle.

Public questions on Catholic spirituality, moral & spiritual problems

Q. Is it wrong to receive Communion before committing a mortal sin? Suppose you know that you are going to be in a position where you may fall into committing a mortal sin. **A. Catholic Answers Apologist:** The Church teaches that anyone conscious of a mortal sin must receive the sacrament of reconciliation before receiving Holy Communion. If you know you are going to be in a position where you may commit a mortal sin, you need to make a conscious effort to avoid those situations that tempt you. The strength to resist sin and break our disordered attachments comes from 1) frequent reception of the sacraments (e.g., confession, Eucharist) and 2) a disciplined prayer life. The Catechism of the Catholic Church says: As bodily nourishment restores lost strength, so the Eucharist strengthens our charity, which tends to be weakened in daily life; and this living charity wipes away venial sins. By giving himself to us Christ revives our love and enables us to break our disordered attachments to creatures and root ourselves in him. (CCC 1394)

This Week's Sanctuary Lamps

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

October 16 — October 22, 2016

(MR): In memory of Frances & Walter Grzywinski

offered by Son: Frank, Karen & Matthew

(NS): In memory of Joyce D. Ray

(MR) NOW AVAILABLE 2017

offered by Anonymous

(NS) NOW AVAILABLE 2017

McKees Rocks Announcements



PIROHI REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING TODAY — There will be an important gathering to see if we have enough workers for the Pirohi Project. It will be a short meeting **following today'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 TOMORROW — The members of the PAC are reminded of the meeting slated for tomorrow, **Monday, October 17, 2016 @ 7:00 p.m.** Please place this date on your agenda.

GRATITUDE EXTENDED — A special thank you is extended to all those who showed for the general cleaning of the Church's grounds on Saturday, Oct. 8. Our pastor had a funeral yesterday and couldn't be present. Again, thank you so much for your volunteer work for the Church. We couldn't do it without you!



PARISHIONER NEEDS TRANSPORTATION — If you are interested in assisting an active parishioner from our HGC here is the submitted request: **DRIVER WANTED. GOOD PAY. PART-TIME, MUST DRIVE ON SUNDAYS. CALL: (412) 331-3473.**

Northside Announcements

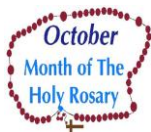
PARISH ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING FORTHCOMING — The members of the PAC are reminded of the meeting slated for **Tuesday, October 18, 2016 @ 6:00 p.m.** at the Social Center. Please place this date on your agenda.

MILITARY SERVICES COLLECTION — **Next week** both our parishes will take up a Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA (AMS). The AMS relies solely on private donors in support of its mission, "Serving those who serve" and its ministry to provide the same pastoral care and services to Catholics serving in the United States Armed Forces, enrolled in U.S. Military Academies, undergoing treatment at any of the 153 Department of Veterans Affairs' Medical Centers, working in civilian jobs for the federal government beyond U.S. borders, and the families of these populations, as does any other Catholic diocese/eparchies. **Special envelopes are placed at the (MR) side vestibule, and the (NS) narthex.** To learn more about the AMS, go to www.milarch.org/nationalcollection.



PILGRIMAGE FOR THE HOLY YEAR OF MERCY, TRIP IV NEXT WEEK — To extend an opportunity to receive another special Jubilee Indulgence, our HGCs are organizing a car pool to **St. Paul Cathedral, Oakland-Pittsburgh** a designated site, and to pass through the Doors of Mercy. We will gather at HGC (MR) at 2:00 p.m. We will then have dinner (at one's own cost) at a local restaurant. This special blessing eliminates Purgatory time and purifies us in the Final Theosis before the Holy Trinity.

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!



COMMEMORATING TODAY

The Seventh Ecumenical Council – Nicea II



SITE: Nicea

YEAR: 787 A.D.

POPE: Hadrian I, 772 - 795

EMPERORS: Constantine VI, 780 - 797 and Empress Irene (797 - 802)

ACTION: This council, called by Empress Irene (widow of Emperor Leo IV and regent for her son Constantine VI), with its doctrinal decree ratified by Pope Hadrian I, condemned **ICONOCLASM**. The Pope's letter here, just as with Pope St. Leo I at Chalcedon, set the tone of the council.

NOTE: Brewing beneath the surface at this time, however, was a rejection of papal authority. The Eastern Bishops, cut off from Rome and receptive to heresy under persecution, were held suspect by Rome.

NOTE: Iconoclasm had been fostered by Emperor Leo III (717 - 741), who was opposed by Popes Gregory II (715 - 731) and Gregory III (731 - 741) and by St. John Damascene (d.749), priest and Doctor of the Church, who published three discourses in defense of images.

HERESY: **ICONOCLASM**. The Second Council of Nicea, the seventh ecumenical council of the Christian church, was convoked by the Byzantine empress Irene in 787 (on the front cover to the right) to rule on the use of saints' images and icons in religious devotion. At that time a strong movement known as iconoclasm, which opposed the pictorial representation of saints or of the Trinity, existed in the Greek church. At the prompting of Irene the council declared that whereas the veneration of images was legitimate and the intercession of saints efficacious, their veneration must be distinguished from the worship due God alone.

October Respect-Life Month

3rd WEEK INTENTION OF REPECT LIFE MONTH:

Prayer for the Elderly

O Lord of Life, grant that the Elderly may lovingly accept Your



will, and place themselves each day in Your merciful hands. When the moment of their passing comes, grant that they may face it with serenity, without regret for what they shall leave behind. For in meeting You after having sought You for so long, they

shall find once more every authentic good which they have known here on earth in the company of all who have gone before them marked with the sign of faith and hope. Grace the Elderly with this wisdom so that they and we may bless and glorify Your Great Name Father, Son (+) and Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever. Amen.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

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 23 .. Mini Pilgrimage IV – Year of Mercy to St. Paul Cathedral PGH (Oakland) @ 2:00 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 Great-Martyr Artemius of Antioch — October 20

Holy Great Martyr Artemius of Antioch was a prominent military leader during the reigns of the emperor Constantine the Great (May 21), and his son and successor Constantius (337-361). Artemius received many awards for distinguished service and courage. He was appointed viceroy of Egypt. In this official position he did much for the spreading and strengthening Christianity in Egypt. St Artemius was sent by the emperor Constantius to bring the relics of the holy Apostle Andrew from Patras, and the relics of the holy Apostle Luke from Thebes of Boeotia, to Constantinople. The holy relics were placed in the Church of the Holy Apostles beneath the table of oblation. The emperor rewarded him by making him ruler of Egypt. The emperor Constantius was succeeded on the throne by Julian the Apostate (361-363). Julian in his desire to restore paganism was extremely antagonistic towards Christians, sending hundreds to their death. At Antioch he ordered the torture of two bishops unwilling to forsake the Christian Faith. During this time, St Artemius arrived in Antioch and publicly denounced



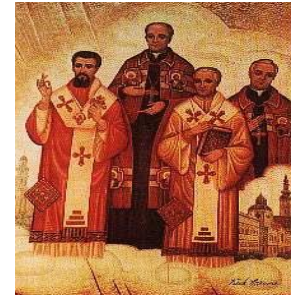
Julian for his impiety. The enraged Julian subjected the saint to terrible tortures and threw the Great Martyr Artemius into prison. While Artemius was praying, Christ, surrounded by angels, appeared to him and said, *“Take courage, Artemius! I am with you and will preserve you from every hurt which is inflicted upon you, and I already have prepared your crown of glory. Since you have confessed Me before the people on earth, so shall I confess you before My Heavenly Father. Therefore, take courage and rejoice, you shall be with Me in My Kingdom.”* Hearing this, Artemius rejoiced and offered up glory and thanksgiving to Him. On the following day, Julian demanded that St Artemius honor the pagan gods. Meeting with steadfast refusal, the emperor resorted to further tortures. The saint endured all without a single moan. The saint told Julian that he would be justly recompensed for his persecution of Christians. Julian became furious and resorted to even more savage tortures, but they did not break the will of the saint. Finally the Great Martyr Artemius was beheaded.

General Announcements



PARISHES HALLOWEEN PARTY FORTHCOMING — We will be putting a sign up sheet out for the Halloween party this weekend. It will take place on **Saturday, October 29, 2016** from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the McKees Rocks School. Donations accepted to offset cost for pizza, but not required, bring a snack or beverage to share. Wear your favorite costume but most of all, come out and mingle with the kids. Please sign up in the vestibule so that we know how many to prepare for. Any questions, contact Kim Ruud at (412) 875-5956.

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. Many have already sent in their request. 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 (since 2014) 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, and one of the requirements to stand as a Sponsor for Baptism and Chrismation.** 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 Imitation. Those who will turn 18 in 2017 will receive adult envelopes if they have been using envelopes. Thus far, (MR) has gone from 218 to 198 boxes which include both adult and children. The (NS) staying steady at 52 adult boxes.

